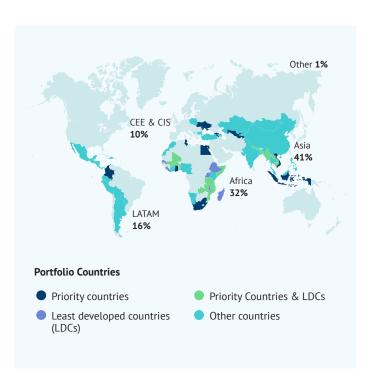


# Impact Report 2023 At a glance

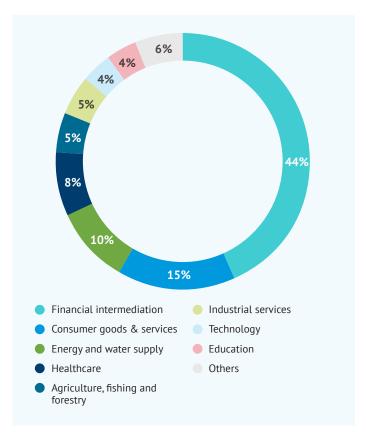
# **About SIFEM**

The Swiss Investment Fund for Emerging Markets (SIFEM) is the Swiss Development Finance Institution. It is owned by the Swiss Government and is an integral part of Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy while being financially independent.

SIFEM provides long-term financing through local financial intermediaries to small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and other fast-growing companies in developing countries. It aims to reduce poverty and foster sustainable, inclusive and resilient economies by creating and securing more and better jobs, growing opportunities for the underserved and supporting projects towards a just transition. SIFEM is committed to aligning its investments with international environmental goals to address the global climate crisis and support emerging markets in achieving low-carbon economic growth. SIFEM contributes to closing financing gaps and mobilising additional private capital for the growth of local companies in developing countries.



Investment Portfolio	
Total commitments to date	USD 1,286 M
Total active commitments	USD 914 M
Investment portfolio	USD 451 M
Internal rate of return	5.3%
Investment portfolio composition	17 financial institutions, 83 funds financing 595 underlying investees, in 80 developing countries



<sup>\*</sup> For more information about the investment portfolio, refer to SIFEM's <u>2022 Business & Financial Report</u>.

The information in this document is a summary and not complete. For futher information, visit SIFEM's website: <u>www.sifem.ch</u>.



# **Development Impact**

SIFEM's impact strategy is based on the strategic objectives set by the Swiss government for a four-year period (2021-2024). It has delivered the following development impact in 2022:

# **Employment**



#### Creating more jobs with decent working conditions

SIFEM promotes economic growth and the creation of formal jobs by providing long-term financing to SMEs and other fast-growing companies. Jobs can boost living standards by reducing food insecurity, improving health and wellbeing, and helping to build social cohesion.

## 483,253 jobs supported in 2022

**87%** of jobs have permanent contracts

51% of investees and underlying investees provided training to their employees

#### Gender



#### Creating economic opportunities for women

SIFEM promotes gender equality and equal opportunities, including through jobs. 43% of investments made in 2022 were in line with the 2X Global Initiative, which promotes gender-smart investing.

35% of employees are women

#### Access to Finance & **Financial Inclusion**



#### Providing access to financial services & products

SIFEM facilitates access to finance for SMEs and fosters financial inclusion which allows them to invest in their businesses, manage their income and create a financial safety net.

8.1 million microloans

153,665 SME loans outstanding at the level of SIFEM investees and underlying investees

#### Climate Change Mitigation & Adaptation





# Accelerating the energy transition

SIFEM fosters access to clean energy and more efficient energy & resources management solutions. It is committed to addressing the urgent need for climate action and supporting inclusive, low-carbon economic growth and sustainable development in emerging markets. Since 2021, and in line with its strategic objectives, SIFEM is allocating at least 25% of new investments to advance climate mitigation and adaptation, and aligning all new investments with the objectives of the Paris Agreement.

5,159 GWh clean energy produced

**4.9 million tonnes** greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions avoided by underlying investees

100% of new investments aligned with the objectives of the Paris Agreement

#### Domestic Revenue & **Private Investment** Mobilisation



# Broadening the local tax base

SIFEM's investees and their underlying investees comply with tax regulations and pay taxes where they conduct business.

USD 1,839 million in taxes paid by investees and underlying investees

# Reducing the financing gap

SIFEM leverages further private investment for development.

#### 1 to 4.5

For each dollar invested by SIFEM in fund investments, there were USD 4.5 coming from private investors.

Please consult the 2023 Impact Report for more detailed indicators, definition of terms, and the methodologies used.

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