

PIPELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR CLIMATE RESILIENT INVESTMENTS



Partners: FMO, SNV, Climate Fund Managers and WWF



Sectors: Agriculture, Water, Biodiversity



Service: Investment Advisory

The Dutch Fund for Climate and Development (DFCD) is a pioneering blended finance facility in pursuit of impactful climate adaptation investments, which benefit vulnerable communities and landscapes, across a range of sectors - agriculture, forestry, water, and biodiversity. The overall Fund is managed by FMO, in partnership with Climate Fund Managers, SNV and WWF Netherlands. It provides life cycle financing from early-stage grants, investment through to refinancing. Through the provision of grants and technical assistance under the Origination Facility, it supports the de-risking of deals and ensures they deliver high social, gender and environmental impact. The first phase of DFCD ran from 2019-2023.

Experts from Symmetry supported the Origination Facility in identifying, assessing, and developing bankable deals covering the forestry, agriculture, water, and NbS more generally, spanning Southeast Asia and Africa. We examined over 50 possible investment deals and have worked with multiple sponsors, across Southeast Asia and Africa. Types of companies receiving grants, debt, and equity, included: smallholder forestry plantations, integrated shrimp-mangrove, agro-forestry, rice seeds agri business, a peatland restoration and carbon company, regenerative agriculture, and multiple others. To guide pipeline development, we identified priority investment themes and types of businesses which can be successfully supported. We also worked through local banks and aggregators funds in order to be able to support smaller companies.

