



Sahar McTough (Kenyan/British)

Host organization: LGT Venture Philanthropy

Fellow position: Associate Impact Fellow

Fellowship duration: May 2022 – December 2023

Degree: MA Human Rights

Professional experience: 4.5 years



Summary

Support LGT VP’s Africa team in portfolio management, due diligence and reporting (50%) in the environment and education sectors, and act as PMO for the newly established Impact Coordination Committee in developing an overarching impact strategy in key East African ecosystems (50%).

The problem LGT VP aims to tackle

- Many non-profit organisations struggle to access strategic business expertise and secure flexible, multi-year non-programmatic funding that is required to strengthen their capacity to achieve impact at scale.

The solution LGT VP provides...

- LGT VP strengthens the capabilities of locally-rooted organizations to deliver effective, scalable solutions to systemic problems by providing strategic business advice and flexible, multi-year core funding in the healthcare, education and environment sectors.

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

- To be part of the LGT VP Africa team and contribute to enabling systemic change by supporting scalable community-centric solutions across sub-Saharan Africa. The LGT Impact Fellowship role offers the opportunity to work with community-led change makers who deliver impact at scale.

“My experience as a Fellow...

... My experience as a Fellow for LGT VP Africa has been fantastic. Having joined LGT VP from a non-profit background, I have had the opportunity to learn the venture philanthropy model from my exceptional colleagues and harness my skills in deal management, due diligence and strategic thinking. I also appreciate LGT VP’s flat structure where all ideas are welcome, irrespective of your position.”

- Sahar McTough



Sahar’s achievements...

- Performed research on carbon models and alternative revenue streams to inform internal strategy discussions.
- Part of the team that curated the first-ever learning journey to raise funds for portfolio organisations in the Mara.
- Successfully managed the multi-stakeholder Impact Coordination Committee over a 6-month period to create impact strategies that received USD 1.5m funding approval from LGT VP. The committee constituted 9 thought leaders and entrepreneurs in the responsible tourism industry in Kenya and Tanzania.
- Contributed to the development of investment memos for two new deals that proceeded to received funding approval.
- Led the recruitment process for the LGT VP Investment Manager and Fellowship positions, as well as the CEO of the newly established East African Conservation Foundation (TBD).



... contributing to LGT VP

\$500k

Assisted in securing USD 500k funding for African Parks.

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Managed annual and quarterly reporting for 3 portfolio organisations.

\$4.5m

Contributed to the development of two impact strategies that secured 3-year funding for community-led conservation projects in East Africa.

Sahar’s next challenge

To continue building my skillset in impact investing at LGT VP to shape my long-term career aspiration of becoming a social entrepreneur.