



Blessings Lihasi

Host organization: LGT Venture Philanthropy

Fellow position: Investment Associate

Fellowship duration: August 2025 – August 2026

Degree: Bachelor in Financial Economics

Professional experience: 6 years



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Summary

As an Investment Associate Impact Fellow, I worked with LGT VP's Environment team to help shape Ahadi, its East Africa environment portfolio. I supported multiple workstreams across the investment process from screening to completion as well as portfolio reporting.

The problem LGT VP aims to tackle

- LGT VP aims to address the barriers that prevent local communities in conservation landscapes from living healthy, secure, and prosperous lives while protecting the ecosystems they depend on.

The solution LGT VP provides...

- LGT VP deploys provides flexible, multi-year philanthropic capital paired with hands-on strategic support to help proven, community-led organizations scale lasting impact.

... contributing to the SDGs:



Opportunity for a Fellow

- LGT VP is developing Ahadi, a new solutions portfolio for community-led conservation in East Africa. As a Fellow, I had the opportunity to support its structuring as well as contribute to various parts of the full investment lifecycle from screening opportunities for Ahadi to developing the investment documentation and support reporting for Ahadi and the broader environment portfolio.

"My experience as a Fellow..."

... has been a rewarding learning curve. Over the past year I've grown to understand how a fund is structured, how investment decisions are made, and what it takes to support organizations as they grow. What has been most meaningful is getting to interact directly with the communities Ahadi works with and seeing first-hand the impact of the work we do. It helped reinforced that this is the kind of work I want to continue doing."

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Blessings' achievements...

- Supported the full investment cycle for a new Ahadi opportunity; from due diligence and stakeholder interviews through to investment memo development, grant agreement, and onboarding of the organization to Ahadi's portfolio
- Contributed to two follow-on grant agreements from diligence through to completion
- Took on expanded reporting responsibility across Ahadi and the broader LGT VP environment portfolio
- Supported two key strategic projects for Ahadi on Women, Girls, and Youth Empowerment in conservation landscapes and biodiversity impact measurement and data
- Supported development of the Ahadi impact report
- Contributed to shaping the Ahadi pitch deck, including developing Theories of Change for the landscapes Ahadi works in

... contributing to LGT Venture Philanthropy

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New Ahadi investment supported from screening to onboarding

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Follow-on agreements supported from diligence through to completion

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Strategic projects on women and youth empowerment, and impact measurement and data, supported

Blessings' next challenge

Continue building on the work at Ahadi and deepening my expertise in community-led conservation and venture philanthropy