

Korea Social Value and Solidarity Foundation

The Korea Social Value and Solidarity Foundation (SVS) is a private foundation launched in 2019 with the mission of building a financial ecosystem to advance the social and solidarity economy (SSE) and expand social value. It was established to create a privately led, publicly supported wholesale social investment fund. The Foundation supplies patient capital that supports the growth of SSE organizations, provides catalytic capital to improve financial access for projects that aim to revitalize local economies and solve social problems, and supports social finance intermediaries that pursue social value ahead of profit.

Building a Financial Ecosystem to Advance the Social and Solidarity Economy and Expand Social Value

With reducing financial gaps, strengthening the capacity of participating stakeholders, and expanding the base of social investors as its core tasks, the Foundation operates as an 'active social value investor' that raises and manages a wholesale fund, while also acting as a 'builder of the social finance ecosystem' through building capacities and community of actors, producing market intelligence, and improving institutional infrastructure.

Purpose	Deepening, scaling, and localizing actions toward the SSE and social value		
Goal	Building a financial ecosystem to advance the SSE and expand social value		
Core Tasks	Closing financial gaps	Strengthening stakeholder capacity	Expanding the base of social investors
Business Areas	Active social value investor [Allocating funds]	Social finance ecosystem builder [Market-building]	Wholesale fund developer [Fundraising & strategic actions]

Active Social Value Investment

The Foundation channels investment and loan capital through impact investors and nonprofit intermediaries in a range of models.

Corporate Finance	Project Finance	Investment & Lending to Intermediaries
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Social Finance Ecosystem Building

The Foundation supports ecosystem building through non-financial activities such as capacity development, networking, policy research, and international exchange.

Capacity Development Training & Consulting	Research & Publications Policy research, Content development	Network Building Community building, Events, International exchange
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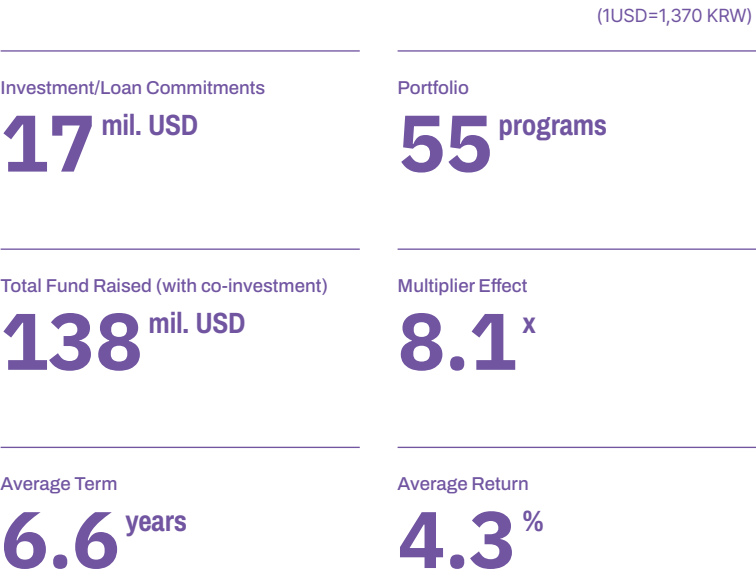
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SOCIAL INVESTMENT WHOLESALE FUND PERFORMANCE

2019-2025

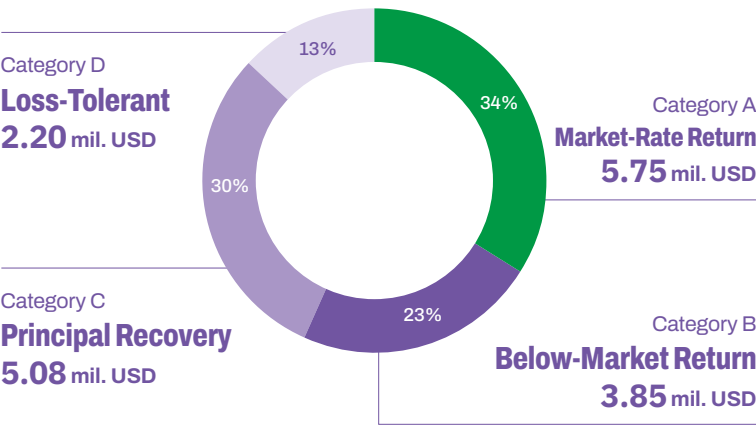
Priming the Pump: Seed Capital

The Foundation allocated 17 mil. USD across 55 social finance programs. Combined with matching capital from government agencies, local governments, financial institutions, and foundations, this created social and solidarity finance programs worth a total of 138 mil. USD — a multiplier effect of 8.1x.



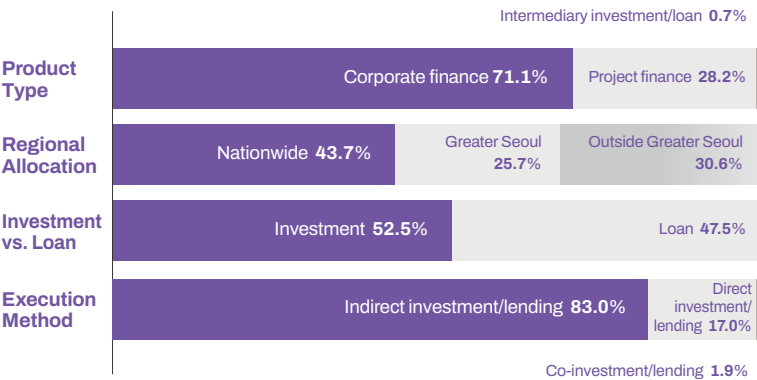
An Impact-Oriented Portfolio Strategy

The Foundation classifies assets into four categories based on impact–return objectives, deliberately allocating about two-thirds of total assets to areas where it accepts lower returns in exchange for greater social value.



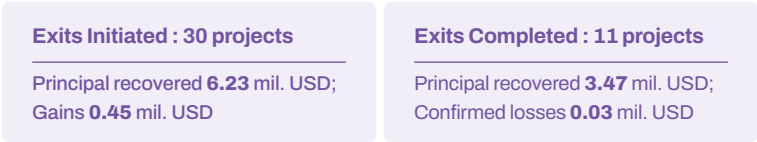
Balanced Asset Allocation

The Foundation builds and manages a balanced portfolio across investment/loan, product types, and regions, and channeled 83% of total capital through intermediaries in line with its indirect-investment principle.



Ethical Exit Practices

The Foundation applies a distinctly social-finance approach to ethical exits throughout due diligence and post-investment management - flexibly adjusting exit terms to reflect a 'patient capital effect,' and applying 'non-performing loan management principles.'



Seven Years of Growth in the Social and Solidarity Finance Ecosystem

The Emergence of Diverse Social Investors

With participation from 121 organizations and individuals (77 institutions and 44 individuals), the Foundation raised 59.2mil. USD in new social investment capital. In particular, the investor base broadened to include financial institutions, corporate foundations, local governments, and crowdfunding platforms.

Growth and Diversification of Social Finance Intermediaries

Upholding its principle of indirect execution, the Foundation built partnerships with 23 intermediary organizations. The 15 specialized intermediaries that partnered with the Foundation from its early years grew their combined assets under management (AUM) to 355 mil. USD, a 23.7% average annual growth rate over four years, while the number of investee grew to 2,048 (as of 2025), an average annual increase of 18.4%.

IMPACT STRATEGY

The Foundation aims to grow the impact-creating capacity of social and solidarity economy enterprises that build a people-centered economy, strengthening systems that respond to critical social problems and reducing inequality.

An Ecosystem-Building Strategy Grounded in System Approach

The Foundation diagnoses four key elements of the social and solidarity finance ecosystem — investors, demand-side actors, intermediaries, and infrastructure — and builds promotion strategies based on the diagnosis of each. Following a Theory of Change, it supplies catalytic capital and pursues market-building activities to expand the flow of capital.



An IMP-Based Impact Management System

Since 2020, the Foundation has applied the international Impact Management Platform (IMP) methodology across the full investment cycle, from decision-making to post-investment management. It assesses impact across five dimensions — Purpose, Stakeholders (Who), Scale (How Much), Contribution, and Risk — and manages impact on two levels: the value created by investee companies and the effect on ecosystem activation. The Foundation embeds an impact lens throughout sourcing, due diligence, decision-making, monitoring, and exit, and operates a six-point impact risk pre-screening framework.