





KOIS and MzN Launch Impact Accelerator to Bridge Gap Left by USAID at Humanitarian Finance Summit

- Partnership launches, Human Planet a global impact accelerator to convene humanitarian players and impact investors on projects fostering capital mobilisation
- Human Planet will bridge the gap between private capital and high-impact development sectors

<u>Humanitarian Finance Summit</u>, London, eve Thursday 13 February 2025 – <u>KOIS</u>, an international innovative impact finance firm, and <u>MzN International</u>, a global social-enterprise supporting humanitarian organisations, have announced a new partnership to launch <u>Human Planet</u> - a global impact accelerator designed to support humanitarian projects.

Even before the dismantling of the world's largest donor, <u>USAID</u>, taxpayer funding alone will not and has not to date either met the urgent challenges of the climate crisis (and the commitments set out in the <u>2015 Paris Agreement</u>) nor made sufficient progress towards the <u>UN Sustainable Development Goals</u>.

Both KOIS and MzN passionately believe a swift shift toward new forms of funding are necessary to ensure critical projects in humanitarian aid, climate response and sustainable development do not fall in between funding gaps.

<u>Human Planet</u>, a new impact accelerator and funding channel launched today at the Humanitarian Finance Summit in London, comes as a response to the current tectonic shift in the global aid sector. The shutdown of the world's largest aid donor, <u>USAID</u>, by the new US Government, is the apex of this shift, but might not be the only one to fall.

In this partnership, KOIS and MzN seek promising projects from multi-lateral, non-governmental organisations, intergovernmental organisations and development contractors. This impact investing capacity builder will provide innovative finance solutions and capacity-building support so initiatives can be geared to attract non-grant funding, including impact investments.

Once a project is "investment ready," it will be presented to a "<u>Dragon's Den</u>" style investor circle to a curated circle of private capital providers, foundations, domestic and international development finance institutions and family offices. The platform itself will neither be a fund holder nor a fund manager.

Unlike traditional accelerators focused on start-ups, Human Planet accelerates the financial sustainability of humanitarian and climate projects - ensuring life-changing initiatives become investable, scalable and impact-driven.

Human Planet will host a webinar for prospective activation partners, projects and investors, at 14.00hrs CET, on Tuesday 25 February 2025. Sign up on the following link on the Human Planet website: https://human-planet.com







Speaking tomorrow at the <u>Humanitarian Finance Summit, in London, 14 February</u> 2025, Florian Kemmerich, Managing Partner, KOIS Advisory, will say:

"This partnership and the creation of this impact accelerator is about solutions to problems. We know the landscape in the aid sector is changing fast. Just last week USAID closed its doors and others might follow. With the launch of Human Planet, we want to ensure well-structured, high-impact projects aren't left behind as funding landscapes shift. This platform will engage investors and activation partners together under one roof."

Christian Meyer zu Natrup, Founder and Managing Director, MzN International, will add:

"We must deal with the world as we find it, not as we would like it. The tectonic plates in the aid sector have shifted. Taxpayer funded aid was not enough and is now decreasing.

"Private and impact investors are seeking meaningful ways to allocate capital toward sustainable development, but doing so in piecemeal fashion is not fast enough. Human Planet offers an alternative with tangible outcomes.

"We're bringing these two sectors together – social impact and private finance – so projects can scale up without being solely dependent on traditional donors and grants."

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About KOIS

KOIS is a leading international impact investment and innovative finance advisory firm. Founded in 2010 the firm has pioneered solutions like Social Impact Bonds and Development Impact Bonds to address critical global challenges. KOIS is present in Europe, Africa and Asia, tackling issues like livelihoods, healthcare, climate action, gender empowerment and education. It also offers services in blended finance and results-based financing mechanisms, aiming to attract investments to scalable, impactful projects.

https://koisinvest.com/

About MzN International

Established in 2011, MzN International is a development consultancy firm where the only priority is to help those in need. Profit, image and politics are all secondary. Today, MzN International operates as a social enterprise, helping NGOs and international organisations in 50 + countries around the world do good – better – and making business operations, models and strategies more sustainable. We are guided by a strict ethical code and a willingness to challenge conventional thinking.

https://mzninternational.com/

About Human Planet

Human Planet - The Impact Investing Capacity Builder - addresses the world's most pressing challenges providing impact, capital and innovation. We develop funding pathways incubating development aid projects to access impact investing. Our mission is to scale private innovative







finance solutions toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) while addressing the climate crisis. Partnering with organizations, companies, and investors, Human Planet facilitates meaningful and sustainable change. With a team of global impact experts and our partners, we bridge the gap between the development aid community and the investment community. https://human-planet.com/