



Minah.io Secures \$110K Stellar Grant and launches €300K Pre-Seed Round to Democratize African RWA Investments

[Minah.io](#) French fintech bridges blockchain innovation with African economic development, bringing transparent African RWA financial opportunities to global investors.



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Lisbon, Portugal – November 10th 2025 – [Minah.io](#), the blockchain-powered platform democratizing access to African real-world assets (RWA) announces two major milestones at Web Summit 2025: a \$110K grant from Stellar Foundation's Kickstart & Build programs, and the launch of a €300K (\$350K) pre-seed strategic funding round.

Stellar grant to fuel technical integration

Selected through the competitive Stellar Kickstart & Stellar Build programs, Minah earned recognition from the Stellar Foundation by demonstrating product-market fit with over €450K (\$525K) soft commitments for its first tokenized investment strategy launching on Stellar Blockchain. The grant will accelerate the platform's technical development and full integration on Stellar, positioning Minah to onboard \$500K+ in Total Value Locked (TVL) to the ecosystem rapidly.

Stellar evaluators recognized that the project was "fully aligned with the ecosystem's objectives with potential to significantly expand Stellar's DeFi landscape by introducing new assets accessible to both institutional and individual investors."

Addressing the \$100m African diaspora investment gap

Minah tackles a critical market opportunity: the 200 million-strong African diasporas in the world represents \$100+ million in annual transfers, yet only 3-10% of them are formal productive investments.

Institutional mistrust, fraud trauma, and inadequate investment structures create entry barriers that Minah dismantles through blockchain-enabled transparency, tokenized financial products, and community-driven deal flow. Co-founders Hervé Gakpe and Julien Gakpe have built a platform offering tokenized financial Instruments that finance real estate, land, SMEs, and cooperatives across West Africa, with operational headquarters in Paris, France. Their first investment strategy is already live – a €40,000 investment strategy in Lomé, Togo, managed by the local entity – providing early proof of concept. The company plans to launch additional entities in Ghana and Benin in 2026 to accelerate the deployment of its €3 million investment pipeline.



Strategic Pre-Seed round to scale impact

The €300,000 pre-seed round, targeted for closure by the end of 2025, will finance the development of the platform to meet international standards, ensure French regulatory compliance with AMF (*Autorité des marchés Financiers – Financial Markets Authority*), support market expansion, and enable the operational launch of Minah Circle – the company's premium African business club and thought leadership platform, which has already attracted over 100 participants per event.

"Minah represents the convergence of three powerful forces: blockchain's transparency revolution, Africa's economic emergence, and the African diaspora's untapped investment potential," said the co-founders Hervé and Julien Gakpe. "Stellar's grant confirms we're building the financial infrastructure that African markets deserve: transparent, secure, and accessible to everyone, from individual diaspora investors to institutional allocators."

About Minah

Minah is the transparent and secure gateway for financing real-world assets (RWA) in Africa, leveraging blockchain technology and a global investor community.

Operating from west African companies with Paris based headquarters, Minah offers tokenized bonds and debt/equity instruments financing real estate, land, SMEs/startups, and impact projects across West Africa.

The platform combines financial returns and sustainable impact thanks to strong local partnerships, United Nation' Sustainable Development Goals alignments and a community driven approach.

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