





How can international cooperation contribute to Sustainable Energy for All









Energy Poverty in Africa

- Total population of SSA in 2013 around 900 Mio.;
 570 Mio. (63%) in rural areas;
 330 Mio. (37%) in urban areas.
- 650 Mio. without access to electricity
- 89% of rural households (500 Mio. People) in SSA and 46% of the urban and peri-urban households (150 Mio.) are not connected to the grid







Ways to overcome energy poverty in Africa

3 Options

- Grid extension/ densification
- Mini-grids (multi-user systems)
- household systems (one user systems)









Population growth in SSA









Energising Development – EnDev





EnDev provides:

- Energy for households
- Energy for social institutions
- Energy for enterprises
- Predominantly in rural areas











Regional Distribution of EnDev Projects



24 countries – 15 Africa, 5 Asia, 4 Latin America





EnDev grid extension/densification



Objectives

- a) extend the grid to villages
- b) connect almost 100% of the households to the grid
- c) connect social institutions and small enterprises to the grid

Approach:

- Support of Geo-Information-Systems for planning electrification power line routes and low tension distribution connections
- Introduction of **appropriate standards** (pole height, type of cable)
- Financial and technical **support of the utility** for grid extension (planning, tendering, procurement and intermediate storage of construction materials, supervision of construction work, quality control)
- Introduction of pre-paid payments
- communication with and sensitisation of target group (village electrification committees)
- Instalment payments of the connection fee







Grid extension/densification is often the most cost efficient way for small cities and large villages but not all households are connected

Problems:

- Grid layout planning often done with old data;
- Mapping of distribution lines had to be checked on the ground
- Difficult and time-/resource-consuming tendering and procurement procedures
- Construction contracts take considerable time
- corruption
- Low quality of in-house-installations

Lessons learnt

- High number of secondary connections
- High level of technical and non-technical losses

~ 20% of the rural population (150 million)

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Grid extension is often not the solution for 550 million people in rural areas

- Initial investments are too high (400
 USD/person and up)
- Central power generation too low and underdeveloped grid infrastructure
- Installation of additional capacities takes years









Grid extension vs. off-grid solutions



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What options are left?

Investments in

- village-grid installation
 - Hydropower
 - Diesel
 - Solar (hybrid) systems
- Household systems
 - Solar Home Systems
 - Rechargeable batteries
 - PicoPV or PicoHydropower









Opportunities of mini-grids based on renewable energies is growing

- Technologies have matured
- **Paradigm change**: grid-based rural electrification is often not realistic
- Strong and increasing interest / push from private sector
- Benefits of renewable energy / hybrid mini-grids

But challenges and barriers all along project development and operation









- Sufficient management and technical skills
- Sound owner operator client relationship
- Proper tariff setting
- High load factor (ABC business model)
- Adequate involvement of communities and local capacity
- Favourable political frame conditions (regulation etc.)

Two major problems

- Tariff setting cannot easily be balanced regarding affordability of electricity tariff, different demand levels, socio-economic factors, investment reserves
- No financial reserves in case of complications and backlashes

~ 30% of the rural population (225 million)







Off-grid products

PV market is developing in almost all regions in Africa

| Investment | | Monthly cost |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------|
| Simple PV lantern: | 15€ | 0,62 € |
| Pico PV system ¹ : | 100 € | 2,24 € |
| 20 W system: | 250 € | 5,41 € |
| 50 W system: | 500 € | 10,82 € |
| 100 W system: | 1000€ | 21,65 € |

Monthly outlays for energy sources (candles, kerosene etc.), which could be substituted by PV: $5 \in -10 \in$

¹= 300 Im light + plug for radio and mobile phone





Pro-Poor Market Development







How can we develop a dynamic, self-sustainable pro poor market for household products (SHS, PicoPV)?

Supply side

- Reduction of costs for imports and transportation
- Support local assembling,
- Improve skills and competence of local entrepreneur (technical, business, marketing etc.)
- Support for the development of rural distribution chains
- development of new products and product accessories
- Working capital for importers and retailers

Consumer side, consumer protection

- Increased awareness about disadvantage of old technology and advantages of new technology
- Knowledge on quality standards
- Encourage after sales service
- Ensure warranty system
- Micro-finance for consumers







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Thank you for your attention



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