



# Access to Energy

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# Closing energy gaps through eco-citizenship

“ Schneider Electric Access to Energy Programme is a combined approach of offers, investment, and training. The goal? By developing inclusive business models, we contribute to poverty alleviation and environmental protection in an innovative and economically sustainable way. ”

Gilles Vermot Desroches

Senior Vice President Sustainable Development, Schneider Electric

Schneider Electric provided electricity to Baghagha, a village in Senegal.



## Offers and business models for local needs

Innovation for Schneider Electric starts with the local needs and the socio-economic context of those with limited or no access to clean, healthy, and reliable electricity.

We develop products and solutions that meet a wide range of both individual and community needs across the energy chain such as lighting systems, charging equipment, decentralized small power plants or water pumping systems.

1,1 billion

people still do not have access to electricity

10 billion \$

are spent every year by low income consumers to charge their mobile phones  
(source: Simpa Networks)

2015>2017 Access to Energy programme objectives:

x5

turnover of Access to Energy programme to promote development for underprivileged people

150 000

underprivileged people trained in energy management

## Investing in energy access

Within Access to Energy, Schneider Electric created the Schneider Electric Energy Access (SEEA) impact-investing fund. It supports small and medium companies with innovative energy access solutions.

The company also supports the Energy Access Ventures Fund that will invest of €60 million to transform lives and stimulate economic development across Africa by providing access to electricity for a million people. This fund is jointly backed by Schneider Electric, CDC Group, the UK Department for International Development (DFID), European Investment Bank, FISEA-PROPARCO, OFID, and AFD-FFEM.



SEEA invested in Fenix International, a social enterprise that develops access to energy solutions in partnership with mobile operators.

## Training for social and business development

Schneider Electric supports vocational training in the energy sector to provide underprivileged people with the knowledge and skills to maintain and develop solutions.

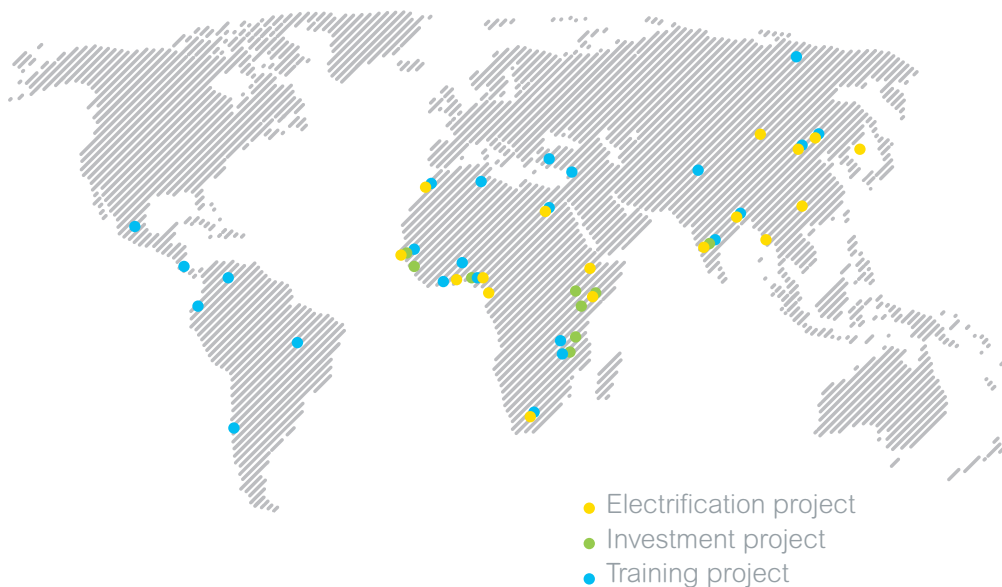
The partnership with Don Bosco has contributed to train over 12 000 young people to electricity-related jobs and has developed training for young girls in many countries.



- > Creation of vocational training programmes.
- > Support for training centres through technical equipments.
- > Training of trainers via the engagement of our employee programme: Schneider Electric Teachers NGO.
- > Support for young people trained who want to start a business.

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