





# Ensuring Access to Affordable, Reliable, Sustainable and Modern Energy for All (SDG 7)

## Solar Energy Foundation

### Experiences and Best Practices

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# ETHIOPIA

- Population size (2016): 99.39 million(world bank)
- 29.6 % access to the grid and 7.6% in rural areas(world bank 2016)

## Plan(Rural Electrification)

GTP II, 3.6Mill lanterns and SHS 400,000 by 2020

## Incentive from the Ethiopian Government

- Import duty free
- Loan for Private business and MFIs

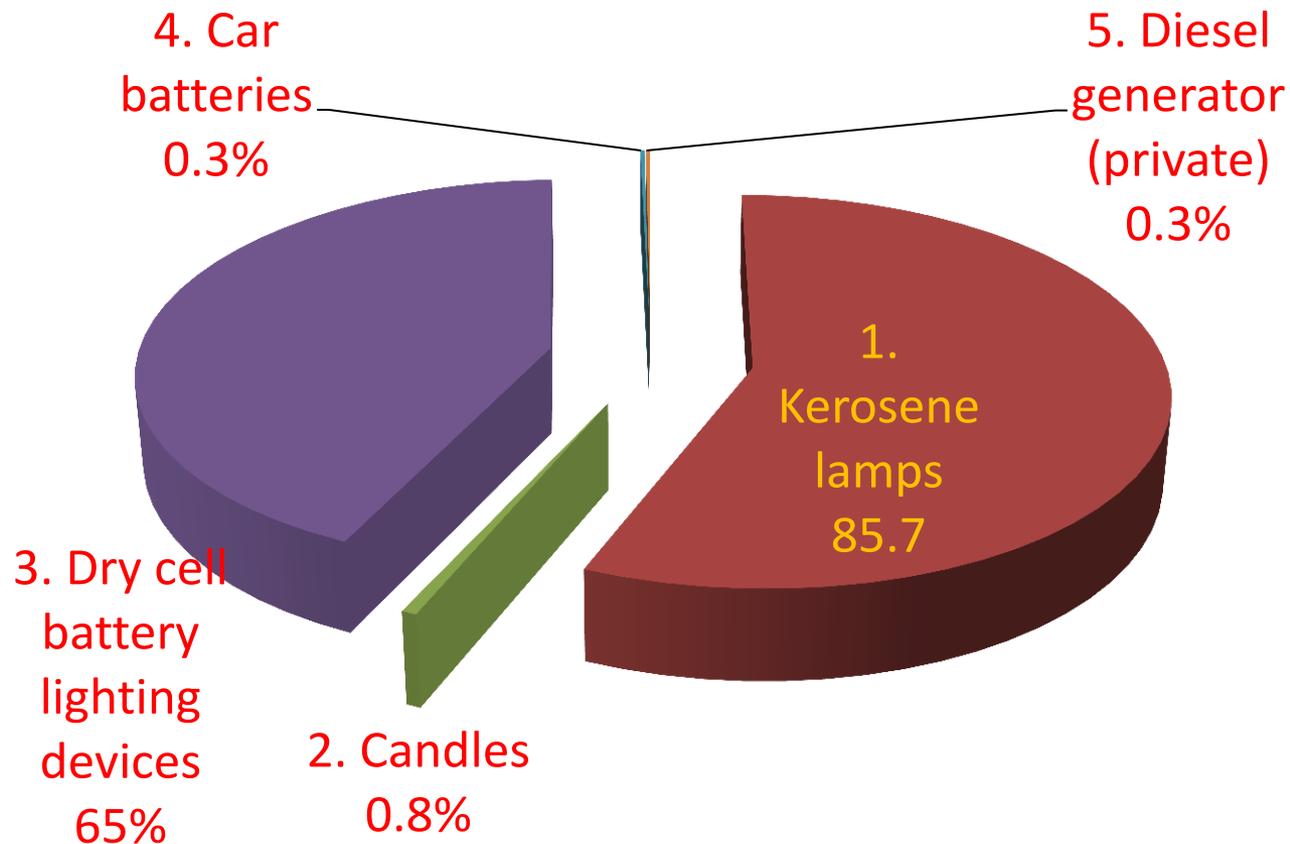
## So far

- 40,000 solar home Systems installed in 7 year instalment loan(REF)
- Close to 60,000 SHS and 1million lanterns sold (by NGOs and private companies)

**Over 14 million Ethiopian rural households demand for solar**

# Energy source for lighting % of HHs

(4 main regions, lighting Africa report)



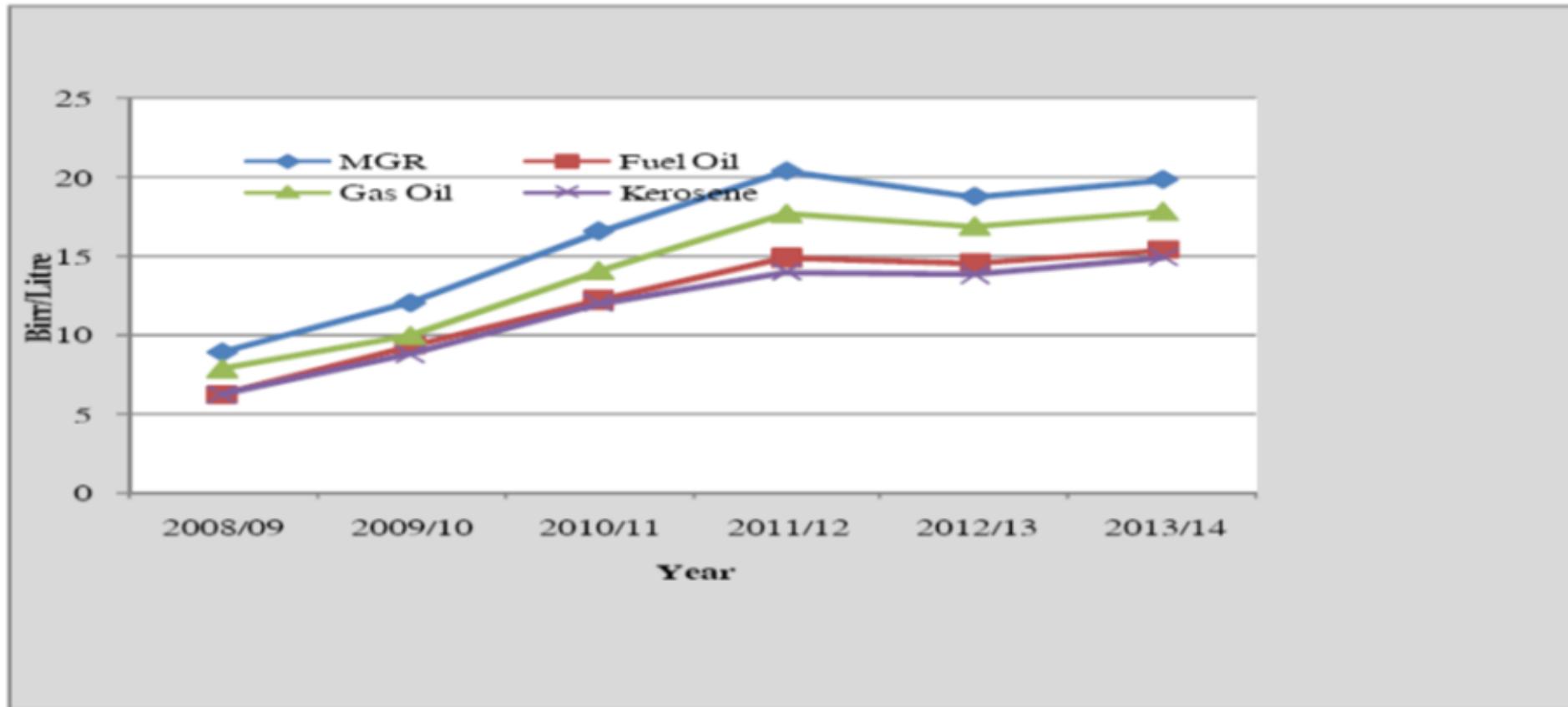
# Why Solar for the Rural

- Thirteen Months of Sunshine
- Fuel cost
- Kerosene lamp side effects
- Distance to shops and others
- The only alternative for the rural from clean energies
- Almost no activity after sunset in all rural areas,



# Kerosene price

Fig. II.3: Trends in Average Fuel Price in Addis Ababa



**Source:** Ethiopian Petroleum Enterprise.

Based on the 2014 price of kerosene, it is estimated that over 235 million litres are used each year for lighting by rural households.

# For Better Education



The amount of dry cell batteries used and discarded annually by the rural households is estimated at 278 million units



# I am tired;



# The Gap

- Very few suppliers in the market
- Suppliers mostly based in big cities
- Rural settlement, difficult to access, very scattered
- Lack of awareness on available technologies
- Shortage of local stock
- Lack of professionals
- Hard currency



# STIFTUNG SOLARENERGIE-SOLAR ENERGY FOUNDATION

- SEF was established in 2005 in Germany by the founder Dr. Harald Schutzeichel
- Registered in Ethiopia as an international NGO in 2007

**Mission:** Poverty alleviation and creating a long-term sustainable solar market in Ethiopia

- Knowledge transfer, by train solar technicians and make them available for the developing solar market
- Creating Jobs

# Our Approach

- Light For Education,I,II,III
- Scaling up Solar Energy Supply(Revolving Fund)
- Lighting Rural homes and community services
- Solar power installation for Health institutions
- Lighting Student Homes

# Light for Education

REMA project  
approach



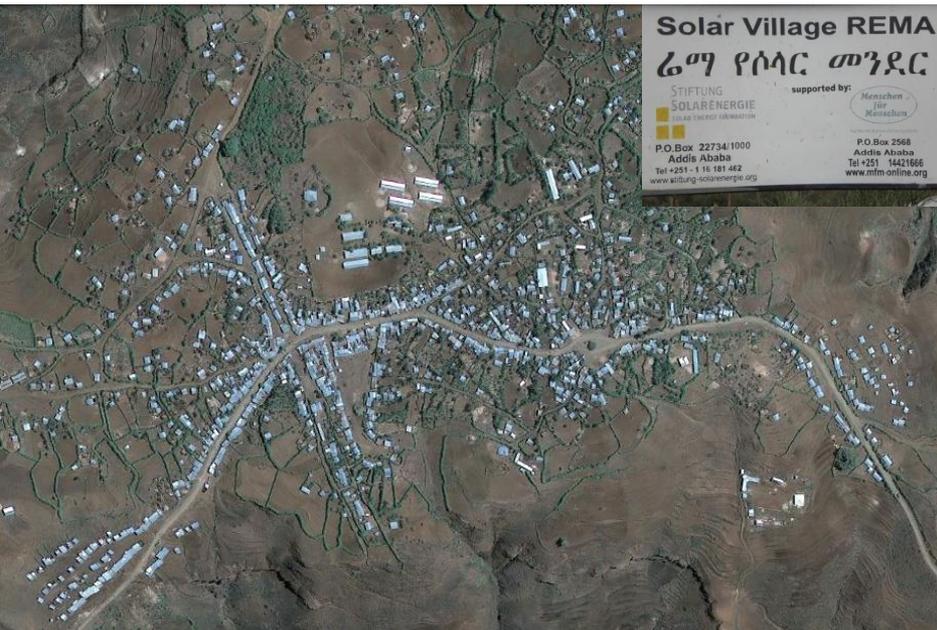
SHS installed  
free

Users saving small amount  
monthly which they used to  
spend previously for Kerosene

This saving is used for  
replacements (battery,  
lamps...)

## - Light for Education project ,Cont...

- Elected community members are responsible saving collection
- Technicians, trained from the community and employed by the community are responsible for after sales service
- System will be removed if users defaulted for three consecutive months
- 4 solar villages established



# Solar water pumping, REMA



## Water Disinfection



# ✓ Solar Water pump



First Reservoir



Second Reservoir



Third Reservoir



# Solar Street light, Rema



At main spots



# Night class for adults



# Solar Cooling For Bars



# Our approach cont.

## Scaling up solar energy supply (revolving fund)

- Different size solar systems distributed on credit & cash sales approach
- Credit facility (five, three, two years) for only fix installed systems not for lanterns



# Our approach cont.

- We developed smart charge controllers for credit sales (PAYGO)
- Over 30000 different size Solar Lighting systems distributed

## Remote Control



## RFID



## Pay -to -owr



# Affordability



or

# Availability



- **Lighting Rural Homes and Community Services (Arso Amba)**
- ✓ Users cover 25% of the material cost on cash and credit bases
- ✓ Over 700 House Holds electrified



# Solar Power Installation for Health Institutions



**Over 16,048 Health posts (accounted for up to 5600 people)**  
**Over 3335 Health centers (accounted for up to 26390 people)**

# Lighting Student Home



**1000 Students from two elementary schools received one M300XL Niwa Solar Lantern**

# Solar Centers



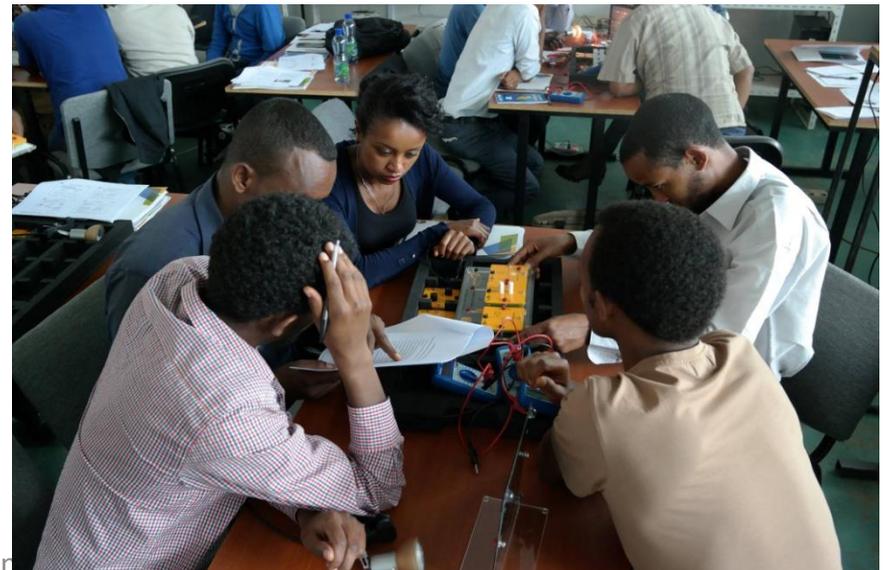
# Solar Technicians Training Center



REMA, First Solar village North Shoa



Solar Valley, Tatek, Addis Ababa



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Solar Energy Found

# Training



recruitment



Training



Graduation



Job Creation



On job training



# Laboratory Equipment





# Limitations & Challenges (NGO)

- Policy
- Finance for projects
- Finance for startups
- Infrastructure
- Project overlap, No clear plan from the Grid company or different donors

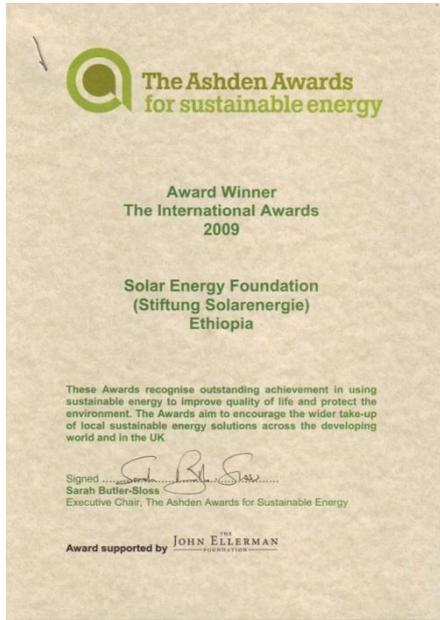


# Commitment



# 1. Trust

2. After sales service
3. Financial solutions
4. Product availability in local
5. Product quality
6. Proper technicians training



## Global Energy Award 2013



## President Clinton Rema Visit 2009



# Challenges for local solar business

- Hard currency for import
- Finance, Loan locally and from abroad
- Bad quality products import , and bad price competition
- Fake and copied products

# Suggestions to accelerate clean energy access

- **Awareness**
- Distribution Network
- Access to finance for SMEs
- Quality and standard
- After sales service
- Product availability
- Local Assembly and next step, from lanterns to SHS
- Proper training for technicians
- Establishing strong association of stakeholders





A woman wearing a headscarf is looking towards the camera. In the foreground, a kerosene lamp is lit, casting a warm glow. The background is dark with some blurred lights.

**Let us thank Kerosene light  
for its great service for the long past years**

**And  
Find a place in a museum  
And**

**Replace it with NEW, CLEAN AND BETTER  
SOURCE OF LIGHT**



Switch the  
light on!



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**Thank you**