

## 202957 - Results Based Financing for Low Carbon Energy Access (Africa)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Department for International Development (DFID)

**Donor Countries:** United Kingdom

**Description:**

This programme - implemented by the Energising Development (EnDev) partnership, managed by GIZ and RVO - employs a Results Based Financing (RBF) approach to overcome identified market failures that are constraining private sector investment in low carbon energy access (electricity and cooking) in developing countries. This programme targets a range of benefits, including economic growth (through the creation of enterprises and jobs for men and women), reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, and improvements in health as a result of clean cooking methods (particularly for women and young children). The programme has expanded considerably in scope since its initial design, and now implements 17 projects as opposed to the 10 originally planned. This means that the portfolio of RBF approaches has the potential to gather an even broader range of lessons than had first been anticipated. Already the approach taken in this programme is influencing the wider energy access community.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Global

**Eligibility:**

Not Specified

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**For more information:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/result-based-financing-for-low-carbon-energy-access->

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## Africa Clean Energy (ACE) Programme Competitive Business Facility

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Grant Funding, Technical Assistance

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Department for International Development (DFID)

**Donor Countries:** United Kingdom

**Description:**

The program will catalyze a market-based approach for private sector delivery of solar home system (SHS) products and services, leading to improved energy access for people in sub-Saharan Africa. The program will work in 14 priority countries: Mozambique, Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, Tanzania, Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone and Senegal. The program will support technical assistance to improve the enabling environment, and finance for businesses seeking to enter new and emerging SHS markets in sub-Saharan Africa for their start up and early commercialization of ideas.

**Locations:** Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**Eligibility:**

Enterprises that aim to sell household solar products and services to households. It does not focus on community-wide and larger mini-grids.

Technical Assistance to improve country enabling environments to facilitate markets in household solar.

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## African Renewable Energy Fund (AREF)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Project Developers

**Donors:** African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Company (ABREC), African Development Bank (AfDB), Dutch Development Bank (FMO), ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development (EBID), West African Development Bank (BOAD)

**Donor Countries:** Cote d'Ivoire, Multi-donor, Netherlands

**Description:**

The African Renewable Energy Fund (AREF) targets investments in small to medium size energy generation projects that generate energy from the following renewable and clean energy sources: hydro, wind, solar, and biomass projects, certain geothermal projects and certain stranded natural gas projects. In addition, the Fund focuses on building technical and financial capacity of the local developers it partners with to enable them to roll out additional power projects to meet the growing demand for energy resulting from increasing urbanization and economic growth.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

AfDB Regional Member Countries

**Eligibility:**

Project Developers

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## Call for Proposal

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**Users:** Academic Institutions, Private Sector

**Donor:** The Chief Scientist Unit at the Ministry of Energy

**Donor Countries:** Israel

**Description:**

R&D grants within academia and industry to train professional manpower and encourage advanced high-tech ventures in the energy industry.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Priority to projects with a linkage to Israel

**Eligibility:**

Criteria as defined, from time to time, in the call for proposal

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## DevCo (PIDG)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Grant Funding, Technical Assistance

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Department for International Development (DFID), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO)

**Donor Countries:** Multi-donor, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**Description:**

DevCo, managed by the World Bank Group's IFC, provides critical financial support for structuring transactions to facilitate sustainable private sector participation in infrastructure in poorer developing countries. DevCo supports infrastructure transactions in the poorest countries by providing funding for expert consultants to prepare projects for private investment. DevCo funds, which are all supplied by PIDG donors, can also be used to support the marketing, planning and development of transactions as well as implementation support. DevCo can also provide partial underwriting of IFC risks associated with advisory mandates.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Not Specified

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## Direct Equity and Support for Investment Funds

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**Users:** Financiers, Project Developers

**Donor:** United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Direct equity: DFC can provide direct equity into projects in the developing world which will have developmental impact or advance U.S. foreign policy. An equity investment can be particularly important when operating in credit constrained environments or early stage companies. DFC's ability to make equity investments will allow to play a catalytic role in mobilizing private sector capital on behalf of U.S. interests abroad.

Investment Funds: DFC-supported funds help address the shortfall of private equity capital in developing countries and help these economies access long-term growth capital, management skills, and financial expertise, all of which are key factors in expanding economic development and creating new opportunities for people in low-income and developing nations.

**Locations:** Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, eSwatini

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

DFC eligible countries: <https://www.dfc.gov/what-we-offer/eligibility/where-we-work>

**Eligibility:**

Evaluation criteria found here: <https://www.dfc.gov/what-we-offer-our-products/equity-financing>

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## Energizing Development (EnDev)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Department for International Development (DFID), Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), Swiss Agency for Development Cooperation (SDC)

**Donor Countries:** Australia, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

**Description:**

Sustainable access to modern energy services that meet the needs of the poor. EnDev includes a Results-Based Financing mechanism providing incentive-based payments to stimulate off-grid energy access markets. This can include household solar. EnDev promotes sustainable access to modern energy services for households, social institutions and small to medium-sized enterprises in developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

**Locations:** Benin, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Benin (RBF calls to date)

**Eligibility:**

An important precondition is that structures need to be in place to secure access to energy in the long run. In this way, the partnership program seizes present potential and fosters positive outlooks. However, EnDev only intervenes if the access would not occur otherwise within the next five years.

Supported Projects:

- can prove successful strategies (performance),
- meet criteria determined by a needs assessment, and;
- match focal areas defined by financiers.

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## Enterprise Expansion Grants

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Project Developers

**Donor:** United States African Development Foundation (USADF)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Seed Capital Funding for small-to-medium African energy entrepreneurs and agricultural enterprises to expand service to underserved communities.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

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**For more information:** <https://www.usadf.gov/off-grid>

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## Equity & Private Equity Investments

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Donor Countries:** Cote d'Ivoire

**Description:**

Direct equity investments for private companies, project developers, investors, & private equity funds.

**Locations:** Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sub Saharan Africa, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, eSwatini

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

AfDB Regional Member Countries

**Eligibility:**

Applications approved at the discretion of the AfDB

**Contact information:**

<http://www.afdb.org/en/contact-us/>

**For more information:** [https://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Generic-Documents/Private\\_](https://www.afdb.org/fileadmin/uploads/afdb/Documents/Generic-Documents/Private_)

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## Equity and Risk Capital

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Norwegian Investment Fund for Developing Countries (NORFUND)

**Donor Countries:** Norway

**Description:**

Equity, risk capital and loans for commercial companies.

**Locations:** East Africa Region, Southern Africa Region

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Southern and Eastern Africa

**Eligibility:**

Norfund always invests jointly with partners, both Norwegian and non-Norwegian, in clean energy, financial institutions and agribusiness, in addition to small and medium sized companies through investment funds.

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## EREF ECOWAS Renewable Energy Facility

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Austrian Development Agency (ADA), ECOWAS Regional Centre for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE), Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO), United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Donor Countries:** Austria, Multi-donor, Spain, United States of America

**Description:**

Grants to small/medium RE business projects (debt is planned)

Three financing windows:

- 1) Investment promotion: pre-investment activities, pro-poor demonstration
- 2) Business development: Business support partnerships
- 3) Innovative Loan Financing Instruments (planned)

**Locations:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Rural and peri-urban West Africa:

Benin, Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Cote d Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal and Sierra Leone.

**Eligibility:**

Small/medium RE business projects (debt is planned)

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## Facility for African Investment and Trade Enhancement (FAITH 3)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity, Guarantees

**Users:** Private Sector, Project Developers, Public Sector

**Donor:** Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

**Donor Countries:** Japan

**Description:**

JBIC supports the promotion of economic structural reform through economic diversification and industrialization in Africa by drawing on its financial instruments such as loans, equity participations and guarantees. The facility is not a fund or account, but a program with specific procedures for managing operations.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

JBIC Criteria

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**For more information:** <https://www.jbic.go.jp/en/information/news/news-2019/0830-012490.html>

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## Financial Support

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity, Guarantees

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** FinDev Canada

**Donor Countries:** Canada

**Description:**

FinDev Canada offers financing and equity investments to clients operating in developing countries that demonstrate sustainable social and economic benefits for local communities, with a focus on job creation, women's economic empowerment and climate change mitigation. We invest in green energy solutions, both on and off-grid.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

FinDev Canada invests in established businesses with a demonstrated ability to deliver a return on investment. We invest between \$5-20M USD per project, with a total minimum deal size of \$20M USD. We require a 30% financial contribution from company.

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## Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Project Developers

**Donor:** Global Environment Facility (GEF)

**Donor Countries:** Multi-donor

**Description:**

The programme provides grants of up to \$50,000 directly to local communities including indigenous people, community-based organizations and other non-governmental groups for projects in Biodiversity, Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, Land Degradation and Sustainable Forest Management, International Waters and Chemicals.

**Locations:** Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Rwanda, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

[https://sgp.undp.org/index.php?option=com\\_countrypages&view=countrypages...](https://sgp.undp.org/index.php?option=com_countrypages&view=countrypages...)

**Eligibility:**

Non-governmental Organizations and Community Development Organizations in Small Grants Programme participating countries.

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## Global Partnership on Output-based Aid (GPOBA)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**Users:** Private Sector, Public Sector

**Donors:** Australian Government Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Department for International Development (DFID), Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), World Bank (WB)

**Donor Countries:** Australia, Multi-donor, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Description:**

The Global Partnership on Output Based Aid (GPOBA). This trust fund is a form of results based financing (in the form of grants) made against the achievement of predetermined outputs. It provides grants for the development and implementation of projects adopting results-based and output-based aid approaches (for technical assistance, knowledge dissemination and subsidies for project implementation). GPOBA has a diverse global portfolio of projects across seven sectors.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Any member country of the World Bank Group in accordance with donor specifications (Recipients of official developmental assistance as defined by the OECD). Focus on SSA, South and East Asia, Pacific Islands.

**Eligibility:**

Approved as per WB process, with prior endorsement of the GPOBA Panel of Experts

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## Grand Challenges Israel

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**Users:** Other Stakeholders, Private Sector

**Donor:** Israel Innovation Authority

**Donor Countries:** Israel

**Description:**

Support for Israeli R&D projects targeted at developing markets in the areas of health, water, agriculture and possible additional fields, e.g. energy. Annual competitive process offering conditional loans of up to 90% funding for R&D projects.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Global

**Eligibility:**

Criteria as defined, from time to time, in the call for proposal

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## Grants

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**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Public Sector

**Donor:** Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Donor Countries:** Norway

**Description:**

Early-stage grant funding for renewable energy projects in the public sector.

**Locations:** Angola, Ethiopia, Liberia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Uganda

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Priority countries, currently: Mozambique, Angola, Liberia, Tanzania, Uganda, Ethiopia

**Eligibility:**

Not Specified

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## IDC Financial Instruments

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Industrial Development Corporation (IDC)

**Donor Countries:** South Africa

**Description:**

National development finance institution set up to promote economic growth and industrial development and offering funding for short term, medium term and long-term loans and Equity for South African companies and the rest of the continent.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

South Africa, and the rest of SSA

**Eligibility:**

Security, the form and nature of which will relate to a project's specific circumstances;  
Compliance with international environmental standards; Shareholders are expected to make some financial contribution: the contribution of historically disadvantaged people under special circumstances may be lowered, in which case the IDC will be prepared to extend finance in excess of the owner's contribution to the project must exhibit economic merit in terms of profitability and sustainability. The IDC does not refinance fixed assets, since our aim is to expand the industrial base.

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## IFC Global Infrastructure Project Development Fund

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Project Developers

**Donors:** International Finance Corporation (IFC), World Bank (WB)

**Donor Countries:** Multi-donor

**Description:**

Helps develop public-private partnerships and private projects for infrastructure in developing countries . It provides early-stage risk capital and actively participates in the project development phase to create private infrastructure projects that are commercially viable and able to more rapidly achieve financing close. The IFC serves as a co-developer and provides expertise in critical areas, while partially funding the project's development. For Private project developers. Fund can provide up to \$8 million in early stage for project expenses (Feasibility Studies, Environmental Studies, Financial Models, Negotiating terms etc.) Mainly for grid scale utility-size projects.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Project must be a PPP. Must be early stage. Generally for projects > \$200 million

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## IFC Infrastructure Department - Power Group

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity, Guarantees

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** International Finance Corporation (IFC)

**Donor Countries:** Multi-donor

**Description:**

Finances electricity generation, transmission, and distribution upgrades in developing countries, with a particular focus on natural gas and renewable energy such as solar, wind, and hydropower. Can finance projects at an early stage, lead investment rounds, mobilize additional funding through syndication programs, and work with the World Bank on an integrated series of reforms and guarantees to support a transaction.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Developing countries that are a member of IFC, and regional programs.

**Eligibility:**

Project must have good prospects of being profitable, benefit the local economy, and meet IFC's Performance Standards. Requires detailed appraisal, and review and approval by IFC Board. IFC does not lend directly to SME's or individuals.

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## Incentive program for adapting products for emerging markets

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Israel Innovation Authority

**Donor Countries:** Israel

**Description:**

Funding R&D activities that identify how to adapt products for emerging markets.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Africa, China, India, Latin America

**Eligibility:**

Criteria as defined, from time to time, in the call for proposal

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## JBIC Financial Instruments

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity, Guarantees

**Users:** Private Sector, Project Developers, Public Sector

**Donor:** Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC)

**Donor Countries:** Japan

**Description:**

JBIC is a policy-based financial institution of Japan, and conducts lending operations. The bank is mandated with providing non-ODA finance.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

JBIC Criteria

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<https://www.jbic.go.jp/en/feedback>

**For more information:** <http://www.jbic.go.jp/en/finance>

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## JICA Official Development Assistance (ODA) Grants

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Public Sector

**Donor:** Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA)

**Donor Countries:** Japan

**Description:**

ODA Grants are the provisions of funds to developing countries that have low income levels, without the obligation of repayment. ODA Grants are used for developing power infrastructure.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

JICA Criteria

**Contact information:**

<https://www2.jica.go.jp/en/opinion/index.php>

**For more information:** [https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our\\_work/types\\_of\\_assistance/grant\\_aid/index.html](https://www.jica.go.jp/english/our_work/types_of_assistance/grant_aid/index.html)

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## KawiSafi Ventures Fund by GCF

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Acumen Fund Inc., Green Climate Fund (GCF)

**Donor Countries:** Multi-donor, United States of America

**Description:**

GCF anchor investment of \$20 million equity + \$5 million grant; fund is targeting 10-15 investments, focused in East Africa initially - in parallel raising \$10 million Technical Assistance Facility.

**Locations:** East Africa Region, Kenya, Rwanda

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Kenya, Rwanda, with possible further expansion into East Africa

**Eligibility:**

Not Specified

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**Last updated:** February 17, 2018



## MCC Grants

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Public Sector

**Donor:** Millenium Challenge Corporation (MCC)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Grant funding of approximately \$1.5 billion to support Power Africa through compacts and threshold programs that improve the quality and reliability of electricity and promote climate-smart measures, such as energy efficiency and renewable energy. MCC is also assisting governments in the preparation of potential projects while also helping to establish regulatory and institutional structures needed to promote private investment, early stage support as well as general Host Government/Sector support as well as private sector support.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

4-Stage Selection Process (a Threshold Program is also available for selected countries that do not qualify for the Compact)

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## Norad Private Sector Development Scheme

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Project Developers

**Donor:** Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD)

**Donor Countries:** Norway

**Description:**

Grant funding for feasibility studies, training related to establishment of Environmental Health and Safety and pilot production.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Projects in least developed countries, countries in sub-Saharan Africa and in long-term cooperation countries for Norwegian Official Development Assistance.

**Eligibility:**

Prioritized Sectors - Energy At least NOK 10 million in turnover for the last year. Ownership of at least 25% in the established/ planned company

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## Off-Grid Energy Challenge

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** United States African Development Foundation (USADF), United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Provides grants of up to \$100,000 each to African-owned and operated enterprises, associations, or organizations providing off-grid solutions that deploy renewable resources and power local economic activities. For development stage, scale-up stage or to extend use of current product.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Select Sub Saharan Africa countries

**Eligibility:**

Applicants must provide off-grid solutions that deploy renewable resources and power local economic activities

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**Last updated:** August 13, 2020

## PIDG

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Project Developers

**Donors:** Department for International Development (DFID), German Development Bank (Kreditanstalt für Wiederaufbau) (KfW), International Finance Corporation (IFC), Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

**Donor Countries:** Germany, Multi-donor, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Description:**

Through a group of subsidiary companies, PIDG offers specialized financing and project development expertise. Each company can customize the right solution for each set of circumstances. Together, these companies are designed to get infrastructure initiatives off the ground in countries which find investment hard to attract.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Lower income countries of the Development Assistance Committee's List of Overseas Development Aid recipients

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## Power Africa: Beyond the Grid Fund

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

**Donor Countries:** Sweden, United States of America

**Description:**

United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and SIDA with USD\$1 million - USD\$5 million Fund aims to bring modern clean energy access to one million Zambians and jump-start the country's burgeoning markets for energy services. The Fund will directly support private enterprises in the off-grid energy space through an innovative new results-based financing approach. Fund for Private enterprises in the off-grid energy space.

**Location:** Zambia

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Zambia

**Eligibility:**

Private enterprises in the off-grid energy space.

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## Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge (PAEGC)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Project Developers

**Donors:** Duke Energy, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida), United States International Development Finance Corporation (DFC), United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

**Donor Countries:** Germany, Sweden, United States of America

**Description:**

Powering Agriculture: An Energy Grand Challenge for Development supports the development and deployment of clean energy innovations that increase agriculture productivity and stimulate low carbon economic growth in the agriculture sector of developing countries to help end extreme poverty and extreme hunger.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Subject to PAEGC screening and eligibility criteria. See website to determine when applications are being accepted

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**For more information:** <https://poweringag.org/>

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## Project Assistance

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**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Public Sector

**Donor:** French Treasury

**Donor Countries:** France

**Description:**

Grants, Concessional and Non Concessional Loans, State to State Loans

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Compliance with the OECD Arrangement on Officially Supported Export Credits rules

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## Proparco Financial Instruments

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Debt Finance, Equity, Guarantees

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Agence Francaise de Developpement (AFD)

**Donor Countries:** France

**Description:**

Proparco is a Development Financial Institution partly owned by Agence Française de Development (AFD) and private stakeholders and provides debt, equity and guarantees for business and projects.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Subject to Proparco Investment Conditions and Procedures

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## **REACT Solar (potential) Window of the Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF)**

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund (AECF), Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), Danish International Development Cooperation (DANIDA), Department for International Development (DFID), Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), Government of Australia (GoA), Government of Canada (GoC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

**Donor Countries:** Australia, Canada, Denmark, Multi-donor, Netherlands, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Description:**

Fund under development and will become operational late 2016. A potential new REACT round focused on household solar. "Pioneer" grants and possibly interest-free loans. A program of AGRA: A potential new REACT round focused on household solar. "Pioneer" grants and possibly interest-free loans. A program of AGRA: KPMG fund manager to April 2017 A new AECF entity under AGRA to manage AECF early 2017.

**Locations:** Malawi, Sierra Leone, Zambia, Zimbabwe

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Malawi, Zambia, Zimbabwe, and possibly Sierra Leone

**Eligibility:**

Not Specified

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## Renewable Energy Microfinance & Microenterprise Program (REMMP)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**Users:** Other Stakeholders, Project Developers, Public Sector

**Donor:** United States Agency for International Development (USAID)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Program focuses on household & community-scale renewable technologies such as solar home systems, fuel-efficient cook stoves & micro-grids.

**Locations:** Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Ghana, Guinea, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, eSwatini

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Anywhere USAID has a presence

**Eligibility:**

Available for buy-in by United States Agency for International Development (USAID) operating units

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## Seed Capital Assistance Facility Phase 2 (SCAF II)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Equity

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Department for International Development (DFID), Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Building and Nuclear Safety (BMUB), United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)

**Donor Countries:** Germany, United Kingdom, United States of America

**Description:**

SCAF co-finances - with private equity and venture capital fund managers, and project development companies - the development of new investment vehicles and, once operational, the origination, development and seed financing of early-stage, low-carbon projects.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Eligible partners include low-carbon focused private equity and venture capital funds, as well as certain types of project development companies

**Contact information:**

<http://www.scaf-energy.org/contact>

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## Sida Assistance and grant funding to RBF

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donor:** Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

**Donor Countries:** Sweden

**Description:**

The Sida Power Africa team within the Sida Africa department can work with partners to implement Results-Based-Financing(RBF). RBF supported by Sida procurement expertise and grant funding enabled the Beyond the Grid Fund Zambia initiative and has developed further into the Beyond the Grid Fund Africa programme.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Zambia, Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

Key requirements include, but are not limited to, development- and financial additionality, a sound risk-allocation and incentive structure and partner capacity.

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## Sustainable Energy Fund for Africa (SEFA)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Categories:** Equity, Grant Funding

**Users:** Other Stakeholders, Project Developers

**Donor:** African Development Bank (AfDB)

**Donor Countries:** Cote d'Ivoire

**Description:**

Multi-donor trust fund managed by the African Development Bank providing catalytic finance to unlock private sector investments in clean energy. SEFA avails technical assistance and concessional finance instruments to remove market barriers, build a more robust pipeline of projects and improve the risk-return profile of individual investments. SEFA's overarching goal is to contribute to universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services for all in Africa, in line with the Sustainable Development Goal 7.

**Locations:** Algeria, Angola, Benin, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Côte d'Ivoire, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe, eSwatini

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

AfDB Regional Member Countries

**Eligibility:**

Project undertaken in the Bank's Regional Member Countries. Proposed project's sponsor is a privately-owned or is a PPP (reimbursable Grant/0% loan at financial closure). Regional Member countries can use project preparation funding to prepare competitive tenders (Grant). Proposed project will be aligned with the three SEFA thematic areas: (i) Green Baseload, (ii) Green Mini-Grids and (iii) Energy Efficiency

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## The Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund. (AECF)

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), Danish International Development Cooperation (DANIDA), Department for International Development (DFID), Government of Canada (GoC), International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

**Donor Countries:** Canada, Denmark, Multi-donor, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Description:**

Provides grants and interest free loans to entrepreneurs, start-ups and businesses who wish to implement innovative, commercially viable, high impact projects in Africa. The AECF supports businesses working in agriculture, financial services, renewable energy.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Not Specified

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

AECF uses a Challenge Fund model where funding is awarded through Competitions. Only private sector companies are eligible to submit their innovative business ideas, and have to comply with the eligibility and selection criteria of each competition

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## The Africa Enterprise Challenge Fund. (AECF) - Renewable Energy and Adaptation to Climate Technologies (REACT) window

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**User:** Private Sector

**Donors:** Consultative Group to Assist the Poor (CGAP), Danish International Development Cooperation (DANIDA), Department for International Development (DFID), Government of Canada (GoC), Swedish International Development Agency (Sida)

**Donor Countries:** Canada, Denmark, Multi-donor, Sweden, United Kingdom

**Description:**

To stimulate private sector investment in developing low cost, clean energy and climate change technologies and services, such as solar power, biomass energy, irrigation and crop insurance products for small holder farmers. Every business supported by REACT must demonstrate a positive impact on the rural poor through increased incomes, employment and productivity or by reducing costs.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Off-Grid

**Geography:**

Sub Saharan Africa

**Eligibility:**

AECF uses a Challenge Fund model where funding is awarded through Competitions. Only private sector companies are eligible to submit their innovative business ideas, and have to comply with the eligibility and selection criteria of each competition

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## USTDA Grants

**Category:** Finance

**Sub-Category:** Grant Funding

**Users:** Private Sector, Project Developers, Public Sector, U.S. Companies

**Donor:** United States Trade and Development Agency (USTDA)

**Donor Countries:** United States of America

**Description:**

Grant support open to project developers and host governments for feasibility studies, technical assistance, and the comprehensive analyses that infrastructure projects need to move from concept to financing and implementation.

**Location:** Sub Saharan Africa

**On- or Off-Grid:** Both

**Geography:**

Low- and middle-income countries, with priority given to select countries in each region.

**Eligibility:**

Grant recipients must be host country entities and can either a) approach USTDA with a U.S. firm ready to perform the USTDA-funded activity (sole-sourced) or b) work with USTDA to compete out the work to U.S. firms (competed). Project must: (1) be likely to receive implementation financing, and in addition, have a procurement process that provides "equal access" to U.S. firms; (2) represent an opportunity for sales of U.S. goods and services that is many times greater than the initial investment of USTDA assistance; (3) be a development priority of the project sponsor and country where the project is located and have the endorsement of the U.S. Embassy in that nation. It may also involve U.S. companies that are facing market entry problems and/or strong competition from foreign companies which often receive subsidies and other support from their governments.

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