Addressing Energy Poverty: The OFID Approach

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OFID at a glance

- Established in 1976 by OPEC Member Countries

- **The Vision**: To aspire to a world where sustainable development centered on human capacity-building is a reality for all.

- **The Mission**: To foster South-South partnership with fellow developing countries worldwide with the aim of eradicating poverty.
All regions and all sectors..

- 134 developing country partners
- US$22.5 billion committed since inception
Significant reduction in non-access to electricity between 2000 and 2016

... but with significant regional variations

Source: IEA, Energy Access Outlook, 2017
2.7 billion people with no access to clean cooking fuels
Financing Universal Energy Access

Total Annual Investment Needed to Achieve SDG7

- Renewable Energy: $650 Billion
- Energy Efficiency: $560 Billion
- Energy Access: $50 Billion

Source: SE4All 2015
Electricity access investment requirements (2017-2030)

Finance to Close Global Electricity Access Gaps to Meet SDG 7 Insufficient

- $334 billion in NPS
- $725 in Energy for All case

Source: IEA, Energy Access Outlook, 2017
Clean cooking investment requirements (2017-2030)

New policies scenario

- $19 billion
- LPG: 4 billion (20%)
- ICS & Biogas: 4 billion (20%)
- Others: 11 billion (60%)

Energy for All case

- $61 billion
- LPG: 27 billion (44%)
- ICS & Biogas: 5 billion (8%)
- Others: 29 billion (48%)

- LPG penetrates urban areas in NPS
- Strong growth in ICS in Energy for All Case
- But LPG also grows in absolute terms, reaching rural areas

Source: IEA, Energy Access Outlook, 2017
Beyond financing

− Innovated financing solutions
− Investment-enabling environment
− Technology solutions
Innovated Financing Solutions

OFID-REEEEP Revolving Capital Pool

- Offering **repayable grants** to start-up entrepreneurs adopting the nexus approach in energy solutions in the agro-food value chains

- Innovative grant giving mechanism – providing very patient loans to **strengthen start-ups**

- Example: US$ 367,500 returnable grant to FuturePump Ltd. to bring solar irrigation to smallholder farmers in Kenya

- Development impacts:
  - Deploy 825 solar irrigation pumps on small farms and test three alternate microfinance products, in preparation for private sector investment to unlock scale and increase uptake of solar irrigation, potentially reaching 20,000 smallholder farmers
OFID received a financing request from an Armenian bank to provide a US$10 million Term Loan Facility to fund SMEs involved in the construction and operation of small-scale hydropower plants (SHPPs).

This project is very specific to Armenia’s natural resources and requirements. However, the principle of aggregating smaller loans to finance mini-grids is well demonstrated.

Around 8 SHPPs Will Be Financed

Through this Term Loan the Armenian bank will provide the necessary Funding to SMEs to construct and operate around 8 SHPPs.

Only Possible By Aggregating the Smaller Loans

Average size of an OFID Private Sector Loan is US$10 million. It would not have been feasible for OFID to provide US$1-1.3 million Term loans for single SHPPs.
Investment enabling environment

- Achieving universal access to modern energy services needs to be higher on the development agendas of countries

- Energy-access strategies and implementation plans linked to national development plans

- Governments need to remove structural barriers that constrain more investment in energy access:
  - Regulatory frameworks that can attract the support of national and international financial institutions and project developers
  - Enhancing local and regional capital markets
  - Institutional capacity to prepare and implement qualified pipelines of deals and bankable projects
Technology Solutions

A growing role for mini grids and distributed renewable energy systems

- **Mini-grids** whenever costs are lower than grid extension and stand-alone systems
- Potential to provide more than 40% of new capacity required to achieve universal electricity access, by 2030
- Structural barriers in governance, finance and business models are constricting a large scale mini-grid market
  - Need to promote actions and partnerships that would help resolve these challenges

Source: Mini-grid Policy Toolkit, EU Energy Initiative Partnership Dialogue Facility
OFID.. A pioneer in fighting energy poverty

- Alleviation of energy poverty is a central theme in OFID’s work
- November 2007: Declaration of the 3rd OPEC Summit

“Continue to align the programmes of our aid institutions, including those of the OPEC Fund for International Development, with the objective of achieving sustainable development and the eradication of energy poverty in the developing countries, and study ways and means of enhancing this endeavour, in association with the energy industry and other financial institutions”

- 3rd OPEC Summit, Riyadh Declaration, November 2007
The Three Pillars of OFID’s Energy Poverty Strategy

- **Advocacy** (Conferences, Workshops, Publications)
- **Operations on ground** (Partner countries, co-financiers, Arab Coordination Group)
- **Partnerships** (EAP, REEEP, ARE, WPC)
SDG7 is now at the core of the 2030 Development Agenda
**Significant growth in energy operations**

- Total energy approvals grew at an average 52% pa since 2008
- By December 2018, total energy approvals reached $US 3.7 billion
  - This represents 26% of all operations for the period

*Source: OFID Database*
OFID’s energy operations by finance window since inception

- Public Sector, US$ 2,661 m, 53%
- Trade Finance, US$ 1,428 m, 28%
- Private Sector, US$ 890 m, 18%
- Grant Assistance, US$ 54 m, 1%

Total energy sector commitments: US$5.0B

Source: OFID Database
Guiding Principles

- Access to affordable and reliable modern energy services is a prerequisite to sustainable development.

- The aim is to alleviate energy poverty – universal energy access.

- The approach should be pragmatic, based on the technology-neutral principle.

- Projects should target productive uses of energy and be income generating.

- Projects should target inclusive development and promote local ownership.

- Universal energy access requires all sources of funding, and private sector must play a significant role.

- Respects choices of beneficiary countries and respond to their wishes based on their own priorities.
Partnerships: Creating synergies and developing joint resources

Public sector leveraging investments

Coordination Group

World Bank & Regional Banks

UN Agencies
Partnerships: Creating synergies and developing joint resources

Private sector partners
Partnerships: Creating synergies and developing joint resources

Grants network
Partnerships: Creating synergies and developing joint resources
Oil and Gas Industry Energy Access Platform

- EAP launched in March 2016 by OFID and WPC
- The goal of the EAP is to contribute to the achievement universal energy access through the potential of the industry to build upon its leadership, technology and much relevant business experience.
- The EAP provides a platform for the Oil and Gas Companies to collaborate with other stakeholders on specific actions

www.energyaccessplatform.org

- Share best practices, data and disseminate knowledge about energy access solutions.
- Leverage industry capabilities to support access to energy.
- Help the industry in identifying corporate social responsibility opportunities in host countries, and harmonize robust, practical and cost-effective approaches for facing energy access challenges.
- Foster communication of industry on energy access solutions.
- Contribute to better integrate energy access in policies and projects at country level.
An example of collaboration: 
Supporting innovative technologies and business models

SmartGas™ LPG: Increase Access to Affordable Clean Cooking

A pay-as-you-go model would create a system to reduce the upfront cost of LPG through daily payments.

- OFID, ARAMCO and Shell Foundation, members of EAP, joined in supporting Envirofit International
- Initiative enables families to pay-as-you-cook in India
- Smart Valve measures and regulates the flow of LPG
- Prepayment via mobile phone for the amount of gas used
- Meter also measures how much fuel remains. Information transmitted back to the customer and the central database, allowing for cost efficient delivery plans to be made.

OBJECTIVE:
To evaluate how the solution could ultimately be scaled to increase adoption for target customers both within and beyond the Government’s PMUY scheme
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