

## OUTCOME STATEMENT(s)

### Green and Inclusive Energy

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### Outcome Statement 1

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On Thursday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December, 2017 Bomet County validated its first ever draft Green Energy Policy. The validation workshop was led by Mr. Paul Towett, Director, Energy Department, Bomet County and attended by the County Energy Reference Group (ERG) which is a forum through which policymakers, NGOs, private sector and other stakeholders share experiences/ knowledge on renewable energy, review and monitor implementation of renewable energy policies in the county.

<b>Relevance</b>
Bomet County is characterized by overreliance on non-renewable energy sources despite the potential opportunities for adoption of clean renewable energy technologies. Once adopted, the policy will help in fast-tracking efforts by the county government in ensuring availability and uptake of renewable energy technologies by community members in a bid to enhance energy security while mitigating climate change and availing economic opportunities for the people of Bomet County. Additionally, the draft policy will provide a framework for the Bomet County Government to implement consumer awareness and capacity building activities to help community members appreciate the benefits of renewable energy. The policy is expected to increase investment in off-grid renewable energy technologies by creating a favourable environment for private sector involvement in the long run. This provides a framework for identifying high impact opportunities and multi-stakeholder collaboration across all relevant sectors of the economy. It also provides

concrete entry points for stakeholders interested in taking action on specific areas of interest such as development of modern cooking appliances and fuels; electricity solutions; grid infrastructure and supply efficiency; large-scale renewable power; and energy-efficient industrial and agricultural processes, transportation, buildings, and appliances.

### Contribution

1. On 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017, CUTS facilitated formation of Bomet County Green Energy Technical Working Committee (TWC) to (i) oversee the implementation of SP-E project in the county and, (ii) draft the proposed Bomet County Green Energy Policy. The committee's membership comprised of representatives from the Departments of Energy, Environment, Policy, Resource Mobilization as well as CSOs.
2. On 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2017, CUTS held a validation workshop in Bomet for the Hivos funded baseline study on "*Barriers to Uptake of Clean and Renewable Energy: Case of Bomet and Homa-Bay County.*" The study's recommendation on the need to have county-specific renewable energy legislation motivated and informed the decision for the county to draft its policy.
3. CUTS facilitated and participated in three TWC policy review meetings held in Bomet on 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> May, 22<sup>nd</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> June, and 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2017 to develop the draft.
4. CUTS facilitated and participated in the validation of the draft policy on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2014 in Bomet. The validation workshop was led by Mr. Paul Towett, Director- Department of Energy and was attended by ERG.

### Sources

1. Draft Green Energy Policy
2. Baseline study report
3. Meeting reports
4. List of participants in the meetings
5. Photos taken during the meetings
6. Mr. John Serem, Chairman, Bomet NGO Consortium, [bometngo@gmail.com](mailto:bometngo@gmail.com)
7. Mr. David Odero, Ward Administrator, Homa Bay County, [jumadavido@yahoo.com](mailto:jumadavido@yahoo.com)

