

A. SP-E Project Brief

About the SP-E Project

Introduction

The Strategic Partnership ‘Green and Inclusive Energy’ (SP-E) in Africa program is aimed to catalyse realization of people’s energy needs through green and inclusive energy systems that create economic opportunities for women and men while mitigating effects of climate change. The program is supported by Hivos East Africa (<https://www.hivos.org/news/africa-strategic-partnership-green-inclusive-energy>) through financial resource and capacity development on Lobby and Advocacy to CSOs. It is expected to run from 2016-2020.

Role of CUTS in Strategic Partnership – Energy (SP-E)

The role of CUTS Nairobi in the SP-E is to contribute to the development of the RE sub-sector through policy advocacy with a focus on the most pertinent consumer concerns. CUTS intervention to the achievement of the SP-E strategic objective of ensuring sustainable RE for all is through key actions

Activities include:-

- Research,
- Evidence-based policy advocacy and
- Capacity building initiatives.

Additionally, CUTS Nairobi expect to learn from other organizations in the SP-E project to enhance its contribution to development of the RE sub-sector.

Expected Research Outputs for Advocacy

- Kenya Consumer Status Report on R.E will be produced. This will involve getting information from key respondents through calls, online surveys, focused group discussions and face to face interviews on specific issues relating to consumer rights as envisioned in article 46 of the constitution of Kenya with a focus on renewable energy in Kenya. This will highlight the consumers’ challenges in taking up renewable energy technologies and give recommendations that can be taken up by county and national authorities in the promotion of renewable energy technologies.
- Policy Briefs will be developed to advice the policy makers at both county and national government on options and best practices to address the emerging challenges relating to the uptake of renewable energy in Kenya. The briefs will be used in the discussions with the policy makers at the county and national level.
- Consumer update notes will be developed to provide updates on emerging and hot issues at the national and county level on a regular basis around the subject matter of R.E. These notes will be used when targeting particular high level influential individual champions of renewable energy at the county and national government, to update them on the on-going issues related to uptake of renewable energy. The information gathered will also inform the objectives of the multi-stakeholder engagement forums and community meetings. They will be more reactive owing to the fact that they will be responding to trending topics on R.E

Targets Groups

- *Community opinion leaders* who are key in driving the change we seek at the community level and exerting

pressure on the county governments to put in place policies, legislations and institutional frameworks that facilitate the promotion of RE.

- *The county and national government and government agency* officials who are in charge of guiding and making policy decisions in Kenya, this will facilitate the push for policy directives that meet the SP-E program objectives.
- *CSOs* that have over time been recognised as change agents on the need to have RE as a priority in Kenya.
- *Private Sector Associations* who are the united voice of the private sector players and can influence the decisions made by the private sector. This will be aimed at encouraging them to invest in RE and also prompt the government to have large scale private public partnership investment on renewable energy.

Expected impact

Energy users (both consumers and private sector) demand adequate energy services from the government and the government adopts pro-RE policies that steer the country into large scale RE investments for grid and off grid use.

Other SP-E Partners in Kenya

CUTS Nairobi together with other CSOs in Kenya including African Energy Policy Research Network (AFREPEN), the African Women's Development and Communication Network (FEMNET), the Kenya Climate Change Working Group (KCCWG) and the African Centre for Technology Studies (ACTS) are part of this strategic partnership working together within their various strengths to ensure that consumers are equipped with information on RE and social accountability tools to demand for Renewable Energy (RE) while policymakers and leaders at county and national level get relevant information, knowledge, and skill set to create appropriate policies to enhance access to RE.

B. Project Outputs

Publications

Publication	Title	Access at;
Research Report	Barriers to Uptake of Clean and Renewable Energy: Case of Bomet and Homa-Bay County	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w3neYjuGVYIjBnNFDtjSMi5jcwdP5BSD/view
Policy Brief	Turning the Tide on Energy Insecurity: The Role of Renewable Energy Policies in Counties	https://drive.google.com/file/d/11YfDTNBBXb43JXiAOWubxopbFh-0sgR5/view
Policy Brief	Promoting Sustainable Biomass management for Energy Security in Bomet and Homa Bay Counties	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v9I0QI3hNuOZC0nMTymbZUIK2LGMWbS2/view
County Update Note	Strategic Partnership for Women Entrepreneurs' Participation in Small-scale Renewable Energy Solutions and Value Chains	https://drive.google.com/file/d/11IxFmPCKq2qKPJ4c_DVdxAHyD9OS54/view

County Update Note	Strategic Partnership on Sustainable Renewable Energy for Enhanced Economic Opportunities in Kenya	https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DcUY1BEi7ls0FIfKYt9NbkGHeJta6Jg-/view
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C. Advocacy meetings

Meeting	In brief	Attachment name
Legislators' meeting	To lobby legislators to pass county laws that would fast track the uptake and use of renewable energy in Homa Bay County as well as to increase budgetary allocations to the energy department.	SPE1
County Reference Group Meeting	The meeting formed a reference group for which would oversee renewable energy related issues in Bomet County	SPE2

D. Project Outcomes ---(Attach the latest Revised Outcome harvest document)

Outcome	Attachment name
Bomet County Renewable Energy Policy	Q4_2017
Stakeholder linkages in Homa Bay County	Q1_2018

E. Project Funder

