

# REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

To create equal opportunities for women in Africa's renewable energy sector

## SUMMARY

The Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) is calling for women from across Africa's renewable energy sector to submit applications for funding for projects.

By targeting women specifically, REPP is aiming to promote gender inclusion and create equal opportunities for women in the continent's rapidly expanding renewable energy sector.

Successful applicants must meet and adhere to the eligibility criteria listed below.



Image source: Isaiah Lyons-Galante, PowerGen

## ABOUT REPP

REPP is a UK-government funded programme working to stimulate the growth of the small-scale and distributed renewable energy sector in African countries, in order to contribute towards SDG 7 – ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all, and SDG 13 – taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

It does this by supporting developers throughout the project development process all the way to construction, providing a broad range of financing services and support tailored to each developer's unique circumstances and needs.



## HOW CAN REPP HELP?



### Development phase capital and support

REPP provides loans for selected third-party development expenses (such as feasibility studies, environmental and social impact assessments, legal advice etc.), financial structuring support and general project guidance.



### Access to risk mitigation instruments

REPP helps projects and developers to access appropriate risk mitigation instruments provided by third-party providers. These instruments would typically focus on risks that cannot be cost-effectively managed by the private sector - in particular, political, regulatory, currency and offtaker risk.



### Access to long-term lending

REPP helps developers to structure project finances in the right way, and to secure finance from REPP partners and other sources of capital - both private and public.



### Gap financing

REPP helps to bring projects to financial close by providing funding using an array of finance products ranging from equity to senior debt.



### Technical assistance

REPP also supports developers with business planning, training, workshops and seminars, and facilitating learning and exchange between developers.

# ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS



## Entities eligible for REPP funding

- **Majority woman-owned or led** private sector entities that have a renewable energy project under development; and/or,

- Private sector entities or projects whose focus is to **promote economic empowerment of women** through enabling the productive use of energy for women as end users, and/or access to energy finance for female entrepreneurs.

## Technologies supported



BIOGAS



GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR PV



RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROPOWER



BIOMASS



MINI-GRIDS  
(off-grid, powered by renewable energy)



WASTE-TO-ENERGY



GEOTHERMAL



SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS  
(off-grid)



WIND

## Project sizes supported

Projects must be between 1MW and 25MW (but can be up to 50MW for wind), and can be grid-connected, captive or off-grid.



## REPP's areas of operation

All countries in Eastern, Western, Southern and Central Africa except for DAC 4 countries (i.e. South Africa, Botswana, Namibia and Gabon) are eligible for REPP funding.

## Proof of additionality and transformational impact

REPP will only support projects where there is clear evidence of additionality, which broadly means that the project would not or would be unlikely to progress in a reasonable timeframe without REPP support. REPP also looks for opportunities to not only support good projects, but to ensure they have "spill-over effects", so as to transform the broader market for renewable energy in the country or region.

## Environmental and social requirements

All REPP investees are expected to rigorously adhere to its Environmental and Social Policy and Procedures, which are closely based around the IFC's and EIB's environmental and social performance standards. Any recipient of REPP support must assess the environmental and social impacts of its projects and develop a management system in accordance with those standards.

# HOW REPP WILL SELECT AND SUPPORT PROJECTS



## Submission deadline

Applications must be received by 4pm (UCT). See below for details.

## Eligibility check

Upon receipt of an online application form, the REPP manager performs an eligibility assessment.

## Proposal

The REPP project team then decides whether to progress eligible applications that have the potential to promote gender inclusion to REPP's Investment Committee (IC) for concept clearance. If the concept is approved at this stage a full proposal document is prepared and presented back to the IC.

## Term sheet

If the IC approves the proposal, a term sheet is agreed with the developer.

## Financing and support documents

After successful completion of KYC and due diligence processes, documentation is prepared and agreed alongside a set of conditions precedent. Following a final approval the documents are signed and, following completion of all conditions precedent, funds are disbursed as per agreed milestones.

## Ongoing support and monitoring

Project team provides ongoing support on an as-needed basis, collects information for monitoring and evaluation purposes, and ensures adherence to REPP policies.

## HOW TO APPLY



All applications must be submitted through an online application form found at <https://repp.energy/support/application-form/>.

All request for proposals must be received by **4pm (UCT) on 15 January 2020** to qualify for priority assessment by the REPP project team and IC.

Any proposal that meets the eligibility criteria above that is received after that date will still, of course, be keenly welcomed.

For more information about REPP, its policies and eligibility criteria visit <https://repp.energy>. If you have any queries, email [rfp@camco.energy](mailto:rfp@camco.energy).