

Centre for Rural Technology - Nepal

Project title

Promoting Women-led Enterprises for Energy Access and Local Production

Consortium partners

National Association of Community Electricity Users Nepal (NACEUN), Practical Action Consulting

Country

Nepal – 18 districts mentioned below:

Terai region: Dhanusha, Mahottari, Sarlahi Rautahat, Bara, Parsa, Chitwan, Nawalparasi, Banke, Kailali

Hill region: Khotang, Udaypur, Sindhuli, Kabhre, Dhading, Palpa, Gulmi, Parbat

Timeframe

2014 – 2017

Funding

Total project funds: €675,545

ENERGIA contribution: €495,545

Donors

Swedish Development Cooperation Agency (Sida)

Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (Norad)

Objectives

General objective

Empowering women by creating enabling environment for women entrepreneurship in micro enterprises to enhance access to sustainable energy technologies and services and other sustainable energy-based micro enterprises for local production in rural areas

Specific objective

1. To establish business enabling supports
2. To build capacity of women to identify opportunities as well as to establish, operate and manage micro enterprises
3. To provide inputs for policies promoting gender equity in micro enterprises development activities

Technologies

Solar lighting, productive use of electricity, improved cookstoves

Targets

800 women-led Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs)

250,000 consumers

Value added strategy for overall WE programme

Partnership with national and local governments, contributing to national cookstoves programme and Government's commitment to make all Nepali homes smokefree by 2017

Outcomes

- Relevant institutions are sensitized and capacitated for promoting women led micro enterprises for promoting sustainable energy technologies or sustainable energy based micro enterprises for local production
- Women led micro enterprises established in energy products and services which enhance access of rural communities to sustainable energy solutions
- Women led micro enterprises established functioning with sustainable energy and producing products and services for local and distant markets
- Energy and MSE sector policies and planning are gender mainstreamed
- This outcome ensures that policy makers are sensitized on gender mainstreaming of energy and micro enterprise sectors through evidence-based feedback provided by the project team. As a result they contribute for policy reform.