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## Powering change in Oda: A village transformed by solar energy

In Oda village, West Wellabu Woreda in Ethiopia, lack of electricity once meant reliance on costly kerosene, diesel, and firewood. “Our community lived in darkness,” says resident Xaher Hammed. This changed in 2024 when EnDev, together with the Oromia Water and Energy Bureau, installed a solar mini grid.

Today, the system powers 149 households, the school, mosque, and administration office. Xaher, who manages the grid, also runs a metal workshop powered by solar. “The transformation brought by the solar mini grid in Oda village is profound,” says Xaher.

*“It has improved living standards, enabled businesses to flourish, and enhanced essential services like education and governance.”*

With reliable electricity, Oda’s 2,000 students and teachers now can study and work in the evenings, use computers, and access photocopying services. Local businesses are thriving too: Restaurant owners can serve customers late into the night, while phone charging shops are now able to offer more affordable prices.

[Read the full story about Oda here.](#)

# 1. Reports and accounts

The Annual Operational Programming 2026 of the *Energising Development* (EnDev) programme is grounded in the strategic framework set in the [Multi-Annual Indicative Programming 2023-2025](#) and its [Extension to 2026](#). These documents continue to shape EnDev's interventions, emphasising inclusive energy access, higher-tier cooking solutions, and the commitment of *leaving no one behind*.

Following a successful year 2024, EnDev received formal approval and commissioning in early 2025 to extend its activities through 2026. This extension enables continued operations in sub-Saharan Africa, while activities in Asia are scheduled to conclude by December 2025.

While the global EnDev programme will conclude by December 2026, the partnership is preparing for a transition towards a regional focus on Africa. Building on the

achievements of the current programme, EnDev will continue to promote climate-friendly energy solutions in selected African countries. Respective strategic and country-level planning processes are in progress, supported by resources from the current programme, and are reflected in this document.

EnDev's financial programming for 2026 supports both ongoing implementation and strategic transition. The programme will continue delivering results at scale while preparing for its embedding into a regionally focused successor initiative. The budget also enables flexible management and innovation, ensuring that EnDev remains responsive to changing contexts and emerging opportunities.

## 2. Planned budget allocation

Administratively, EnDev is governed by a commissioned programme phase of BMZ to GIZ, designed to end in December 2026. EnDev's total available budget until the end of 2026 amounts to EUR 605.794 million. This includes EUR 604.102 million commissioned by BMZ in March 2025, and an additional EUR 1.692 million expected to be commissioned by BMZ in the short term. The latter consists of EUR 1.45 million in additional donor contributions secured in 2025 and EUR 0.242 million resulting from income differences, interest income and exchange rate fluctuations (Swiss Francs (CHF), US Dollar (USD), Norwegian Krone (NOK)).

Of the total available budget, EUR 605.506 million has been allocated, while EUR 0.288 million will be allocated shortly for final

provisions, e.g. final scaling up of selected activities and possible exchange rate fluctuations.

For a detailed breakdown of the indicative programming budget until December 2026, see Table 2-1. The overall indicative budget is presented in Table 2-2.

The presented figures reflect the planning status as of September 2025. In the context of programme closure and final implementation, reallocations—e.g. due to additional earmarked donor contributions—may be made to ensure efficient use of remaining funds. These adjustments will not require a renewed approval process. Any changes will be communicated through the established formats of EnDev's Consultative Group.

**Table 2-1: Programming budget until 12/2026 in million EUR**

	Total
<b>Global level budget</b>	<b>75.335</b>
Management, monitoring, backstopping, knowledge exchange, etc.	50.560
Globally managed country activities (SCCIF, SIINC, SEFFA, Demand Side Subsidies (DSS) management at HQ level, etc.)	13.025
Globally managed extra activities (refugees, RBF preparation, etc.)	4.000
Innovative impact fund	7.750
<b>Country level budget</b>	<b>530.171</b>
Implementation in countries	383.941
Country-level managed extra activities (FCDO, EU, USAID, DSS, etc.)	146.230
<b>Total allocated budget</b>	<b>605.506</b>

**Table 2-2: Indicative overall budget until 12/2026 in million EUR**

	12/2024	2025	2026	Total
<b>Global level budget</b>				<b>75.335</b>
Management, monitoring, backstopping, learning, etc.	38.556	4.872	7.132 <sup>1</sup>	50.560
Globally managed country activities (SCCIF, SIINC, SEFFA, DSS management, etc.)	10.687	2.123	0.214	13.025
Globally managed extra activities (refugees, RBF preparation, etc.)	3.936	0.064		4.000
Innovative Impact Fund			7.750	7.750
<b>Country level budget</b>				<b>530.171</b>
Implementation in countries (incl. Top-Ups)	337.097	22.459	24.385	383.941
Country-level managed extra activities (FCDO, EU, USAID, etc.)	111.524	20.523	14.183	146.230
<b>Total global and country level budget</b>				<b>605.506</b>
<b>Planned expenditures</b>				
Total global and country level	501.800	50.042	53.665	605.506
<b>Funding</b>				<b>605.794</b>
Secured available funds (as of 09/2025)	501.800	48.637	53.665	604.102
Expected additional funds, to be commissioned by BMZ in short-term		1.692		1.692
<b>Further shortly allocated funds</b>				<b>0.288</b>

*Note: Minor rounding differences might occur, leading to neglectable inconsistencies in the sums.*

<sup>1</sup> This amount includes EUR 1.5 million contingency budget related to the orderly closure of the programme phase, e.g. for financial due diligence measures.

### 3. Planned activities

With the *Multi-Annual Indicative Programming* entering its final year, EnDev will conclude activities as planned while maintaining its strategic objectives. The programme's commitment to *leaving no one behind* and advancing higher-tier cooking solutions remains central throughout this final year of implementation.

To ensure a well-managed closure and a seamless transition to a EnDev programme in selected African countries, EnDev has introduced mechanisms for flexible management and innovation. Central to this approach is the **Innovative Impact Fund**, which provides financial agility during the final implementation year and supports the groundwork for EnDev's engagement beyond 2026 (see in Tables 2-1 and 2-2).

The Innovative Impact Fund supports two transformative initiatives to close service gaps in remote communities. In partnership with the *World Health Organization* (WHO), solar systems will power rural health centres in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, ensuring uninterrupted medical services. WHO will provide solar installations and ensure long-term maintenance. A second initiative with the *World Bank* uses low-orbit satellites to overcome mobile network limitations, enabling remote monitoring of energy systems, emergency healthcare communication, and online learning. Households will gain energy access via solar home systems through results-based financing. Together, these efforts improve health, education, and livelihoods by integrating power, connectivity, and resilient infrastructure.

In parallel, part of the Fund—specifically, resources approved by Norad—will be used to ensure a smooth transition from a global to an Africa-focussed portfolio, following the well-established strategic planning processes on programme and country level. These activities lay the groundwork for

EnDev's next phase and evolution into a regional programme, while maintaining the established multi-donor partnership framework.<sup>2</sup>

Complementing the final-year closure activities, EnDev will further expand its **support for enterprises, partnerships, and national clean energy initiatives** in 2026, reinforcing its strategic objectives and long-term impact. In 2026, EnDev's business development support instrument, the *Energy Enterprise Coach*, will expand its mentorship programme to support the professionalisation of selected small- and medium-sized enterprises in several EnDev countries. At the request of EnDev country teams and host governments, selected trajectories under the *Global Enabling Environment Facility*, focusing on activities such as promoting clean cooking standards, electric cooking tariffs, and e-waste management, will be implemented and completed by December 2026.

In partnership with *Sustainable Energy for All* (SEforALL), a data-driven clean cooking planning initiative is being implemented in Ethiopia, in close collaboration with the Ethiopian government and in alignment with national goals and electrification plans. A key component of this initiative is government capacity building, ensuring the model becomes a sustainable tool to accelerate the country's transition to electric cooking.

EnDev will complement its implementation activities with a strong focus on learning, innovation, and reflection through its **Learning and Innovation Agenda**. In 2026, the EnDev Learning and Innovation Agenda will explore in its third iteration: "Market Perspectives – Navigating the Future of Energy Access". Led by a research institute or university, it will foster a critical dialogue on EnDev's market approaches over the past two decades, assessing sustainability and effectiveness. Interactive formats will complement the

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<sup>2</sup> The start of implementation of the continuation of EnDev with a focus on Africa is expected early 2026.

theoretical work, with a reflection on inclusive market ecosystems. Furthermore, five innovation projects will be implemented, piloting new approaches for providing energy access to households beyond reach of existing market mechanisms, and for enabling access to productive uses of energy for smallholder farmers.

The final programme evaluation, complementing previous evaluations, will be completed in 2026. It will focus on assessing the achievements arising from the recent strategic priorities, *leaving no one behind* and higher-tier cooking, the demand-side subsidy component and reflecting on EnDev's contribution to market development. Learning and knowledge sharing will be the core elements of the evaluation.

Planned activities are subject to ongoing **political and security developments** in some countries. EnDev continues to monitor developments and adapt operations as needed. Countries such as Mali and Niger experienced notable disruptions in 2025, which may reduce impact over the course of 2026. Similar volatility exists in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo and Madagascar, where instability and governance challenges require close attention.

While Ethiopia and Mozambique have also showed signs of volatility in recent months, implementation is expected to stay on course for the remainder of the programme. Each case will be managed within the global portfolio, with contingency measures in place to safeguard staff and ensure continuity.

Ahead of the final year, a **comprehensive analysis of projected expenditures** was conducted to ensure optimal use of available resources. Based on this review—considering each country's spending capacity, remaining implementation period, and planned activities—minor country level adjustments were made. These do not affect country targets or overall objectives but will ensure financial management efficiency, see Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1: Overview of ongoing country projects**

Country	Lead political partner	Project duration		Funding (in million EUR)		Planned outcomes (in million persons)
		start	end	old	new	
Bangladesh	Ministry of Power, Energy and Mineral Resources	06/09	12/25	29.153	28.703	4.234
Benin	Ministère de L'Énergie, de l'Eau et des Mines	10/09	12/26	31.094	31.094	1.637
Burundi	Focus on local private sector	01/21	12/26	1.742	1.725	0.305
Cambodia	Ministry of Mines and Energy (MME)	03/15	12/25	6.850	6.891	0.075
Democratic Republic of the Congo	Ministère des Affaires Étrangères	12/19	12/26	2.978	2.958	0.179
Ethiopia	Ministry of Water and Energy (MoWE)	01/10	12/26	54.810	54.810	3.088
Kenya	Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP)	04/09	12/26	39.119	39.700	7.620
Laos	Ministry of Science and Technology (MoST)	03/15	12/25	3.810	3.780	0.291
Liberia <sup>3</sup>	Ministry of Mines and Energy	05/12	12/26	16.911	16.800	0.042
Madagascar	Ministère de l'Énergie et des Hydrocarbures	12/12	12/26	2.925	2.825	1.041
Malawi	Ministry of Energy	12/12	12/26	28.990	29.030	2.378
Mali	Direction Nationale de l'Énergie / Ministère de l'Énergie et de l'Eau	04/09	12/26	20.600	20.805	0.219
Mozambique	Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy	10/09	12/26	42.091	42.443	1.127
Nepal	Ministry of Energy, Water Resources and Irrigation	05/09	12/25	14.812	14.745	0.752
Niger	Ministère de l'Économie et des Finances	07/22	12/26	5.420	5.155	0.004
Rwanda	Ministry of Infrastructure (MININFRA)	10/09	12/26	34.824	34.824	0.351
Senegal	Ministère de l'Énergie, du Pétrole et des Mines	04/09	12/26	33.337	33.337	3.002
Sierra Leone	Ministry of Energy	07/17	12/26	9.049	10.600 <sup>4</sup>	0.041
Tanzania	Ministry of Energy	12/12	12/26	16.581	16.565	2.605
Uganda	Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (MEMD)	04/09	12/26	30.940	31.365 <sup>5</sup>	2.377

*Changes are highlighted in green.*

<sup>3</sup> With Guinea until 12/2023.

<sup>4</sup> The budget increase includes additional EU funding secured in 2025.

<sup>5</sup> The budget increase includes additional RVO funding secured in 2025.

## 4. Programme closure and knowledge continuity

As EnDev approaches its conclusion in 2026, the year will mark a phase of closure and transition. In all countries that are phasing out, closure activities will be implemented in close cooperation with local partners, including dedicated events to acknowledge achievements and partnerships. These will be accompanied by enhanced communication efforts on public platforms such as LinkedIn to highlight EnDev's legacy and results.

Programme closure will take place in two main waves. EnDev will **conclude its activities** in Asia—Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos, and Nepal—by the end of 2025. The phase-out in Asia in 2025 and Africa in 2026 will encompass financial and administrative closure, knowledge exchange and learning events with governments and implementing partners, and the finalisation of monitoring, reporting, and evaluation processes. The countries will also produce final communication and knowledge products documenting EnDev's work. Closing events will celebrate EnDev's achievements and partnerships and formally mark handovers of selected approaches and activities to local partners. In countries that will be part of **EnDev beyond 2026**, these events may also offer a first look at the way forward under the renewed partnership, setting the stage for continued collaboration and impact.

Building on two decades of experience and achievements, EnDev ensures its accumulated knowledge remains accessible beyond 2026. This effort both supports the design and implementation of the renewed EnDev partnership beyond 2026 and preserves insights for the broader energy access sector. **Knowledge continuity** focuses on a range of audiences, including global stakeholders in energy access and sustainable development, national partners in programme countries, and future teams under EnDev beyond 2026. As part of this

ongoing process, EnDev's body of knowledge is being systematically captured and organised. In 2026, it will be further refined and made accessible according to the specific needs of each audience. This includes comprehensive reports, insights from expert debriefings, and other documentation that safeguard both explicit and implicit knowledge. External knowledge products will be shared via a dedicated website, locally relevant materials will be transferred to partners—particularly in countries not continued under EnDev—and knowledge will feed directly into the new partnership.

To support the final year of implementation and ensure a smooth programme closure, EnDev will maintain core **staffing structures** in all active countries, with gradual adjustments aligned to phase-out timelines. Capacity needs will be reviewed regularly to match operational demands, particularly in countries concluding activities. Human resource transitions will be managed in close coordination with implementing partners, prioritising continuity, knowledge transfer, and responsible exit strategies.

Together, these measures secure EnDev's legacy, prevent duplication of effort, and provide a strong foundation for the continued advancement of energy access through EnDev beyond 2026.

## 5. Abbreviations

ADES	Association pour le Développement de l'Energie Solaire, Switzerland
AVSI	Association of Volunteers in International Services
BMZ	German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development
CHF	Swiss franc
DGIS	Netherlands Directorate-General for International Cooperation
DSS	Demand Side Subsidies
EnDev	Energising Development
EU	European Union
FCDO	Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office
GEAPP	Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH
HQ	Headquarter
ICEIDA	Icelandic International Development Agency
KOFIH	Korea Foundation for International Healthcare
NOK	Norwegian Krone
RBF	Results-Based Financing
RVO	Netherlands Enterprise Agency
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
SCCIF	Smart Community Coalition Innovation Fund
SEFFA	Sustainable Energy for Smallholder Farmers
SEforAll	Sustainable Energy for All
Sida	Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency
SIINC	Social Impact Incentive
SNV	Netherlands Development Organisation
USAID	United States Agency for International Development
USD	United States Dollar
WHO	World Health Organization

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