

# Energising Development (EnDev)



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| Partnership           | Strategic partnership between the African Union Commission (AUC), Germany, Norway and Switzerland                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Current project phase | 04/2026 – 11/2027                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Focus                 | Energy access (electrification & clean cooking)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Countries             | Kenya, Malawi, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania, Uganda – with a clear ambition to expand the portfolio as additional funding is secured in the future. The shared objective is to build a balanced continental portfolio that includes countries with more mature, as well as more nascent markets.                                                                           |
| Member State level    | Partnering with sector ministries, regulation and standardisation authorities, electrification agencies, business associations and other relevant stakeholders.                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Results               | <p>Until end of 2025, EnDev reached 27.2 million people, 14,580 social institutions, and 58,180 micro, small, and medium-sizes enterprises (MSMEs) with improved energy access in Africa.</p> <p>Expected additional results until 11/2027</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 561,900 people</li> <li>• 70+ social institutions</li> <li>• 2,260 MSMEs</li> </ul> |

States' priorities as well as SDG 7 – universal access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.



## What does access to energy mean at EnDev?

### Electricity – even without a connection to the grid

EnDev supports decentralised electricity supply in regions without access to the grid: from solar lamps and small solar systems for individual households to small, local grids supplying several households and institutions. This makes electricity available even where the expansion of the central grid has yet to reach and is unlikely to reach in the near future.

### Cleaner cooking – with less smoke and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions

EnDev works on scaling improved cookstove markets and local production capacities as well as introducing higher-tier cooking solutions, like electric cookers. These stoves use less fuel and produce significantly less harmful smoke and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions than cooking with firewood.

Programmatically, EnDev applies a holistic market systems approach, supporting clean cooking and electrification – including the productive use of energy (PUE). The programme applies a strong focus on underserved populations, women, youth, and Leave No One Behind (LNOB) groups.

## How EnDev works: Developing markets for long-term access

For energy to reach people sustainably, a functioning market is needed: businesses must be able to offer suitable products, and people must be able to purchase and use them.

## Energy access: A key priority for Africa's development objectives

Energy access is a strategic pillar of the African Union's Agenda 2063 and a fundamental prerequisite for achieving its overarching objectives, including industrialisation, economic transformation, regional integration, private sector development, and improved quality of life. But with approximately 600 million people still lacking access to electricity, and nearly one billion people lacking access to clean cooking, Africa is facing the world's largest energy access gap.

Accelerating energy access and the transition to sustainable energy is therefore critical to achieving the AUC and Member

## The goal: supply and demand function sustainably over the long term – and beyond EnDev's support.

To achieve this, EnDev works with local businesses, governments, financial institutions and organisations. EnDev supports businesses in producing, selling, installing and maintaining sustainable energy solutions as well as accessing financing to grow. At the same time, it strengthens demand by informing people about available solutions and their benefits. Financing and support schemes, such as instalment payments or subsidies, make these products more affordable for customers. Government frameworks, such as quality standards, build confidence in the quality and safety of products. In this way, EnDev ensures that reliable and affordable energy solutions are available locally and supports the development of sustainable markets over the long term.

Country-level approaches are tailored to the specific contexts to reflect the priorities of African Union Member States, their national energy strategies, and local market conditions. This allows EnDev to respond to different levels of market maturity, institutional capacities, and access challenges, while ensuring the additionality of its interventions and strong coordination and complementarity with other development partners and sector initiatives. EnDev is building strategic alliances with the World Bank's ASCENT programme under Mission 300, acting as a bridge between local markets and large-scale financing mechanisms, and aligning with the Africa-EU Green Energy Initiative.



## EnDev's strategic evolution

EnDev's updated strategy is guided by a shared vision of African-led energy market transformation, with the goal of achieving universal, affordable, and sustainable energy access as a foundation for prosperity.

The strategy is grounded in three core principles:

- **African priority-driven focus:** All interventions are aligned with the priorities of the AUC's Agenda 2063 and the African Single Electricity Market (AfSEM) as well as Member State priorities, ensuring complementarity between national, regional and continental levels. Programming is conducted with national stakeholders with a clear focus on implementation on country-level.
- **Alliance of development partners:** A coalition of like-minded donors ensures coordinated action, collective accountability, and openness to welcoming new partners over time.
- **Proven foundation:** EnDev leverages over two decades of market development experience, keeping what works while evolving its role from market enabler to system integrator and catalyst.

Furthermore, EnDev now forms part of the broader programme **"Accelerating the Energy Transition in Africa – ENGAGE"** as its dedicated energy access pillar, complementing continental initiatives on energy sector transformation and regional electricity market integration and strengthening the link between AU strategic priorities and implementation at Member

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