



Press Release

Official launch of European Union support to Energising Development Ethiopia

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In 2017, the European Union Delegation to Ethiopia, the core donors of German Development Cooperation's Energising Development (EnDev) programme and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, together with the Government of Ethiopia, agreed to fund existing EnDev Ethiopia activities with an additional budget of EUR 10.35 million.

The European Union (EU) support to Energising Development in Ethiopia provides solutions for a wide range of demands in Ethiopia. The support will be directed towards developing and growing the market for modern renewable energy technologies and services as well as energy efficiency solutions. The joint action focuses on equipping social institutions with solar power, upgrading water mills to micro-hydropower plants and strengthening local markets for solar lanterns, improved cookstoves and biomass briquettes. With the additional funding from the EU Delegation to Ethiopia and EnDev core donors, lower income households, social institutions and small & medium-sized enterprises in Ethiopia will gain better access to energy from renewable sources.

With the extra resources from the EU and EnDev core donors, around 500,000 people will be reached. 100 social institutions, predominantly rural health centres and schools, without access to electricity from the national power grid will receive solar power technology to run their facilities and technology. In addition, measures will help establish 100 production sites for enhanced manufacturing of cookstoves, which can be used for cleaner cooking in rural households normally dependent on firewood. 1,100 improved cookstoves will be provided to social institutions and 2,000 sold to businesses. 240,000 improved cook stoves will be manufactured to go on sale – accompanied by targeted promotional activities. The EU support in Ethiopia will further strengthen the commercial distribution of quality solar power systems leading to sales of 100,000 solar lanterns and 1,300 solar home systems to households and businesses. Further, 30 traditional water mills will be upgraded with technology for renewable energy, enabling the socio-economic development of rural communities. The federal and regional governments will significantly contribute to the implementation and funding of hydropower mini-grid constructions.

Implemented by GIZ, EnDev has since 2005 contributed to 1.2 million people gaining access to modern cooking energy and providing a further 433,000 with off-grid power in Ethiopia. 487 social institutions and 3,400 enterprises have been supplied with modern energy solutions. The action with the EU contributes to the National Electrification Programme, launched by the Ethiopian Prime Minister on 27 November 2017. Furthermore, the project's objectives are aligned to the Government of Ethiopia's Climate Resilient Green Growth Strategy and its second Growth and Transformation



Plan and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), especially goal #7 for affordable and clean energy.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Electricity is the lead partner of the project. Other national partners of EnDev Ethiopia include the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Ministry of Health and of Education as well as the Regional Energy Bureaus.



About the global Energising Development Partnership

Energising Development is a multi-donor, multi-implementer energy access partnership currently financed at global level by six donor countries – the Netherlands, Germany, Norway, the United Kingdom, Switzerland and Sweden. As a part of the global programme, *Energising Development Ethiopia* has additional co-funding from Ireland, Korea and the European Union. Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH acts as lead agency for the implementation of the programme and cooperates closely with the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) at global level as well as other implementation partners at country level. Currently, EnDev is implemented in 25 developing countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

EnDev promotes sustainable access to modern energy services that meet the needs of the poor – long lasting, affordable, and appreciated by users. By 2019, access for minimum 20 million people worldwide shall be achieved. The bottom-up approach contributes to create positive economic, social and environmental impacts. Since its initiation in 2005, EnDev has attained a prominent position in the international energy access debate. EnDev is one of the first outcome-based and performance-based programmes in the energy sector; as such EnDev pioneers innovative approaches, develops new markets for pro-poor energy access and scales up successful interventions.

About the EU Delegation to Ethiopia

The Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia was opened in Addis Ababa in February 1975. Starting from 1 December 2009 with the Lisbon Treaty entering into force, the Delegation of the European Commission was transformed into the Delegation of the European Union to Ethiopia. The Delegation in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia is one of over 130 European Union Delegations around the world and is partnered in Addis Ababa by the Delegation of the European Union to the African Union. The new office of the European Investment Bank in Ethiopia, and with links to the African Union, is collocated with the delegation.

The EU financial and technical cooperation supports Ethiopia's ambitious economic development agenda. The 11th European Development Fund a multi-annual financial framework for the period 2014-2020, is aligned to the broad objectives of Ethiopian's Growth and Transformation Plan and Climate Resilient Green Economy strategy, and to the specific objectives of sector plans in the focal areas of cooperation. In particular, in the period 2014-2020 (EUR 745 M), three focal sectors of cooperation have been defined for Ethiopia: (i) Sustainable agriculture and food security, (ii) Health, and (iii) Infrastructure for Economic transformation and for Climate Change. The development of sustainable energy is a growing component of the third sector contributing to both development and fight climate change.

The European Commission Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection (ECHO) is also operating in Ethiopia ensuring rapid and effective delivery of EU relief assistance through its two main instruments: civil protection and humanitarian aid.



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