



## Energy Access Foundation

Advancing Innovation and Entrepreneurship in Rural Energy

Energy Access Foundation is a non-profit organization that increases access to clean and renewable energy for unserved populations in emerging markets through rural energy enterprises to alleviate poverty, expand economic development, and protect the environment.

EAF catalyzes affordable service to underserved communities in developing countries by supporting the expansion of rural energy delivery capacity and engaging in-country microfinance capability. EAF views small and medium enterprises as vital partners and the best means of accelerating rural energy services and creating replicable models for service to remote or disadvantaged communities without access to modern energy sources.

EAF supports accelerating energy access through:

- **Innovation** – Funding innovative, catalytic, and transformative approaches to serving disadvantaged rural populations based on private-sector efficiencies and entrepreneurship, and supporting capacity building for rural energy products and services and related microfinance.

- **Consumer Finance** – Using targeted financial instruments such as loans and loan guarantees to help engage local finance organizations such as microfinance institutions, rural banks, and savings and credit cooperatives to provide the consumer microfinance to expand the reach of distributed clean energy through the private sector.
- **Enabling environments** – Engaging and educating policymakers on the potential for distributed clean energy, microfinance, and rural energy enterprises in expanding energy access, and supporting the development of smart rural energy solutions and policies.

EAF seeks to achieve its mission through collaborations with:

- Rural energy industry clusters, such as the REDCO Alliance
- Microfinance networks and support organizations, such as ACCION International and Women's World Banking
- Clean energy support organizations, such as Winrock International

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