

Solar home systems, efficient cook stoves, Rwanda

Essential facts and figures	
Project activity	Off-grid solar-home-systems
Project site	Rwanda
Project owner	Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN)
Start date of operation	2022
Project duration	2022 until 2024
Quantity of emission reductions (in tonnes of CO ₂)	450'000 VERs with an option for conversion into ITMOs (CCF share 8%)

Project description

The Rwandan government provides off-grid solar home systems and clean cooking stoves. Almost all Rwandan households cook using biomass, mainly non sustainably used firewood. The spread of efficient and clean cooking stoves lowers the consumption of firewood, reducing carbon emissions and protecting valuable forests. Off-grid solar home systems can supply electricity to millions of people living in remote rural areas at a remove from the power grid. They also reduce reliance on fossil fuels such as kerosene, often used in Rwanda to operate generators for local electricity production.

The funds provided by the Ci-Dev are used to subsidise the distribution and the sale of an additional 10'000 off-grid power systems and 300'000 efficient and clean cooking stoves, which will benefit low-income households. The project is thus scheduled to avoid 450'000 tonnes of CO₂, which will be purchased by the Ci-Dev as certificates. The project's emission reductions are generated within the Standardised Crediting Framework (SCF), which has been in development in Rwanda since 2019 with funding by the Ci-Dev. This new standard, tailored toward the provisions of the Paris Agreement, takes over from the CDM and ensures the environmental integrity of certified greenhouse gas emission reductions.

The project is scheduled to generate verified emsission reductions of 450'000 tonnes of CO2, which will be purchased by the World Bank's "Carbon Initiative for Development" (Ci-Dev), in which the Climate Cent Foundation holds a share.

Project status (July 2023)

Implementation has started in 2022. Almost 50'000 cook stoves have already been installed.

Project owner

The project is being run by the government of Rwanda, represented by the Ministry of Finance and Economic Planning (MINECOFIN).

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