



**PRESS RELEASE**  
**THE GREEN MINI GRID FACILITY KENYA LAUNCHES ITS FIRST CALL FOR PROPOSALS**



The Green Mini Grid Facility Kenya aims to enhance access to energy in Kenya by encouraging private investment in renewable energy based mini-grids.

Access to energy is recognised as a basic human right by the Kenyan 2010 Constitution. Subsequently the Kenyan Government is committed to ensuring that all Kenyans have this access by the year 2020, in line with Vision 2030.

The GMG Facility Kenya was established to support the Government's commitment towards Kenya's electrification, with funding from the UK Department for International Development (DfID), for investment in milestone based investment grants, output based grants, and technical assistance for both mini-grid developers and the sector as a whole.

The Agence Française de Développement (AFD) is the implementing partner for the Facility. AFD has strong regional experience in managing programmes aimed at promoting renewable energy resources and energy efficiency. AFD has partnered with Innovation Energie Développement to be the Managing Entity. IED will manage the day-to-day operations of the GMG Facility, in partnership with I-DEV and Practical Action Consulting.

Ultimately, the GMG Facility will provide assistance to the private sector in a responsible manner so as to develop sustainable and scalable businesses supporting a market driven approach to providing energy access to all Kenyans.

The GMG Facility Kenya was rolled out on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2017 at the GIZ Financing for Mini-Grid workshop, where Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Energy and Petroleum, the Hon. Dr. Eng. Joseph Njoroge, emphasized the importance of mini-grids to the mix of energy solutions to meet the goal of reaching all Kenyans with affordable power. The **First Call for Proposals** will be March 2017, with a rolling call thereafter. Private mini-grid developers, non-governmental organizations, and local institutions can submit proposals with a chance of accessing technical and financial support for the design, development and execution of green mini-grids in Kenya.

All information on where and how to submit an application can be found on the GMG Facility's website: [www.gmgfacilitykenya.org](http://www.gmgfacilitykenya.org)

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