

# First Quarter Progress Report for FY 2019

AWP Programme/Project Progress Report

UNDAF Pillar: Pillar 1: Sustainable Economic Growth and Risk Reduction

UNDAF Outcome:

**Outcome 1:** Favorable legal and regulatory environment are designed for small-scale off-grid renewable energy investments in rural areas, and modalities for stakeholder training to comply with and implement the new standards and regulations are in place by 2018.

**Outcome 2:** Greater awareness among rural populations about the benefits and qualities of renewable energy for household and productive uses, as well as awareness among RET enterprises about the availability of SFM and business support created by 2017.

**Outcome 3:** By 2020, replicable business model for wider scale-up across other developing countries by adopting an integrated approach to addressing demand and supply-side barriers is created.

**Outcome 4:** By 2017 Business incubation programme commenced to support greater entrepreneurship in RET investment.

## Expected Project Output(s):

### Component 1: Strengthened Regulatory and Legal Framework based on National Standards

**Output 1.1** Improved and new standards are in place for domestic cook-stoves and solar lighting products

**Output 1.2** New regulations for enforcement of standards in place

**Output 1.3** Stakeholders have been trained in implementation and adherence to the new standards and regulations

### Component 2: Rural Public Awareness Campaign on Renewable Energy Technologies

**Output 2.1** Public awareness campaign to end-users for small-scale RETs designed and implemented through national and regional media

**Output 2.2** Showcasing of specific RETs introduced through technology roadshows by hired RET enterprises

**Output 2.3** Awareness campaign to RET-enterprises for SFM and business incubation services designed and implemented

### Component 3: Sustainable Financial Mechanism (SFM) for RETs for rural households

**Output 3.1** Risk capital for Financial Service Providers established.

Output 3.1.1 Pre-Investment Technical Assistance

Output 3.1.2 Risk Capital Grants

**Output 3.2** Credit Risk Guarantees Fund established

**Output 3.3** Technical assistance provided for FSPs to deploy SFM for RETs

**Output 3.4** Knowledge management and dissemination provided;

**Component 4: Business Incubator to Promote Greater Entrepreneurship for Investment in RETs**

**Output 4.1: Business incubation support programme initiated at MoWIE**

Output 4.1.1 Linking activities with the Entrepreneurship Development Programme

**Output 4.2** Basic business advisory support granted to RET enterprises

**Output 4.3** Capable innovators enrolled for advanced business mentoring and advisory service

**Output 4.4** Monitoring of RET enterprises development established

**Programme/Project:** Promoting Sustainable Rural Energy Technologies (RETs) for Household and Productive Uses

**Reporting Period [EFY]:** January-March 2019 (First Quarter)

**Implementing Partner:** Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy

**UN Agency:** UNDP

Planned Activities	Output Indicators and Quarter Targets	Results Achieved during this quarter	Cumulative results achieved since Q1 current EFY	Expenditure reported <sup>5</sup>	Issues/ Challenges
<b>OUTCOME 1. Strengthened Regulatory and Legal Framework Based on National Standards;</b>				USD 34,830	
<b>Output 1.2:</b> New regulations and procedures for enforcement of the standards are in place	New regulations for enforcement of standards are in place				
1.2.1. Preparing implementation strategy for national solar standard	1 implementation strategy	A technical working group comprise of key institutions (Ethiopian Standards Agency, Ethiopian Energy Authority, Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopian Solar Energy Development Association) established and the first draft standard implementation strategy document developed.	A technical working group comprise of key institutions (Ethiopian Standards Agency, Ethiopian Energy Authority, Ethiopian Conformity Assessment Enterprise, Ministry of Water, Irrigation and Energy, Ethiopian Solar Energy Development Association) established and the first draft standard implementation strategy document developed.		
1.2.2. Gathering of valuable inputs from stakeholders on the draft implementation strategy		The draft implementation strategy document circulated for relevant stakeholders for feedback	The draft implementation strategy document circulated for relevant stakeholders for feedback		
1.2.3. Printing the implementation strategy and distribute to stakeholders;	1500 copies	Preparation to publish enough copies of the document is underway, once the process of preparing the strategy	Preparation to publish enough copies of the document is underway, once the process of preparing the strategy document is completed, it will		

		document is completed, it will be carried out.	be carried out.		
<b>Output 1.3:</b> Stakeholders have been trained on how to comply with new standards and regulations					
1.3.1. Enforcing the approved standards in two pilot regions	two pilot regions	Since the process of preparing draft implementation strategy not completed, this task was not carried out.	Since the process of preparing draft implementation strategy not completed, this task was not carried out.		
<b>OUTCOME 2: Rural Public Awareness Campaign on Renewable Energy Technologies</b>				USD 56,273	
<b>Output 2.1:</b> Public awareness campaign to end-users for small scale RETs designed and implemented through national and regional media	Number, size and length of appearances of promotions in media				
2.1.1 Broadcasting radio and TV messages in regional languages; And performing contractual agreements with selected messages;	150 message repetitions	Radio spot messages broadcasted in SNNP and Benishanguel Gumuz regions in different languages with more than 150 repetitions	Radio spot messages broadcasted in SNNP and Benishanguel Gumuz regions in different languages with more than 150 repetitions		
<b>Output 2.2:</b> Showcasing of specific RETs introduced through technology roadshows by hired RET enterprises	Type, item prices and estimated efficiency of technologies directly sold at road shows.				
2.2.1. Undertaking technology road shows on four regions by hired RET enterprises	6 woredas participated in the roadshow	Selection of woredas for the third-round technology roadshow finalized in three regions (Oromia, Somali and SNNP)	Selection of woredas for the third-round technology roadshow finalized in three regions (Oromia, Somali and SNNP)		
2.2.2. Undertaking assessment study on the impact of radio messages and technology road shows	One assessment report produced	It was planned to assess and evaluate the impacts of radio and TV promotional messages as well as technology road shows on community awareness about energy technologies, and two teams of professionals have undertaken data collection in Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP and Tigray regions. The draft report of the assessment study is underway	It was planned to assess and evaluate the impacts of radio and TV promotional messages as well as technology road shows on community awareness about energy technologies, and two teams of professionals have undertaken data collection in Amhara, Oromiya, SNNP and Tigray regions. The draft report of the assessment study is underway		
2.2.3 Providing support for enterprises to promote their products on public areas	10 RET enterprises that got the support	11 (10 in Amhara and 1 in Afar) enterprises have got the support to promote their products along with	11 (10 in Amhara and 1 in Afar) enterprises have got the support to promote their products along with the		

		the technology road show prepared by the project	technology road show prepared by the project		
<b>Output 2.3:</b> Awareness campaign to RET enterprises for SFM and business incubation services designed and implemented					
2.3.1. Broadcasting radio spot messages using at least four local languages	Number of RET enterprises using SFM or applying for business incubation services.	Radio spot message script drafted and selection of the radio station started	Radio spot message script drafted and selection of the radio station started		
<b>OUTCOME 3.</b> Sustainable Financial Mechanism (SFM) for RETs for rural households					
<b>Output 3.2:</b> Credit Risk Guarantees Fund established					
3.3.1. Support to DBE on the operationalizing of the credit risk guarantee fund - continued on the job support by local consultant	Number of technical supports provide to DBE	Support has been provided to DBE by local consultant housed at DBE	Support has been provided to DBE by local consultant housed at DBE		
3.3.2 National learning and sharing workshops on RET financing (knowledge exchange)	1 Workshop	Preparation to conduct the workshop finalized	Preparation to conduct the workshop finalized		
3.3.3 Policy Discussion Forum	3 forums	The Steering committee gave direction that conducting policy discussion forum on forex and customs is beyond the scope of the project. Therefore, these forums are cancelled	The Steering committee gave direction that conducting policy discussion forum on forex and customs is beyond the scope of the project. Therefore, these forums are cancelled		
3.3.4: Learning from international best practices	1 study tour	Host country and institution are identified. ToR for the visit was developed Discussion with the selected host institution to select projects and sites to be visited started Agreed with the host institution on the tentative date of the visit  Request for travel approval has been submitted to MoWIE	Host country and institution are identified. ToR for the visit was developed Discussion with the selected host institution to select projects and sites to be visited started Agreed with the host institution on the tentative date of the visit  Request for travel approval has been submitted to MoWIE		
3.3.5: Guarantee Fund Management Committee Meeting	4 meetings (1 meeting per quarter)	The first quarter meeting conducted	The meeting for the first quarter conducted		
3.3.6: Orientation program to potential FIs	1 orientation workshop	One-on-one orientation conducted with Financial Intermediaries	One-to-one orientation was conducted with Financial Intermediaries		
3.3.7: Opening Expression of Interest (EOI) window for MFIs and banks, receiving EOIs, shortlisting of EOIs	Number of expressions of Interest received from FIs	EOIs were received from 9 FIs	EOIs have been received from 9 FIs		

3.3.12 Business Development Service (including business plan preparation) to RET suppliers	Number of RET suppliers benefited from the BDS	Training manual on business plan preparation drafted	Training manual on business plan preparation was drafted		
3.3.13: Learning Sharing and Planning activities (inter FI activities)	10 learning and planning workshop	The FIs did not express their needs for this activity	The FIs did not express their needs for this activity		
3.3.14: Facilitate linkage between grant winner RET suppliers (under component 4) and partner financial institutions	Number of grant winning RET suppliers linked with FIs	14 grant winning enterprises were linked with partner FIs. Out of which 4 enterprises already started loan processing	14 grant winning enterprises were linked with partner FIs. Out of which 4 enterprises already started loan processing		
<b>OUTCOME 4:</b> Business incubation support program initiative established at MoWIE	Numbers of enterprises that launch micro-businesses to sell either small scale solar technologies or improved cook stoves (or both)			USD 30,100	
<b>Output 4.1:</b> Business incubation support programme initiated at MoWIE					
4.1.1. Identifying technology need of enterprises, institution that provide training, and providing training on identified technology skill need;	Technology skill need assessment report  Number of training participants	Assessment of technology skill need of enterprises conducted in five regions (Amhara, Gambella, Oromiya, SNNP and Tigray).  Terms of reference for providing ToT for selected model RET enterprise and 36 regional energy experts finalized	Assessment of technology skill need of enterprises conducted in five regions (Amhara, Gambella, Oromiya, SNNP and Tigray).  Terms of reference for providing ToT for selected model RET enterprise and 36 regional energy experts finalized		
4.1.2. Providing small grant award for individuals and enterprises with innovative ideas (receiving applications/applicants, prescreening, undertaking jury evaluation, and ground verification)	RET enterprises or individuals that got grant award support	48 individuals and enterprises have been applied  33 have passed the prescreening stage.  The documents of these 33 applicants evaluated  26 of them selected for the third stage evaluation (i.e. ground verification)	48 individuals and enterprises have been applied  33 have passed the prescreening stage.  The documents of these 33 applicants evaluated  26 of them selected for the third stage evaluation (i.e. ground verification)		
<b>Output 4.2:</b> Basic business advisory support granted to RET enterprises					
4.2.1. Providing Basic business advisory support for RET enterprises /micro-enterprises/ individual businesses with targeted grants to allow rural innovators to emerge;	Providing business advisory support to 60 RET enterprises	15 enterprises who participated in practical training of business advisory support have got the support services	15 enterprises who participated in practical training of business advisory support have got the support services		

<b>Project Management</b>				USD 20,358	
5.1 Undertaking quarterly project staff meeting on review of planned activities	1 review meeting	Project review meeting with project staff conducted	Project review meeting with project staff conducted		
5.2 Undertaking field based technical support and M&E activities	1 field visit to the nine regions	Monitoring and evaluation activities on the field not performed as per the travel plan due to task overlap and security problems in some areas. However, along with technology road shows, two expert team has undertaken monitoring and evaluation activities on the project performance in 4 regions namely Afar, Amhara, Harari and Tigray.	Monitoring and evaluation activities on the field not performed as per the travel plan due to task overlap and security problems in some areas. However, along with technology road shows, two expert team has undertaken monitoring and evaluation activities on the project performance in 4 regions namely Afar, Amhara, Harari and Tigray.		
5.4 Carrying out project review and evaluation meeting	1 review meeting	The project review meeting postponed to the second quarter.	The project review meeting postponed to the second quarter.		

**Lessons learned (optional):**

**Innovation (optional):**

<b>Recommended Actions</b>	<b>Time Frame</b>	<b>Responsible body</b>
Regular monitoring and evaluation activities should be carried out at the nine regions	Every quarter	M and E officer with technical project staffs
Accelerate the recruitment of the technical energy experts	End of June 2019	Project office

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