

UNDP in The Gambia



Investing in Solar PV in The Gambia - NAMA Support Project (NSP)

Start date: 2020

End date: 2025

Budget (NAMA FACILITY): EUR 11,751,199

Currently, The Gambia is significantly reliant on heavy fuel oil generators to generate electricity. With the NAMA Support Project, these generators would no longer be the only source of electricity during the day for key rural hubs, instead, the main source of electricity will switch to solar. This project is unique as it will bring together public and private sector to achieve developmental objectives. With support from UNCDF and UNDP, The Government of The Gambia is engaging with private sector to establish two solar facilities in Basse and Farafenni, these facilities will provide 10.5MW of energy to electrical grids in rural Gambia. The 11 million euro grant being received from the NAMA Facility will be utilized as a robust risk mitigation tool to ensure investor confidence. The project will contribute to the achievement of targets and aims outlined in the current national Electricity Roadmap and the National Development Plan. The project will also help The Gambia to achieve its Nationally Determined Contributions.

Project Outcomes:

- 1) Greenhouse gas emissions directly reduced by the NSP intervention
- 2) Increase of renewable energy-based electricity generation
- 3) Reduction of fossil fuels imports

UNDP is working closely with the National Water and Electricity Company (NAWEC) to implement this project. As well as the risk mechanism, part of the grant funding will be used to build NAWEC's capacity in negotiating and managing Power Purchase Agreements and working with Independent Power Producers.

UNDP looks forward to forging more partnerships to further strengthening NAWEC's capacities in the area of renewable energy.



For more information on how to engage, or to share ideas on how to address the crisis in The Gambia, contact Mariam Njai, Communications Analyst at: mariam.njai@undp.org / +220 3303180

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