

PROGRESS REPORT ON THE ROGEP PREPARATION:

ACHIEVEMENTS, NEW DEVELOPMENTS, AND CHALLENGES

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BACKGROUND

- ROGEP covers 15 ECOWAS and 4 Sahelian countries. The 4 countries are Cameroon, Chad, Central Africa Republic and Mauritania.
- The Project Preparatory Advance (PPA) commenced in 2017
- Implementation expected to start in Sept. 2019.

ACHIEVEMENTS

- ROGEP received the final approval from the World Bank in April 2019
- A PIU has been established in both ECREEE and BOAD.
- National Workshops in all countries to seek inputs from stakeholders
- Market Assessment across the 19 Countries conducted by GreenMax underway.
 - Validation of the Reports in the Project Countries will commence in September 2019

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developing of Standards for Stand Alone Solar Systems for ECOWAS
- Commence the implementation of the Off Grid Pilot Project for Health, Educational Centers and Productive Uses in Nigeria and Niger
- Conducted Capacity Building programmes for Entrepreneurs to improve their skills

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Developed and published the Safeguarding Framework for the project including a Grievances Reporting Mechanism
- Established Multistakeholder Committees in 6 countries with more to either be established or joined existing ones.
- Conducted two certification programmes for technicians in Dakar and Accra.
- Gender mainstreaming of all activities of the project.

NEW DEVELOPMENTS

- Continue with the Elaboration of the various activities among others:
 - Complete the framework and engagement of the private sector in the pilot project by end of the year
 - Launch the process to identify the Fund Manager for the operations of the Grants
 - Engage with Stakeholders in the Validation of the Market Assessment results
 - Launch the Awareness Campaign to reach the end users and promote stand alone solar systems
 - Access to Finance through BOAD to commence before year end.
 - Organize the regional capacity building Workshop for improvement of policy and regulatory framework and technical Assistance to countries for improvement of improvement of policy and regulatory framework

CHALLENGES

- As a multi country project, achieving parity across board with respect to impact is very high.
- Limited Funding to be able to address all the critical gaps in the development of the sector in each country.
- Divergent stakeholders limits the turn around time for implementation of activities

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