



Powering Opportunity

Energy access is just the beginning. To drive lasting change, we must ensure communities have what they need to use energy to prosper and thrive.

The challenge

1.2 billion young people will reach working age this decade. But current trends suggest the world will create only 420 million jobs. In emerging economies, small businesses – farmers, young entrepreneurs, women-led enterprises – form the backbone of job creation and economic growth. But even as energy access expands, high costs, unreliable supply and lack of tools and resources prevent many from turning access into jobs and opportunity.

The opportunity

Reliable, abundant and affordable energy is the economic bedrock of thriving communities and economies. But access to energy is just the beginning. **Powering Opportunity** is about what people do with it. When energy is embedded in industry, and paired with tools, training, finance and market access, it can help address the global jobs crisis, power human development and improve millions of lives. This is how infrastructure becomes economically viable, markets become self-sustaining, energy powers opportunity and lasting change takes hold.

A powerful foundation

Pilot projects are already creating and improving jobs across the globe.

Interventions

- Business support
- Innovative finance mechanisms
- Government partnerships

Focus

- Women and youth
- Remote communities
- Farmers and fishers

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The **Haiti solar mesh grids** program is bringing energy to **10,000 homes and businesses**, with a pipeline to reach **25,000 more**.

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The **Powering Development and Economic Resilience** program will shift focus of Brazil's rural electrification program beyond access to opportunity, strengthening **875,000 livelihoods** in the Amazon.

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In Nigeria, the **Energizing Agriculture Programme** delivers productive energy and tools to farmers and other food producers, putting us on track to create or improve 150,000 jobs.

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The \$12.6 million **Productive Use Financing Facility** enables small businesses in six African countries to access tools like fridges, mills and electric pumps. The program builds off a two-year pilot that helped **58,000 households** grow incomes by **an average of 94%**.

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In Nigeria and Ethiopia, the **Energizing Women and Youth in Agri-Food Systems** program supports 17,000 women entrepreneurs with productive tools and training.

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In Kenya, the **Clean Energy Solutions for Women** project pilots local bank financing to deliver productive tools to **3000+ women entrepreneurs**.

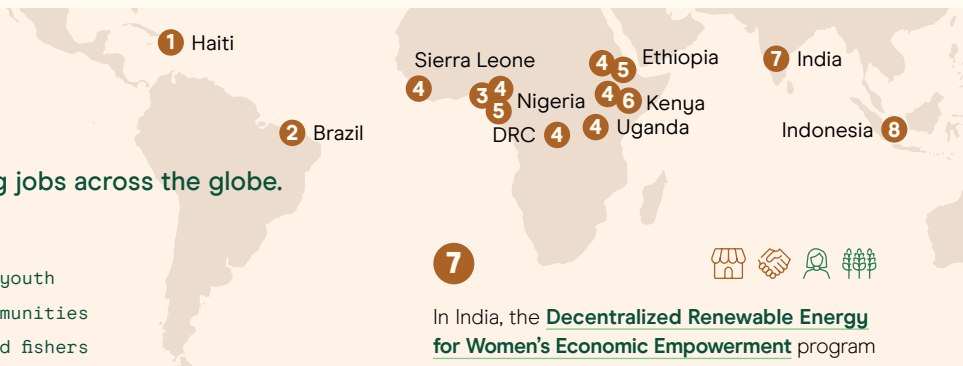
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In India, the **Decentralized Renewable Energy for Women's Economic Empowerment** program empowers **10,000 rural businesses** with energy-enabled equipment. Plans to scale across five more states, enabling at least **500,000 jobs**.

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In Indonesia, the **Sun to Sea** initiative will replace diesel generators with solar power, batteries and ice makers in 20-40 Indonesian fishing communities, with the goal to rollout to **4000+ communities**.

With all these initiatives, we work within existing systems, ensuring energy and opportunity scales through channels that already drive economic growth. Our interventions include leveraging existing government programs (as in Brazil), embedding solutions within corporate supply chains (as in India), and coordinating finance to unlock further capital (as in the Productive Use Financing Facility).



The Powering Opportunity Coalition

Our programs are already delivering impact worldwide. Now a powerful partnership is poised to take this work to scale.

The Powering Opportunity Coalition convenes governments, non-profits, private sector and other partners to coordinate large-scale investments, share best practices across geographies and translate siloed work into energy systems change.



Defining the coalition are strategic alliances in priority countries and regions — Zambia, India, Indonesia, Northeast Brazil and others — where partners align behind a shared agenda, sequence investments for maximum impact, and hold each other accountable to measurable outcomes. A Center of Excellence disseminates lessons from these alliances, develops data-backed insights and identifies opportunities to scale.

Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet is the system orchestrator for the Powering Opportunity Coalition, aligning actors and funding, stewarding shared data, identifying gaps and mobilizing partners. Through collaborative action, the Powering Opportunity Coalition is an accelerator and multiplier that transforms energy investment into economic development.

Together we are harnessing the power of electricity to create and improve millions of jobs and unlock inclusive, sustainable economic growth at scale.



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In Niger State a woman uses an electric mill made possible through the Energizing Agriculture Programme in partnership with RMI

The **Powering Opportunity Coalition** complements large scale regional alliances such as **Mission 300** — a partnership with the World Bank and African Development Bank to connect 300 million people to electricity by 2030. In Zambia for example, backed by over \$450 million in financing, we are helping advance the government's goal of universal energy access and accelerate the productive use of electricity in agriculture and rural settings. This kind of energy-led economic growth can only be delivered by a committed coalition of partners.

Our ambition

Once fully scaled across eight priority countries, the Powering Opportunity Coalition will:



Reach **58.7 million** people with clean energy



Avoid **194 million** tons of carbon emissions



Create or improve **111.5 million** jobs

Join the Powering Opportunity Coalition. Together we can change energy and change lives.

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