

### Decentralized gender-just energy concepts

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# Concept of energy communitiy & cooperative



- ✓ Community approach: joint production and consumption
- ✓ Decentralized energy system
- ✓ Democratization of energy supply: BOTTOM-UP energy revolution
- ✓ Access to affordable renewable energy and improved services for all
- ✓ Citizens as producer, consumer, owner, investor, trader



## Energy approach





## Gender just approach





# Gender just approach from the beginning







# Technologies





## Integrated & community approach Activities and outcome



|                 | Needs<br>Assessment  | Mobilising<br>& Training                                       | Business<br>Development  | Implementation<br>& Operation  | Integration  |  |
|-----------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
|                 | COMMUNITY LEVEL  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | PV<br>Solar pump<br>Briquetting<br>Biogas                                    | Reaching out to<br>young people,<br>women and men              | Improved value chain<br>Job creation<br>Market access<br>Financial access<br>SME development | Productive use<br>Cooperation and<br>exchange between<br>communities | Awareness<br>Monitoring<br>Dissemination<br>Advocacy |  |
| HOUSEHOLD LEVEL |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|                 | PV home<br>systems<br>Briquettes<br>Efficient stoves<br>Biogas<br>Water tank | Young and female<br>ambassadors<br>Women's<br>entrepreneurship | Skilled labour<br>Income generation  | Productive use<br>Exchange between<br>members and<br>households      | Awareness<br>Monitoring<br>Dissemination<br>Advocacy |  |

## Good practice 1: Coffee cooperative in Uganda



| Technology | Output / results of coffee cooperative   |  |  |
|------------|--|--|--|
| PV         | Available and stable electricity;<br>income generated with charging station; saved costs<br>with own produced energy pay back: 2,8 years |  |  |
| Solar pump | Watering specific coffee seedlings to improve<br>quality;<br>water supply for members  |  |  |
| Biogas     | Biogas for cooking and lighting;<br>Increased awareness on alternatives to firewood;<br>pay back: 3 – 4 years                            |  |  |
| Water tank | Better water supply; rain water harvesting<br>Less work load for collecting water  |  |  |
| Briquettes | Briquette production for own use and sale; women<br>to be mainly involved; savings compared to charcoal,<br>generated income             |  |  |



#### **Gender** approach

- Gender based needs assessment
- Indicators
  - No of female participants in meeting/activities
  - No of women leading activities
  - No of women having economic savings
  - No of women having access to funding

#### Empowerment

- Women' ambassador trainings
- Technologies, management, business case
- Quota in boards of cooperative
- Gender-inclusive communication

## Good practice 2: Gender-just cooperatives in Georgia



## Gender methodologies





# Why gender-just energy communities speed up energy transition?

- Equal access for women along the entire energy value chain: knowledge, technologies, jobs, funding
- More actors for decentralized energy transition more power
- Broad acceptance
- Higher women's empowerment & leadership
- Benefits of successful concepts for climate protection and reduction of energy poverty

- Energy communities act on the local level where women have a say and therefore, have the potential to become change agents and more visible
- Higher participation of all citizens
- Using all the transformational potential
- Gender equal economy pushes just, resilient and strong communities



## Policy work / Publications



- Policy and advocacy trainings for women
- Policy work in local, national and international level: round tables, conferences, consulation processes



## Vision: Energy sharing







# Thank you!

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