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## In analysing the need for a financial de-risking mechanism in HFE, we took a systematic approach to assessing demand, current supply and capital provided to HFE



### **Demand for energy**

How can we stratify demand in target countries, and understand ability and willingness to pay for electrification?



### Supply of energy

What financial barriers are constraining developers and what financial de-risking mechanisms have been used to attempt to overcome them?



### Financing for suppliers

Who is providing capital to developers active in HFE, what kind of capital is being provided, and how could more be catalysed?

### Taken together, this provides a view of:



Demand for electrification, and who the ultimate payors are or could be for the energy generated

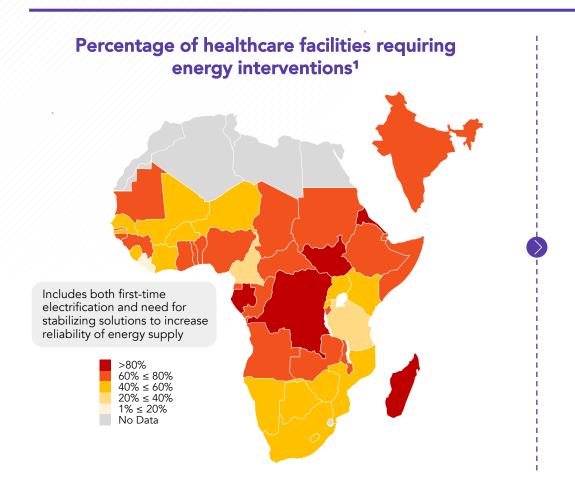


Who does or potentially could supply this energy, and what financial de-risking tools they need to unlock more activity



Who does or could provide the capital to do so, and where gaps exist relative to what the supply side have asked for

## Across sub-Saharan Africa and India need for HFE is significant – without intervention, facilities will not be able to deliver quality healthcare to best-practice standards



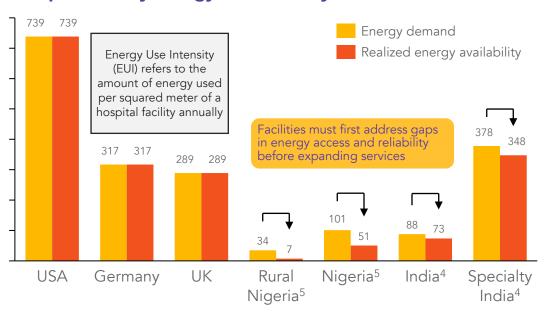
### Health facility energy deficits mean...

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50% of vaccine supplies are lost<sup>6</sup>

25-50% additional travel time to energy-functional facility<sup>7,8</sup>

### Hospital facility energy use intensity (EUI) (kWh/m²)1



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## To better understand electrification demand, we stratified health facilities into three categories, with increasing energy requirements at each level

		Tier 1	Tier 2	Tier 3
	HF type	Health post Primary health clinic	District health centre	Hospital
	Setting	Rural or remote areas	Peri-urban areas	Urban areas
	Typical services	Basic sub-acute care, antenatal/postnatal care, low- risk pregnancy delivery	Basic emergency services, and local referral services, including some labs	Emergency, and outpatient care in specialties, inpatient care, and labs
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### Unique challenges exist at each level

- Tier 1 More likely to be un-electrified and difficult to service due to distance from cities; have lower healthcare service capacity and serve the poorest patients
- Tier 2 Tend to be easier to service, but fall within grid expansion zones, which complicates investment; highervalue services tend to increase ability to pay
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## Across markets examined, there is an investment need of ~\$2.6B, with \$1.4B for public facilities and \$1.2B for private facilities – India and Nigeria make up ~70% of total need

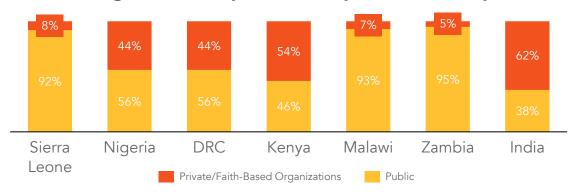
### **Estimated HFE investment deficit (US\$)**



Malawi	Zambia	India
\$16M	\$93M	\$1,016M

Segmenting investment need across public and private facilities lets us better understand who the ultimate payor for new installed capacity would be, informing bankability and approaches to de-risking

### Percentage of HFs in private and public sector operation

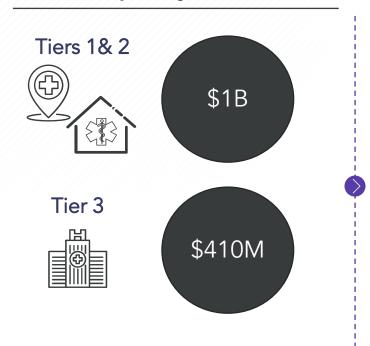


Breaking down total HFE investment need across public versus private facilities supports effective intervention planning

	SL	NG	DRC	KE	MW	ZA	IND
Total	\$11M	\$805M	\$428M	\$235M	\$16M	\$93M	\$1B
Public	\$10M	\$600M	\$240M	\$102M	\$12M	\$75M	\$386M
Private	\$1M	\$205M	\$188M	\$133M	\$4M	\$18M	\$630M

## Markets we assessed need ~\$1.4B in public facility investment, but unreliable government payors and inconsistent delivery of quality O&M pose challenges

## Estimated public HFE investment deficit in priority markets (US\$)



For public facilities, government's ability to pay either for the upfront investment costs, or ongoing O&M, is constrained by a number of factors:



General underinvestment in healthcare

- Low levels of government spending limits health coverage
- High out-of-pocket spend from budget constrained consumers
- Government is still a major provider of healthcare services despite lack of spending, especially to the poorest and more vulnerable



Tighter government budgets which limit infrastructure spend

- Macro-economic constraints are squeezing government budgets
- Growth is slowing, public debt-to-GDP is increasing as is the cost of that borrowing
- This limits government's ability to invest in long-term infrastructure plans, including HFE



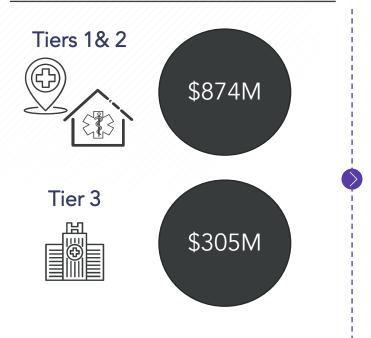
Reliance on projectbased funding for healthcare

- Considerable reliance on donor funding in health expenditure
- This creates a short term-focus on asset purchase vs. service delivery
- Donor funding is typically geared toward system installation and not towards operation, maintenance and sustainability of projects

This **limits the private sector's ability to invest in HFE**, especially in models that require longer term contractual arrangements with government as an ultimate payor

## To address private facility demand, ~\$1.2B is needed in markets we assessed – despite higher ability to reliably pay for power, these facilities also encounter barriers

## Estimated private HFE investment deficit in priority markets (US\$)



Privately-run facilities do not have to wait on slow and fickle government sponsorship, but they too struggle to present bankable power projects:



Unprofitable business models cannot cover fixed costs

- High operational costs cause constraints on ability to pay
- Caused by high fixed costs and significant variability in income
- While gross margins can be high, overheads drive unprofitability
- Adding fixed costs to electrification makes this worse



Inability to pay for upfront capex costs

- Demand for solutions that require no upfront costs (energy as a service, or lease-to-own models)
- Thin margins still leave risks of non-payment which ultimately still sits with the developers



Capacity constraints limit the demand for energy

- Smaller facilities, particularly in more remote areas, do not demand enough energy to justify stand-alone systems.
- Better suited to be an off-taker in a community level installation

### Developers across our markets have been active in HFE, and most projects are delivered 'turnkey'-ready - but funded with capex grants from donors

### **Developers active in HFE**

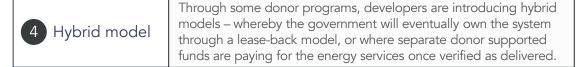
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DRC	NOUL CONTROL C
Kenya	AptechAfrica  PowerGen  AptechAfrica  KEMSI
Malawi	ARC ZUWA FORFER COMMUNITY POWER MULANJE ELECTRICITY GENERATION AGENCY
Zambia	Roll engie switch SM Sied Class Green Energy VITALITE
India	SELCO SELCO PARTNER CONSUME WISELY

### HFE delivery models in-market or being trialed

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ations are still done through a design, model, where the government is the king is necessary, but the model is oing O&M budget and execution.

3 Energy as a Service (EaaS)	hospitals in particular – relying on guarantees to secure commercial lending for their project finance debt. This could work for public facilities as well if government is the ultimate off-taker.
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Most developers noted that a majority of their projects are BOT, where the limiting factor is government's ability to maintain the systems once transferred

## Developers face challenges serving different facility types, as stability of payments and frequency of system maintenance can both vary heavily

## Developers noted idiosyncratic challenges when servicing HF tiers...

### Tier 1



- Most installations came through donor capex or community electrification
- Small facility stand-alone installations suited for SHS
- Most are not large enough to be a mini-grid anchor load

### Tier 2



• Limitations on the system size due to land availability and, regulations about proximity to the grid

• Tend to be public, as they are referral facilities<sup>1</sup>

### Tier 3



- Easiest clients to service given their ability to pay
- Grid-connected but rely on diesel for back-up generation
- Management unconvinced of savings and reliability over diesel
- Limited ability to meet upfront capex costs and require systems large enough to meet peak energy need or with significant storage capacity

## ...and any financing approach must consider off-take certainty and O&M





Developers have available financing



Investment is dependent on ability to pay



O&M costs need to be considered in both public and private

- Developers maintain strong relationships with commercial lenders
- For bankable projects, they have capital available to be deployed
- Lack of certainty around government payment and poor profitability in private facilities
- Lenders and guarantors cannot underwrite projects due to uncertain revenues
- For public and private sector, the costs of those O&M contracts must be considered
- It is not efficient to have only the HF as the off-taker, versus embedded in community electrification to share costs

<sup>(1)</sup> Anchor load defined as the main productive use customer of a mini-grid that takes up a consistent and significant portion of demand to justify the installed size of the mini-grid capacity; (2) Referral facilities are larger health facilities that have more sophisticated diagnostic and clinical infrastructure, better able to deal with more complex and acute patient needs

## Baseline project viability should be established before preferred de-risking mechanisms can be used to crowd in additional capital

## There are foundational elements that must be considered before financial de-risking...

preference

• For government as payor

• To move to an EaaS model,

certainty on off-take



Government as an offtaker needs to be solved first

> For private sector, support for demand aggregation would benefit developers reducing the sales cycle for them with private facility management

mechanisms needed to pay for on-

going O&M if the BOT model is

mechanisms needed for greater

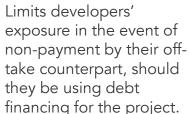
 Demand aggregation should also link to wider electrification efforts to share the fixed costs of O&M and ultimately drive down the costs of HFE – for either public or private sector facilities

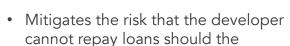
## ...but once these are addressed, developers expressed a preference for the following de-risking instruments (in rank order):

### Risks being mitigated Benefits









• Enables them to ensure solvency should projects not perform

customer default





Performancelinked grants

Mitigates the risk that the payor cannot cover the full cost of energy produced in a service model where the client is paying a tariff.

- Gives developers increased certainty on capex payback should they deliver services
- Keeps the project performance in their locus of control
- Can be sun-setting, reducing over time as investment is recouped





Concessional debt

Reduces the overall costs of the project, therefore reducing the time for the project to breakeven. And can be subordinated in the capital structure to transfer risk to parties best able to bear it.

- Allows developers to reduce the pay-back period of the project
- Does still leave them exposed in the case that their counterpart defaults on payment



Demand aggregation is key for both public and private sectors

## The vast majority of capital provided to HFE has been in grants, with some small de-risked DFI investments testing new models

### **Activity across Africa & India**









Most HFE capital is donor grants channelled through broader electrification programs



At-risk capital has been provided by DFIs who themselves were de-risked



Major guarantors are absent

NB - List is non-exhaustive and to be updated through additional market research

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

### While most donor funding has been capex grants, new approaches are being tested which could unlock commercial capital investing in distributed energy



~\$175M-250M invested in HFE by donors in seven analyzed countries - 95% of which is capex grants



Only 7 identified HFE projects include results based financing or blended finance



Vast majority of private finance is channelled through developer relationships, and not HFE specific



Rural Energy Program – Uganda



World Bank ROGEAP pilot – Nigeria



UNDP Performance PPA – Zambia and Malawi

There are several donors that are testing new models - some of which involve innovative financing structures to enable government to be a more stable off-take, enabling other investors to enter the market











All HFE specific investments have been undertaken by DFIs, with some form of concessional capital used to de-risk the investment. Most investors are not willing to enter the market given the constraints - even impact focused investors.



























There are commercial investors that could be drawn into the market, many of which have blended capital structures themselves which can enable them to take on more risk but projects still need to be made bankable

## There remains a significant investment gap of at least \$2.35B in the countries analyzed – and conservatively extrapolating globally we estimate a gap of at least \$3.6B

\$2.6B

Estimated investment need for HFE across countries analyzed

~\$175-250M

Estimated investment in HFE across countries analyzed

Based on the demand and investment estimates across countries of analysis, we estimate a funding gap of at least \$2.35B. This is a conservative estimate.

\$4.9B

World Bank and WHO estimates of investment need for HFE globally



Conservative estimate of HFE investments globally based on countries analyzed

By conservatively taking 5x the amount of funding estimated in the countries of analysis for this study, there would still be a funding gap of at least \$3.6B globally for HFE.

<sup>1 –</sup> This represents a conservative estimate and is not based on collection of data for all countries globally. As the countries of interest for this report constitute six of the top ten most active countries for donor programs in HFE, a conservative multiple of 5 or greater could be applied to the estimated funding in the target countries to approximate a global investment total.

## There are several potential de-risking mechanisms that, if implemented, could catalyse the deployment of at-risk capital into HFE

Potential mechanism	Target of intervention	Most relevant for
Donor-supported liquidity pool for energy services	Provides certainty to developers that there is sufficient funding available to pay for contractual obligations by the government.	Public sector facility investments
Sovereign credit guarantees for project debt finance	Should the government default on their obligations, allows the developer to be at least partially covered for any debt obligations taken on for project financing.	Public sector facility investments
Guarantees to developers for debt project finance	Should the health facility default on their obligations, allows the developer to be at least partially covered for any debt obligations taken on for project financing.	Private sector facility investments
Concessional loans to developers for debt project finance	Encouraging senior secured lenders to enter into projects by taking a subordinate position or providing below-market rate debt to developers.	Private sector facility investments
OEM concessional working capital facility for developers targeting HFE	Reduction of upfront costs to the developer, allowing them to unlock more working capital and reach a larger scale more quickly. As they are paying for most of the system close to the time of installation (and therefore payment from customers), it reduces their working capital burden. This can also eliminate or reduce any upfront costs of system installation for the customers.	Private sector facility investments
Support to identify private facilities and explain benefits of a solar energy installation	Developers noted that the costliest part of the transaction was identifying the potential partners and explaining the benefits of the solar installation to them. Having programs in place to reduce the sales time would enable developers to spend more time actually installing solutions.	Private sector facility investments
Time-bound subsidy to incentivize action	Related to the issues above, developers noted that time-bound grants (where subsidy was only on offer within a given fiscal year for example) helped in the sales process as it focused facility management and gave them a deadline to focus the decision making around the installation of a solar system. Could also be relevant for public facilities.	Public and Private sector facility investments
Decentralised Renewable Energy Certificates (D-RECs) for HFE investments	D-RECs are electronic records that verify the source of electricity used, allowing electricity buyers to make reliable claims about this energy. These certificates can be purchased by corporates that are seeking to offset their global emissions. The purchase of these certificates then creates revenues that flow back to the project developer.	Public and Private sector facility investments

### Large commitments have been made by some of the most active donors to electrify >98K facilities<sup>1</sup>, offering potential areas for partnership















#### Commitments

- DARES<sup>2</sup> program to electrify 100K schools and health facilities by 2026
- ESMAP to allocate \$10M to include health facility electrification in existing World Bank programs
- Health Electrification and **Telecommunications** Alliance (HETA) initiative to electrify 10K health facilities by 2030
- Piloting a PPA/service based model to electrify health facilities across Africa
- Piloting an Islamic finance compliant endowment structure in Cameroon, Mauritania, and Senegal to finance HFF
- Piloting a model that can Provide energy to 25k be scaled to electrify 10K facilities per year leveraging the CCEOP<sup>3</sup> platform. The pilot will electrify 2.6K facilities
  - health facilities across 12 states by 2026

**Partners** 











Collectively these programs are seeking to electrify 98K facilities across the target markets. They may present an opportunity for partnership should they support and seed new models for investment into HFE.

<sup>1.</sup> Assumes 50% of World Bank commitment covers health facilities 2.Distributed Access through Renewable Energy Scale-up Platform 3. Cold Chain Equipment Optimization Platform Sources: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis; https://www.worldbank.org/en/events/2022/11/15/partnerships-to-scale-up-energy-access

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## CrossBoundary and KOIS were engaged to map the capital landscape for health facility electrification (HFE) and design financial interventions to de-risk HFE investment





### Task A

Study the market for health facility electrification in select geographies and provide qualitative and quantitative analyses of investment risks to be mitigated

### Task B

Investigate and design suitable financial interventions for de-risking investments in HFE, with the goal of enabling increased public-private partnerships and catalysing the deployment of at-risk capital

Given the breadth of the challenge represented by HFE, the CrossBoundary-KOIS Consortium agreed with the Funders and Partners that the focus of Task A should be a capital map targeting Sierra Leone, Nigeria, DRC, Kenya, Malawi, Zambia, and India. These countries were chosen due to their heterogeneity in size, level of economic development, and HFE need.

## We utilized desk-based research and stakeholder interviews to develop qualitative and quantitative analyses of investment risks to be mitigated in HFE



### Literature review

We built on relevant work from leading institutions and programs including:

- World Health Organization
- FCDO Africa Clean Energy
- USAID Power Africa
- World Bank
- SEforAll

- IEA
- IRENA
- PEDL
- IMF



### Stakeholder interviews

We interviewed various types of stakeholders to gain a holistic view of on-the-ground challenges:

- A. Developers: PowerGen, Havenhill, Blue Camel Energy, SAO Energy, Okra, Nuru, Equatorial Power, Arc Energy, Orb Energy, PeriUrja
- B. Investors: Sunfunder, Acumen, MIGA, CrossBoundary Energy Access, SAO Capital
- C. Donor Capital Providers: UNDP, USAID Power Africa, World Bank ESMAP, FCDO ACE TAF, SELCO Foundation, GEAPP, CHAI

## In analysing the need for a de-risking mechanism in HFE, our systematic approach first assesses the demand for and current supply of off-grid solar electrification







### **Demand for energy**

## What is the electrification gap in the healthcare space?

How do we stratify need by HF types?

How does this differ across public and private HFs?

Who pays for electricity at different types of facilities, what is their ability to pay, and what does that information tell us about how to supply them?

### Section in analysis to follow

HF energy access

Investment need

Public vs. Private need

Ability to pay



### Supply of energy

### **Key question**

What developers have been active in this space, and with what types of HF?

How are they currently servicing HFs?

What risks are keeping them from expanding their HF electrification work?

What financial de-risking options could unlock more supply?

### Section in analysis to follow

Active developers

Models

Supply constraints

De-risking approaches

## With this view of the market, we then overlayed what capital is being deployed, in what form, and by whom in order to identify gaps for de-risking mechanisms to address



### Financing for suppliers

### **Key question**

What has been the main source of funding for HFE and what gaps exist?

Among donor funding, how has this capital been deployed and by whom?

Among private capital, what form has this taken?

What potential financial instruments/mechanisms could be employed to close these gaps?

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Capital flows

Donor capital

Private capital

Capital map

Potential instruments

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## We disaggregated demand for electrification to best understand what models could work for different facility types and payors

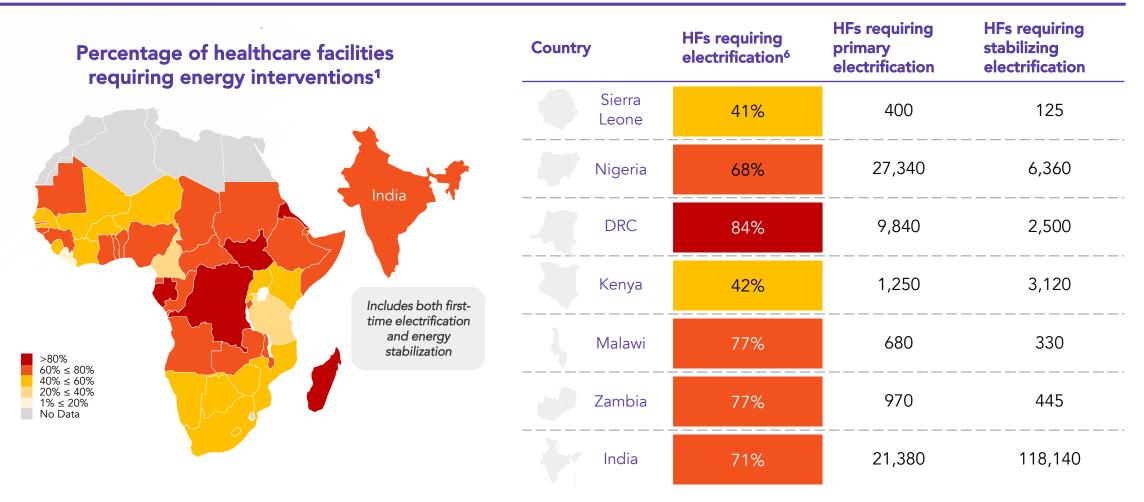


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### Key takeaways

- Demand for electrification is greatest in Nigeria (in Africa) and India (overall), but all priority markets exhibit the highest demand at the primary HF level
- Public facilities constitute ~55% of expected investment need, making them an integral part of the HFE effort
- Most governments in the priority markets have increasingly challenged fiscal environments; even prior to this constrained position they depended on donor funding for a significant proportion of overall health budgets
- Few HFs can pay for their own electricity, making the government a necessary payor – but one that is often very unreliable
- Across both public and private HFs, there is limited ability to pay for any upfront capex costs for electrification (either for Pico-PV Systems or BOT installations), making payments only per use of electricity most appropriate
- Primary HFs are commonly not large enough to act as an anchor load in and of themselves, as most do not have the equipment or technology required to generate sufficient demand
- Taken together, the greatest need is in public HFs, but from an investment perspective the most bankable opportunities are with larger private facilities

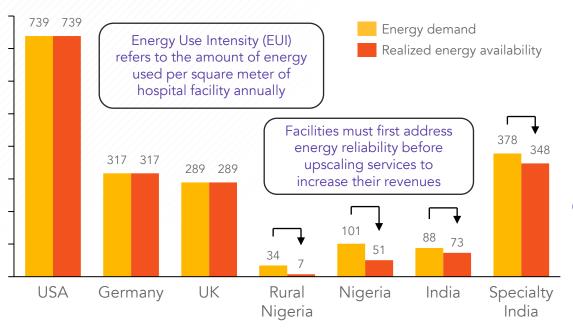
## Across sub-Saharan Africa and India there is significant need for HFE, and the priority countries for this analysis broadly represent different types of access gaps



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## Healthcare facilities with unreliable or no power are less able to provide consistent, modern, quality care, affecting patients' wellbeing and facilities' financial health





### **Energy poverty for health facilities means...**

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50% of vaccine supplies are lost<sup>3</sup>

25-50% extra travel time to powered facilities<sup>4,5</sup>

### Key takeaways

- Energy Use Intensity for hospitals in Low-Middle Income Countries (LMICs) is **significantly lower** compared to higher income counterparts
- Hospitals are less equipped with energy-consuming technology, and thus unable to provide global-standard care
- While annual HF energy use is already low, intermittent energy loss means LMIC HFs are unable to provide consistent services or sustain equipment
- Vital services such as blood storage, vaccine / drug storage, surgery, water purification, lighting and thermal comfort require reliable energy supply
- In addition to service discontinuity, medical equipment can be damaged by sudden outages or surges
- As such, there is often low HF utilization, reduced productivity and an inability to generate more revenue; as a result, ability to pay remains low

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## Tier 1 facilities are most likely to be completely unelectrified, with the greatest need for first-time electrification of these facilities being in Nigeria and India

### Estimated demand for first-time electrification (# of facilities)

	Tier 1	Tier 2 <sup>1</sup>	Tier 3
HF type			
Sierra Leone	375	25	1
Nigeria	25,440	1,695	205
DRC	8,925	595	325
Kenya	1,075	70	105
Malawi	85	415	5
Zambia	960	975	75
India	20,040	1,335	0

### **Potential interventions**

- Tier 1 facilities have the greatest need for full electrification; due to relative size, these are best serviced by either community wide electrification via mini-grids or Pico-PV systems
- Tier 2 facilities tend to be peri-urban and urban, and may be best served by stand-alone systems (or mini-grid solutions where feasible); higher revenues and more stable returns facilitate the viability of such solutions
- While Tier 3 facilities may have some access to the central grid, a significant lack of reliable energy may warrant stand-alone PV systems

<sup>(1)</sup> Simplifying assumption that there are approximately 15 health posts to each district HF equivalent in most countries Source: WHO: Energizing Health: Accelerating Electricity Access in Healthcare Facilities

## Many health facilities across target countries have access to electricity in some form but suffer from intermittency, requiring additional energy stability solutions

### Estimated demand for energy stability (# of facilities)

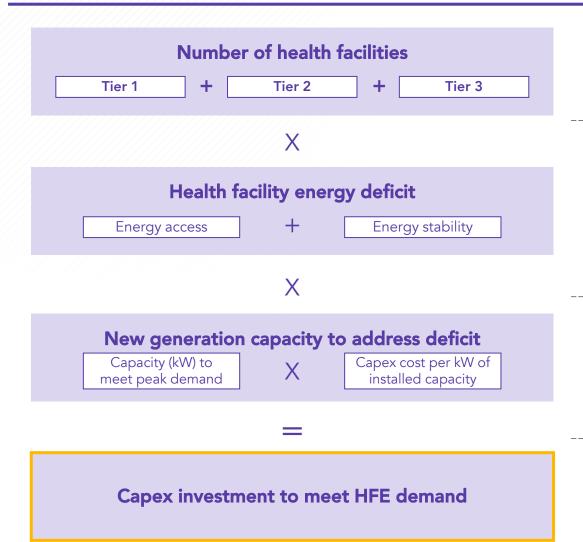
	Tier 1	Tier 2 <sup>1</sup>	Tier 3
HF type			
Sierra Leone	100	10	20
Nigeria	5,565	370	425
DRC	2,240	150	110
Kenya	2,300	155	665
Malawi	40	180	10
Zambia	250	255	50
India	110,755	7,385	0

### **Potential interventions**

- Energy stability solutions for Tier 1 could be a simple Pico-PV system or small inverter; PHCs may also benefit from solar equipment such as solar refrigerators or portable solar kits (e.g., Koolboks and We Care Solar); stand-alone mini-grid systems pose financial difficulty for facilities of this size
- Tier 2 and Tier 3 facilities benefit most from stand-alone PV with battery capacity
- Tier 3 facilities have been known to be hesitant to adapt these systems, though rising diesel costs and education are bringing about perception shifts

<sup>(1)</sup> Simplifying assumption that there are approximately 15 health posts to each district health facility equivalent in most countries Source: WHO: Energizing Health: Accelerating Electricity Access in Healthcare Facilities

## We calculated deficits in HFE investment using direct data and proxies, leveraging secondary research to determine inputs



- The number of HFs in each country was identified and assigned to HF tiers
- Facilities were also grouped by public and private segments for sub analysis
- Energy Access denotes facilities that will require full electrification
- Energy Stability refers to facilities that require some additional capacity to bridge the energy deficit, whether as additional capacity or back-up
- (NB for this, we assume ALL energy stability deficit will be bridged by Solar PV, though in reality generators plays a significant role)
- Figure is conservative, as it does not include facilities that are under-electrified / require additional investment to provide full suite of services.
- A peak demand (kWp) calculation was used to assess the capacity of solar needed to address the energy deficit
- A simplified capex cost per kW of installed capacity was then applied to ascertain the capex investment need
- Capex cost per kW was assumed to be the same for both energy solution types

A comprehensive list of input assumptions is available in the quantitative model accompanying this report

## Distinguishing between privately-operated facilities and public ones provides useful insights around how to increase electrification financing

While the need for investment in HFE is broadly clear, differences in facilities' business models and appropriate financing solutions provide for significant complexity

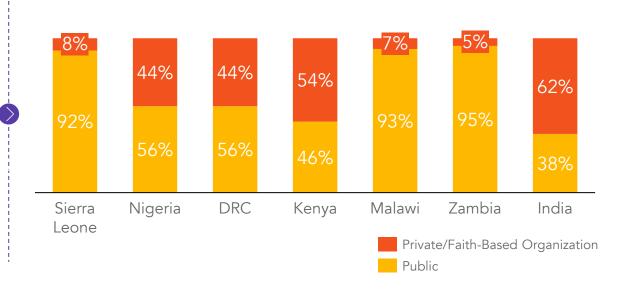
### Capital required for HFE deficit (US\$)

Sierra Leone	Nigeria	DRC	Kenya	
\$11M	\$805M	\$428M	\$235M	

Malawi	Zambia	India
\$16M	\$93M	\$1016M

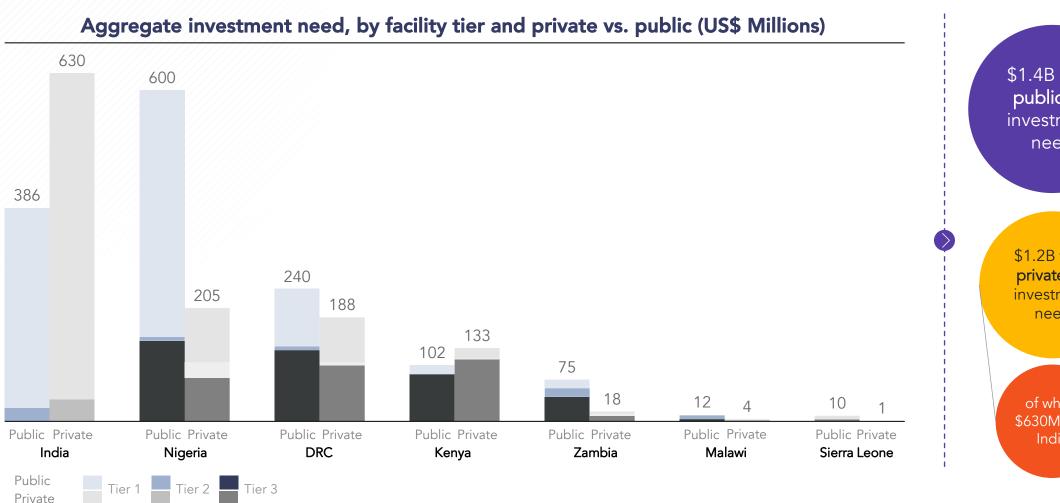
Publicly-owned facilities get their operating budgets from national or sub-national governments, exposing those facilities' staff and stakeholders to bureaucratic inertia – replicable solutions to this challenge will be very powerful in unlocking HFE investment

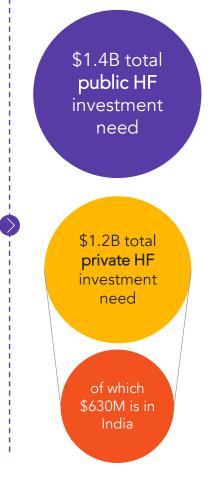
### Percentage of HFs in private and public sector operation



Though we can estimate the amount of capital required to address HFE deficiencies, the reality of solving this problem sustainably is much more complicated than merely providing the capital

### The need for electrification is greatest among public sector facilities; India accounts for over 50% of the private demand for selected geographies





## Investment needed is considerable, but it's critical to understand who the ultimate purchaser of energy would be, public or private sector, to understand bankability

### Aggregate investment need, by private vs. public

	SL	NG	DRC	KE	MW	ZA	IND
Total	\$11M	\$805M	\$428M	\$235M	\$16M	\$93M	\$1B
Public	\$10M	\$600M	\$240M	\$102M	\$12M	\$75M	\$386M
Private	\$1M	\$205M	\$188M	\$133M	\$4M	\$18M	\$630M



Power cuts are repeated. We hope that the implementation of this system will be able to meet this challenge related to electrification which is one of the major problems of this clinic.

Clinic manager, charity funded HFE Pilot

### Key takeaways

- The access gap makes clear that there is a significant demand for electrification solutions, but to understand the bankability of HFE projects we must consider both ability and willingness to pay
- When considering private sector facilities, they have in many cases a higher ability to pay due to their collection of fees for services at market rates, and generally have a high willingness to pay so long as they can see cost savings and limited upfront capex
- Public sector has a generally constrained ability to pay due
  to limited revenue and increasingly strained fiscal positions,
  but can also have a limited willingness to pay given
  competing demands on limited health budgets
- These considerations ultimately drive the underlying bankability of investments in HFE, and drive the constraints in supply to these two customer groups

### Budgeting for energy & fuel varies widely across geographies

### Approach to budgeting electricity & fuel

	Nigeria	Varies by state; many PHCs purchase fuel & electricity through the Basic Healthcare Provision Fund (BHCPF). Secondary/tertiary facilities fund fuel and electricity through MOH stipend.
	DRC	Electricity bills covered by central government for payment. (Currently in arrears up to ~\$100M) Fuel funded out of a mix of user fees, partners, and provincial government.
	Kenya	Facilities directly budget for fuel and electricity; in practice many are without water/electricity for months due to lack of funds.
	Malawi	Budgeted by the District Health Management Teams, who handle budgets rather than PHCs and district hospitals.
	India	Electricity & fuel to be budgeted and paid at the health facility level; in practice, many health centers do not have a bank account, so it occurs at the district level

### **Key Takeaways**

- Budgeting and payment for electricity and fuel may occur at facility level, district level, state level or federal level depending on national policies;
- Payment consistency throughout the year may vary depending on competing budget priorities, user fees generated, and other factors, resulting in an unpredictable payment profile that challenges bankability.

## Markets we assessed need ~\$1.4B in public facility investment, but unreliable government payors and inconsistent delivery of quality O&M pose challenges

## Estimated public HFE investment deficit in priority markets (US\$)



For public facilities, government's ability to pay either for the upfront investment costs, or ongoing O&M, is constrained by a number of factors:



General underinvestment in healthcare

- Low levels of government spending limits health coverage
- High out-of-pocket spend from budget constrained consumers
- Government is still a major provider of healthcare services despite lack of spending, especially to the poorest and more vulnerable



Tighter government budgets limit infrastructure spend

- Macro-economic constraints are squeezing government budgets
- Growth is slowing, public debt-to-GDP is increasing as is the cost of that borrowing
- This limits government's ability to invest in long-term infrastructure plans, including HFE



Reliance on projectbased funding for healthcare

- · Considerable reliance on donor funding in health expenditure
- This creates a short term-focus on asset purchase vs. service delivery
- Donor funding is typically geared toward system installation and not towards operation, maintenance and sustainability of projects

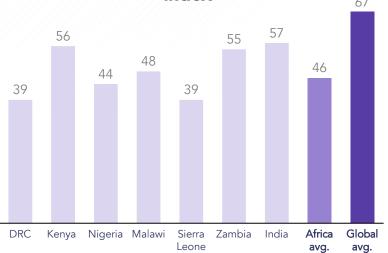
This limits the private sector's ability to invest in HFE, especially in models that require longer term contractual arrangements with government as an ultimate payor

## Across Africa and India, governments' inability or failure to fund healthcare systems leads to high out-of-pocket spend from low-income consumers

Africa's universal healthcare metrics are the lowest in the world due to constrained government spending. Though India scores higher, it remains far below the global average.

This out-of-pocket spend<sup>2</sup> pushes the 66% of Africans already living in poverty further into crisis. Similar trends exist in India, with 30% of the population experiencing impoverishing health spend.<sup>4</sup>

### Universal healthcare service coverage index<sup>1</sup>



## Domestic private and domestic public spend on healthcare (US\$ per capita)



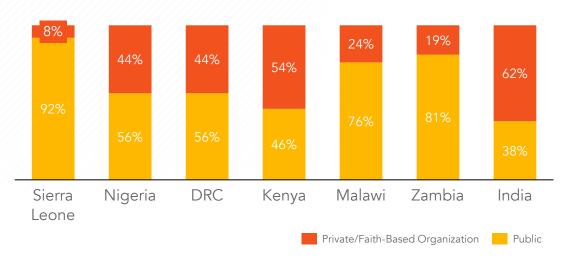
### Key takeaways

- Limited government intervention creates the need for private sector to step in – but this also creates fragility for consumers who have limited ability to pay overall for healthcare.
- The limited ability for patients to pay in turn limits the private HFs ability to pay for energy and other services.
- Additionally, this creates a situation wherein those government health systems lack the consistent funding needed to invest in electrification.
- Those most marginalized in society are typically served by the public sector, making electrification of these facilities even more critical

(1) UHC index is measured on a scale of 1-100 based on the average coverage of essential health services the level of financial protection provided by the coverage and the range of health services according to need; (2) Private health expenditure includes direct household (out-of-pocket) spending, private insurance, charitable donations, and direct service payments by private corporations; (3) Direct out of pocket payments for healthcare which drive people below a poverty threshold of \$1.90/day

### Despite limited spending, government is still a major provider of healthcare services in these markets and is therefore the ultimate payer to facilities' power suppliers

#### Percentage of HFs in private and public sector operation



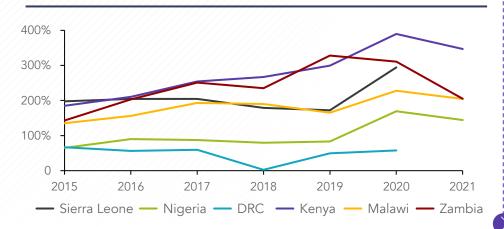
Facilities serving more remote areas also tend to be public facilities. Many Tier 2 facilities (which tend to be peri-urban) receive acute care referrals from these smaller, more remote facilities.

#### Key takeaways

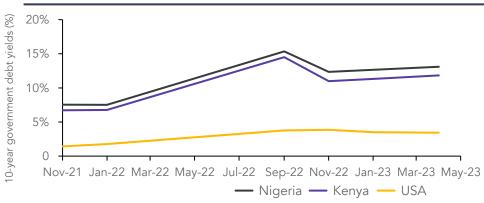
- In most countries, government is either a major purchaser or represents the most accessible care option that the most marginalized patients will turn to, especially in remote areas.
- HFE faces a significant challenge as **energy providers often** need to be linked to government procurement and payment.
- Electricity bills for public institutions are usually included in district or facility budget lines. Diesel for backup generators is often budgeted differently, and frequently runs into funding shortfalls.
- While public facilities may charge fees for services, energy service contracting is not always devolved to clinic management, particularly for longer-term power purchase agreements.
- In most countries the **private sector plays a key role** in care provision; given their ability to collect revenue from patients at point of care they are **more likely to be able to pay for energy services**.

### Many African governments are highly fiscally constrained, and more hard currency or local currency sovereign debt to fund healthcare expansion is unlikely

#### Fiscal positions in Africa are increasingly strained...



#### ...and costs of borrowing are set to continue to rise



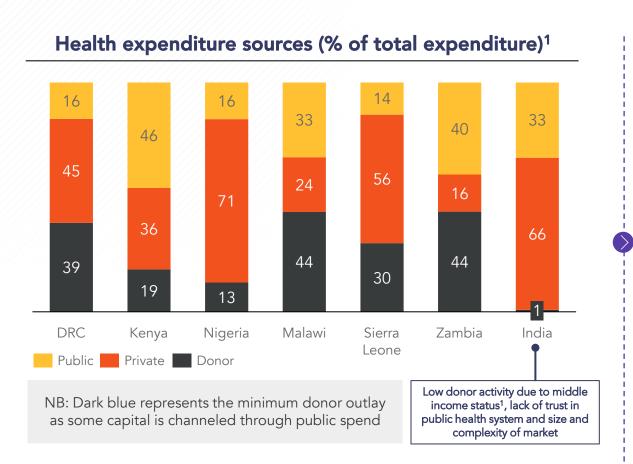
- Growth in 2023 is expected to slow down sharply to 3.6% as a worldwide slowdown, tighter global financial conditions, and a dramatic pickup in global inflation drastically affecting the region
- Lower growth rates have put pressure on government budgets, which has caused them
  to have to go to debt markets for financing. Africa's public debt ratio is now at 56% of
  GDP at levels not seen since the early 2000's. Since the pandemic, the debt increase has
  been driven by widening fiscal deficits because of overlapping crises, slower growth, and
  exchange rate depreciations.
- The combination of lower growth, larger borrowing, and US monetary tightening has also put **upward pressure on the cost of financing for these countries** (as evidenced in the yield graph).

#### Implications for HFE financing

- Taken together, this means that governments are increasingly constrained in their ability
  to pay for government services which has a significant impact on the healthcare sector as it
  is very exposed to government spending across the value chain, which limits the exposure
  to government payors that investors are willing to underwrite
- The increasingly constrained foreign exchange position of many governments means they have limited foreign currency to pay for imported hardware, which constrains HFE efforts
- Even before the impacts of this fiscal pressure were onset, it was not unheard of for African governments to have extremely lengthy accounts payable cycles (in some cases >270 days) – increasing fiscal pressure will elongate these payment cycles, placing a greater burden on firms exposed to government

Sources: IMF; AtDB; World Bank; Cbonds

### Current government budget constraints aside, there has always been a reliance on donors' grants to fund HFE capex – once in place though, systems are often neglected



#### **Potential interventions**

- Donor expenditure on health is significant, ranging upward of 50% in markets such as Malawi and Zambia.
   This makes donors considerable stakeholders in HF electrification
- Donor funding is principally used for non-recurrent spend and deployed within the year of allocation which is reflected in their concentration in capex grant deployment. This causes donor funding to be constrained to goods, as opposed to O&M, limiting the models of funding applicable when donor funding is involved
- In HFE this results in donor funding being focused on energy system installation and not towards operation and maintenance for long term sustainability. As significant stakeholders in HFE this impact is far reaching.

Source: World Bank

<sup>(1)</sup> The graph shows the breakdown of total spending on healthcare, based on donor contributions, government allocation, and private spend. Public expenditure on health consists of government budget allocation, external borrowing and donor grants channeled through the government. This means the full extent of donor contributions are not captured in the graph, as donor spend is embedded within public spend

### National health insurance schemes have the potential to ease government budgets through pooled risk-sharing, but they remain nascent, and implementation is slow



Broad based insurance coverage can radically change healthcare markets by widening the base of customers, making businesses more profitable through economies of scale



Despite the significant push to improve public health insurance options, uptake has been limited to major markets in East and West Africa.

Roll-outs remain slow and do not effectively offer the full benefit of risk pooling to increase access.



For suppliers to HFs it is common to have working capital delays due to the long reimbursement cycles that facilities have with insurance programs

While these programs hold promise in creating risk pools that will more effectively share costs, they are currently not robust enough to offset the need for major government interventions

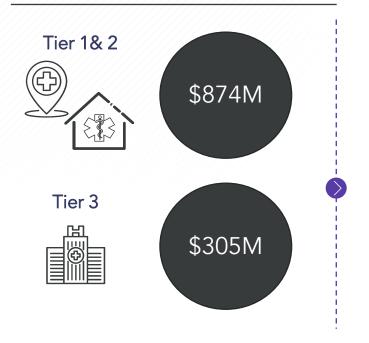
#### Case Study: NHIF Kenya



- With private health insurance there is low penetration beyond corporate clients, so low retail penetration – the gap between willingness and ability to pay persists, especially in the informal economy
- In Kenya, the National Health Insurance Fund (NHIF) is the government's response – a risk sharing mechanism that comes from garnered wages on most salaried employees
- While promising, this still doesn't cover all treatment. New regulations mean that all private benefits must be exhausted before the use of NHIF, making private insurance provision increasingly uneconomic
- Reimbursement times from NHIF can be extremely long, causing working capital delays for suppliers of any services to HFs, including energy providers

### To address private facility demand, ~\$1.2B is needed in markets we assessed – despite higher ability to reliably pay for power, these facilities also encounter barriers

### Estimated private HFE investment deficit in priority markets (US\$)



### Privately-run facilities do not have to wait on slow and fickle government sponsorship, but they too struggle to present bankable power projects:



Unprofitable business models cannot cover fixed costs

- · High operational costs cause constraints on ability to pay
- Caused by high fixed costs and significant variability in income
- While gross margins can be high, overheads drive unprofitability
- Adding fixed costs to electrification makes this worse



Inability to pay for upfront capex costs

- Demand for solutions that require no upfront costs (energy as a service, or lease-to-own models)
- Thin margins still leave risks of non-payment which ultimately still sits with the developers



Capacity constraints limit the demand for energy

- Smaller facilities, particularly in more remote areas, do not demand enough energy to justify stand-alone systems.
- Better suited to be an off-taker in a community level installation

# The combination of high fixed costs and significant variations in revenues and gross margins causes facilities to experience frequent budget shortfalls





Most smaller HF operators have healthy gross margins (on services, medications, diagnostics) but often run loss-making operations due to an inability to cover fixed costs like rent, wages, and energy. High fragmentation reduces capacity utilizations and keeps these HFs from scaling.



We see a lot of clinics where owners are dipping into savings month on month, and then only scraping by in a few months of breakeven or slight profit.

Co-Founder, Health Clinic Network in East Africa



Larger facilities usually have higher capacity utilization, but cost pressures arise from higher staff wages to retain qualified workers, higher consumables costs, and higher specialized infrastructure costs.

Despite, steadier revenue, operating margins are still constrained, limiting their ability to invest in additional capex.

#### Implications for HFE financing and risk mitigation

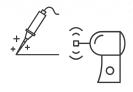
- For both large and small facilities, thin (or negative) operating margins leave little to no room for investment in capex related to electrification. For the most part these smaller private clinics are not profitable.
- HF operators at both the small and large end of the spectrum are therefore unable to make long-term planning decisions related to these types of investments, and would rather have the flexibility to control the cost of energy generation as needed (e.g. reducing diesel costs)
- For both small-scale and large-scale facilities, there is demand for solutions that require **no upfront costs** (energy as a service, or lease-to-own models)
- However, the thin margins still leave risks of non-payment which ultimately still sits with the developers or providers of energy solutions
- Both of these problems can be addressed with various derisking mechanisms

### Both public and privately-run Tier 1 facilities are often underequipped and understaffed, leading to low productivity, poor profitability and an inability to attract capital



Developers noted that smaller facilities alone often lack the base load to justify a small stand-alone solution.

In some cases, small facilities can receive a free quota of energy in exchange for space for PV array. Effectively, they are cross-subsidized by other mini-grid customers



Many of these facilities require low levels of energy (>15 kWh), as they lack medical equipment. This is due to both a lack of electricity, and a lack of equipment financing options for facilities (either public or private).



Currently, many of these clinics must refer patients to larger facilities for relatively routine diagnostics, like ultrasounds or simple blood tests. This limits their ability to serve clients, resulting in lost revenue.

#### Implications for HFE financing and risk mitigation

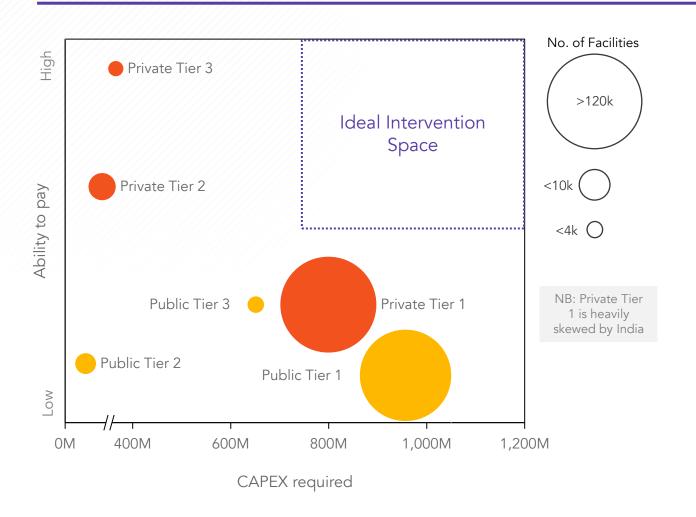
- Smaller facilities, particularly in more remote areas, are comparable to their average clients for small community level systems. Most developers do not consider these to be apt **anchor loads**.
- For mini-grid developers, electrifying these facilities is a consequence of electrifying the community, not specifically to target HFE
- To increase productivity, these facilities **require asset financing** options to purchase point of care devices (e.g., ultrasounds) to reduce referrals. These assets can also generate greater revenue
- These facilities could also be effectively electrified by small solar systems, but these systems may need to be combined with asset financing (as they are in consumer plays) to get the most productive use out of the HF

#### **Case Study: Mirova | Sunfunder**



Mirova Sunfunder is currently exploring a financing facility that would include asset financing to HFs to increase their energy demand, therefore making them a better candidate for larger electrification solutions and decreasing payment defaults

### Taken together, private health facilities could be an attractive target for investment de-risking, but the most impactful solution would be for public facilities



#### Key takeaways

- Ideal investment opportunities would be in top right quadrant: significant investment need and high ability to pay
- However, lack of opportunities here shifts ideal focus to private facilities as they have the ability to pay for electrification, and demand is sizeable
- Public facilities have a larger demand relative to private sector, both within tiers and overall, but their low ability to pay makes them less attractive investment opportunities, that would require a complex financing facility, that is able to mitigate the risk of government non-payment
- De-risking mechanisms could be put in place for private Tier 3 facilities (those with the highest ability to pay) but many of these interventions will be focused on stabilisation of energy or reduction of costs rather, which may be less attractive to donor funders looking to maximize impact

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### On the supply side, we focused on identifying models that developers have used to electrify health facilities and the de-risking mechanism needed to scale their activity



Supp	ly of	energy
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#### **Key question**

What developers have been active in this space, and with what HF?

How are they currently servicing HFs?

What risks are keeping them from increasing HF electrification work?

What financial de-risking options could unlock more supply?

#### Section in analysis to follow

**Active Developers** 

Models

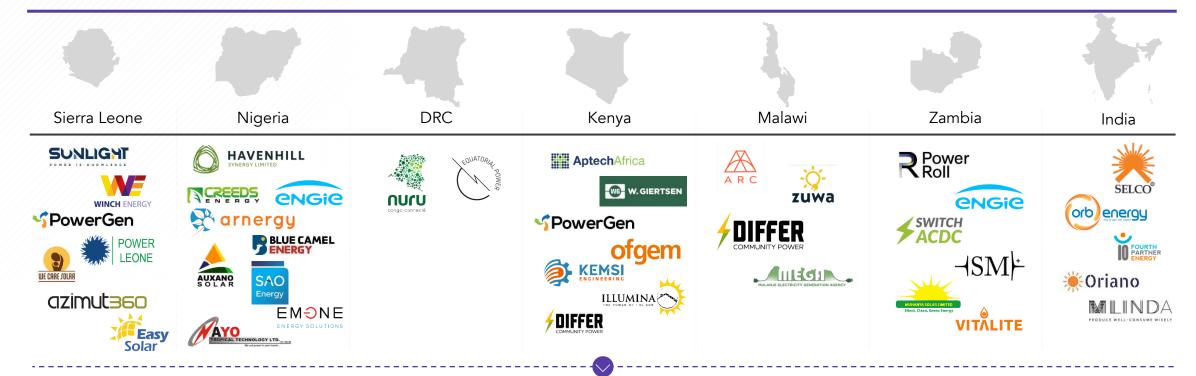
**Supply Constraints** 

De-risking Approaches

#### Key takeaways

- Because of the challenges of government as an off-taker, there are only a select number of developers and OEMs that have engaged with HFE in priority markets to date
- Much of this has been channelled through donor programs, where developers had the systems paid for through capex grants
- Where developers have tested other models, it is largely through other donor programs like Power Africa's HETA program, and the Shell Foundation HFE Pilots
- Much like other investments in distributed energy, macroeconomic risks, currency challenges, and underutilization are risks that developers face in HFE, but by far the greatest challenge they identified was government as a purchaser of the energy
- Developers access project financing from commercial investors for bankable projects, but noted that they have utilized guarantees, tariff subsidies/performance based grants, and concessional debt capital in their HFE projects to reduce risk where possible
- Regardless of the off-taker, developers noted that some mix of the three instruments above are required for them to scale their activities in the HFE space

## There are several developers identified in each priority market that have been active in HFE – mostly funded through donor programs



Across developers interviewed, the vast majority of their HFE work was paid for by donor programs which funded capex investments through grants.

To be sure, some larger developers have had success installing energy solutions that have been entirely financed and paid for by private clients, typically larger private hospitals.

### The systems installed by developers can range from Pico-PV Systems<sup>1</sup> to larger Stand-Alone PV Systems, and can be owned by the HF, the developer, or some combination

System	Typical cost	Sales model	Ownership models
Pico-PV System  Pico-PV system in Malawi	A typical Pico-PV system in SSA will cost between \$500-\$1000. Pico-PV installed costs are \$3-5 per watt.	Systems are sold through developers directly to the end consumer. The consumer typically makes a small downpayment for the system and then pays off the system through the on-going fixed-fee charged for electricity in a payas-you-go model	Lease-to-own models are growing in adoption for Pico-PV systems. Ultimately the system is owned by the consumer once they have paid off the cost of the system through their tariff payments.
Stand-Alone PV Systems	Off-grid Capex for Stand-Alone PV Systems is ~\$3000 per kilowatt. Installed capacity of these systems typically ranges from <1kW for a small grid to 40kW+ for a large system.	Developers design and build the system bespoke to meet clients' energy needs.	The system can be either transferred to the client upfront, transferred over time through a lease-back model, or retained by the developer in an energy-as-aservice (EaaS) model.

Mini-grid in Nigeria

Source: UNDP; IRENA Image credits: KOIS; CrossBoundary

<sup>(1)</sup> Pico-PV systems are micro-power plants with integrated energy storage that provide electricity to individual buildings or households. Pico-PV systems typically provide DC power that can be used without any problems for lamps and mobile phone charging. They can also provide AC power for larger appliances, but this requires a converter

# Developers face several financial and operational challenges when implementing projects, all of which are relevant to HFE projects

	Challenge	Impact	<b>Description</b> Non-Exha	ustive
	Bankability		Although mini-grids closely mirror utility infrastructure, the fragmented nature of mini-grid users makes Po Purchase Agreements (PPA), typical in power projects, difficult to achieve.	wer
	Affordability	•	Customers for mini-grids in rural communities are often the most vulnerable to economic shocks and have inconsistent streams of income resulting in low-willingness/ability to pay. This leads to underutilization.	; 
ia l	FX & Unstable Macroeconomics		Developers receive payment in local currency which is subject to fluctuation. Meanwhile, investors withhol hard currency financing to reduce exposure to unstable economies which can limit sector growth.	d
Financial	Expensive Local Currency Debt		There is a high cost of local currency debt due to high perceived risk; commercial banks are not incentivized lend to the sector without de-risking instruments.	ed to
	Tariffs	•	Mini-grid developers struggle to agree on a viable tariff with communities or suffer underutilization resulting reduced profitability and project viability overall.	ng in
	Approval Timelines		In some geographies, approval timelines for registration/permits can be lengthy, often slowing down mini development.	-grid
Operational	Poor Anchor Load Candidate		Rural HFs have low energy needs relative to minimum viability for mini-grid supply, and low or no ability to As such, these HFs alone are not sufficient anchors for off-grid intervention (via mini-grid).	o pay.
Oper	Grid Encroachment		As the main grid expands, it threatens the viability of mini-grid installments by undercutting tariff prices and eldemand. Without suitable agreements, developers/investors become averse to installment to avoid stranded	

### When specifically assessing HFE projects, different types of healthcare facilities present different challenges for developers and their financing partners

#### Tier 1



- Developers noted most Tier 1 HFS installations came through direct donor funded programs for HFE, or through wider community electrification
- Most facilities were best supplied by Pico-PV systems, due to insufficient energy demand
- Due to their small size and lack of energy demand, Tier 1 facilities are not sufficient anchor loads<sup>1</sup>, and so were simply a part of wider community electrification efforts





- Tier 2 installations tended to be in peri-urban areas, and had limitations on the system size that could be installed due to land availability and, in some cases regulations about proximity to the grid
- This limits the ability to offer connections to the surrounding community, as often the systems do not have excess capacity
- These HFs tend to be public, as they are referral facilities<sup>2</sup>, dealing with cases that cannot be treated at smaller facilities





- Developers noted that hospitals (especially private) were in many ways the easiest clients to service given their ability to pay
- For the most part, these facilities are grid connected but rely on diesel for back-up generation.
- Developers noted it can be challenging to convince management that solar installations will be cheaper and more reliable over time than diesel
- These facilities also have limited ability to front upfront capex costs

The facilities we electrify in these more remote areas are not big enough to be an anchor load<sup>2</sup>. For many, they are lacking the equipment and tools to first be most productive for patients, and second to be an anchor consumer for larger systems.

Nigerian Developer Interview



These facilities tend to be in peri-urban/urban areas which restricts the land availability for the systems. They are also more likely to be public facilities as they are referral centres from PHC (both public and private).

Nigerian Developer Interview



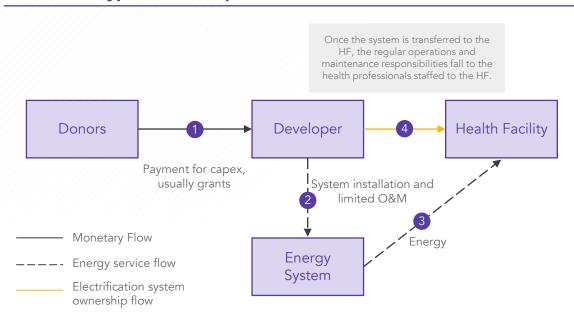
We have installed systems with large hospitals, both public and private. In either case, they are cautious about signing long term PPAs, but also want to limit their upfront capex investments. It can be a process to build trust.

East African Developer Interview

(1) Anchor load defined as the main productive use customer of a mini-grid that takes up a consistent and significant portion of demand to justify the installed size of the mini-grid capacity; (2) Referral facilities are larger health facilities that have more sophisticated diagnostic and clinical infrastructure, better able to deal with more complex and acute patient needs.

### Under most donor programs, developers operate under Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) contracts – this limits the long-term viability of systems and scale of interventions

#### Typical Build, Operate, Transfer (BOT) structure



Donors can channel funding through the government ministry, but typically these interventions are done directly with developers with acknowledgement/partnership with the Ministry of Health

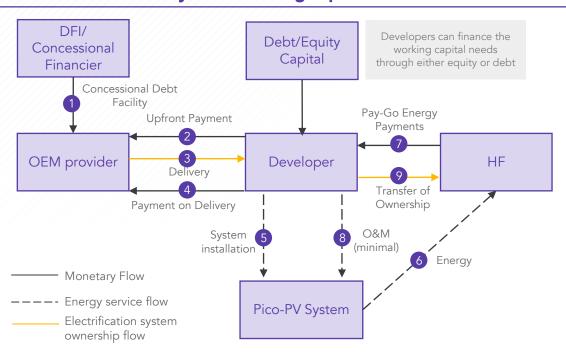
#### Lessons learned for HFE investment

- There is a broad acknowledgement among developers that a BOT model is not sustainable, as the assets are transferred to public facilities that do not have the technical know-how, nor the budget to maintain the system
- Donors are willing and able to pay for capex, and limited opex (usually a year) and then the system is meant to be transferred to the HF
- This structure is preferred by donors because it allows for expenditure in the current budget year, but fundamentally fails in terms of sustainability as maintenance is left to healthcare workers versus energy professionals
- The capex grants solve for one problem (inability to finance the system) but fail to solve for the longer-term problem which is the ability for public facilities to pay for the on-going maintenance costs
- While many facilities are paying for diesel, something as simple as
  the way appropriations are made at the government health budget
  level can mean that government institutions can only pay for diesel –
  not energy related services more broadly defined. This can mean
  that even if facilities wanted to buy other energy solutions,
  regulations are limiting their ability to do so

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

### When installing Pico-PV systems, developers have benefitted from non-HFE related concessional working capital facilities from OEMs to reduce upfront costs

#### Pico-systems working capital structure



For small private clinics that generate sufficient revenue these small Pico-PV system solutions can be appropriate electrification solutions, and you could also bundle asset financing into the offering to increase energy usage by the clinics.

#### **Lessons learned for HFE investment**

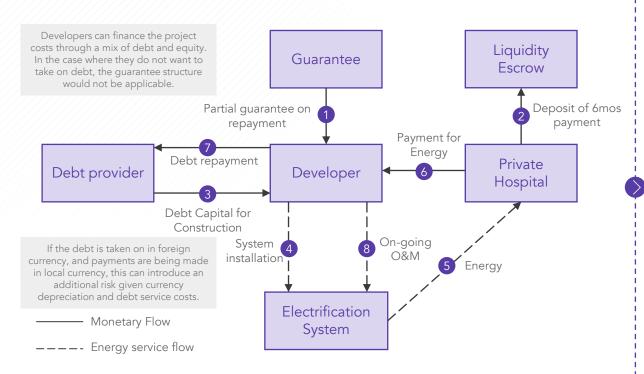
- As noted in the demand section, when electrifying Tier One HFs, many will only require a Pico-PV systems for their electrification needs
- As many of these facilities generate some amount of revenue through out-of-pocket payments in addition to any energy budget they have from government appropriations, they can in many cases afford to use Pay-As-You-Go systems<sup>1</sup>
- One OEM noted that some developers who have installed systems across communities have benefitted from the concessional working capital facility provided by the OEM through DFI partnerships
- This allows the developer to pay a smaller upfront payment for the system(30%), and then pay the remainder when installed(70%) inverting the typical arrangement where they would invoice developers 90% upfront, and then 10% on delivery
- By reducing upfront costs to the developer, this allows them to unlock more
  working capital and reach a larger scale more quickly. As they are paying for
  most of the system close to the time of installation (and therefore payment
  from customers), it reduces their working capital burden.
- To be sure, this is not a HF specific working capital program, but something that has had wider impacts

(1) With Pay-As-You-Go Systems an energy service provider rents or sells solar PV systems in exchange for regular payments through mobile payment systems. In cases of non-payment, the service provider car remotely disconnect the service. The customer can be transferred the asset over time as they pay down the system cost through regular energy payments

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

### When engaging with hospitals, particularly private hospitals, developers have used IPP<sup>1</sup> models and leveraged both guarantees and liquidity escrows to de-risk projects

#### Typical IPP structure with de-risking mechanisms



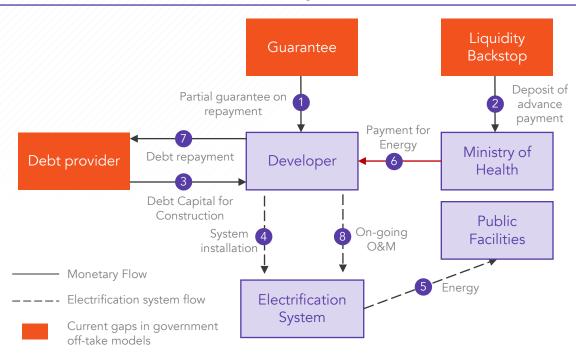
A major advantage of the IPP model is that the HF does not have to take ownership of the system unless they would like to. In that case it can be structured as a lease-back model, but they may introduce upfront costs to the HF.

#### Lessons learned for HFE investment

- Several developers noted successful IPP implementation with private (and some public) hospitals
- The main selling feature for the hospitals was showing immediate costs savings on energy relative to the cost of their diesel back-up and grid connection energy mix, and the fact that they did not have to own/operate/maintain the system themselves
- Developers noted strong relationships with commercial lenders for these projects, but that they do typically utilize two de-risking mechanisms – liquidity escrows and guarantees
- The liquidity escrow is typically 6 months worth of payments that is held in escrow that the developer can draw down in the case of default on the part of the hospital
- The guarantee is provided to them on the construction debt they take out with their commercial lenders
- The combination of these two mechanisms gives them the comfort that they will be able to 1) recover the capex investment from the system, and 2) repay their obligations to the lender
- This model hinges on the hospitals willingness to enter a long term PPA (purchasing energy in pre-agreed amounts), as well as their ability to provide the upfront liquidity for the escrow – both of which can be very challenging

### While a shift to energy-as-a-service (EaaS) models is needed for public sector HFE, government non-payment exposure limits de-risking availability and investment activity

### Government EaaS structure would require elements currently not available



#### Lessons learned for HFE scale-up

- While the EaaS model could in theory be scaled to include public facilities, it's scale up is limited by several factors
- In EaaS models an energy service company provides energy service for a fixed fee per kWh. Payment can also have different KPIs than would normally be included in IPPs, such as percentage of up-time
- First and foremost, most governments are unable to effectively budget and pay for energy services on a long-term basis, making entering into long term Power Purchasing Agreements an issue from the onset
- Even in a situation where a developer is willing to take on that risk, should the government default, there are backstop systems in place to replicate the benefits of the liquidity account utilized in the private sector example
- Because of the combination of the first two factors, guarantors are not willing to step in and act as a back-stop to the developer when seeking debt financing
- Without the guarantee, debt providers are not willing to underwrite what is effectively sovereign credit risk that is channeled through the Ministry of Health or the facility itself
- This makes the model unfeasible in the current environment as there is no capital available for investment, and few if any developers willing to take the risk of not at minimum recouping their capex investment

# Crowding private sector investment into HFE is not constrained by capital, but rather by the current paradigm dominated by BOT models versus EaaS models



Status Quo is Sub-Optimal There is a recognition among donors and developers that the current BOT model does not work. HFs or Ministries of Health are not best placed to own and operate energy systems. Regardless of the ability to pay for the system, BOT is a sub-optimal solution. There is therefore a need to move to the energy as a service model where government (or private clinics) are paying a tariff (as they would with a utility) rather than owning the system. This puts the financing risk onto developers but introduces contractual risk over the course of the power purchase agreement with either government or private sector purchasers.



**Financing** 

Developers maintain strong relationships with commercial lenders and have sufficient capital to cover the equity costs for the projects they intend to develop that include HFs. In the course of our interviews no developer mentioned capital as their constraint in HFE – particularly with large private HF projects. For bankable projects, they have capital available to be deployed.



The main obstacle to their activity in HFE is the lack of certainty around government payment and the thin margins in private facilities. An inability to be certain about payment limits developers' unwillingness to invest in the capex costs for systems. It also limits lenders' ability to underwrite the project due to uncertain revenues and keeps guarantors from stepping into the market due to high probability of default.

Developers are willing to go beyond the BOT model, taking on the risk of non-performance, but **procurement** systems that are not set up for long-term contracts drive them to the current model. Moving to EaaS provision in the private sector is also predicated on enabling scale to reduce costs for servicing those clients by developers. Scaled public procurement can enable this by increasing the total addressable market across the sector.



We have commercial lenders that are willing and able to finance our projects. The issue isn't the availability of the financing, its in getting our lenders comfortable with uncertain government revenue.

Nigerian Developer Interview

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EIB as an example is keen on providing concessional debt. The reality is the risk is not in the financing. There is no private sector appetite in HFE because of the off-take risk.

Developer active in East Africa Interview

Even with these small systems, they are effectively being subsidised by the community that it is being installed in.
Public facilities just can't afford the power.

Nigerian Developer Interview

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

### A shift away from the BOT model to an EaaS model when interacting with public facilities / government will require long-term agreements, donor support, and capital



Donor and Government Preferences Shape the Market From our conversations with developers, donor stakeholders, and investors, the current BOT model based on donor capex is not a sustainable solution. From interviews, we gathered that one of the biggest challenges in shifting away from this model is donors are much more comfortable purchasing power systems than they are paying for long-term services. Given donors play a significant role in health systems financing, both through their own stand-alone programs and also through funding channeled through government, it is as much a shift from within donors as within partner governments that is required.



Investment is predicated on ability to pay

As shown on the EaaS diagram slide, in order to move to a service-based model there should be a replication of the types of de-risking mechanisms that are put in place at the project level (or in other energy systems like the Southern Africa Power Pool). Without backstops like liquidity pools and guarantees on sovereign default, the private sector developers will not be willing to step into the market.



There will be no one sized solution

To be sure, these solutions will be very dependent on the country of interest, but across the interviews with developers operating in the priority markets the overarching concern was government repayment risk – which given the current fiscal situation of most developing country governments will require donors to consider longer-term service-based solutions.

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Through a number of donor programs, we have been contracted to simply be an EPC. We build the system and at most we provide O&M for a year and then we have to walk away. It's sad because we know the system can't be maintained, but we can afford to service it any longer either.

Nigerian Developer Interview

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In three successive programs we have been asked by the government to electrify the same list of HFs. We build the systems, transfer them to the government, and they aren't maintained. Doctors shouldn't be expected to maintain energy systems.

Donor Interview

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ESCO models, Lease-to-Own, they can all work. But someone needs to be in the middle taking the government risk off the table. Right now, it's all capex and opex grants, and we end up turning over the assets and know they won't be utilized

Developer active in East Africa Interview

### O&M costs must also be considered, especially when assessing the feasibility of electrifying stand-alone clinics in remote areas versus as part of a wider electrification effort

### The O&M cost of standalone electrification for health clinics is prohibitive...

- The economics of getting O&M teams out to site for remote rural groups of customers is challenging. This cuts across both public and private facilities
- The costs for getting O&M teams out to site for a single remote rural customer (e.g. a stand-alone HF) can fundamentally challenge the economics of that system

#### **Example of O&M Challenge for stand alone solutions**

- In a stylized example from East Africa, mobilization costs for an O&M team to go out to a rural energy system installation are typically US\$1,000 this is inclusive of transportation, fuel, per diems, salaries, etc.
- Therefore, even if something as simple as a \$1 fuse blows, it costs 1,000x to fix it by sending a technical team

### ...but can be dramatically reduced by electrifying health clinics as part of a wider electrification effort in rural areas

- If those systems were being serviced by a community level mini-grid (should this be the least cost solution), the costs of this O&M drop considerably
- Now if a \$1 fuse blows, it's not necessary to spend \$1,000 sending a technician out. A local onsite agent from the mini-grid operator can carry out simple repairs
- For O&M servicing that requires a trained technician, the fixed costs of regular O&M visits can be shared across 100+ customers, versus being borne by just one customer





Engineering teams in Zambia and Nigeria

Critically, this is an issue for both public and private facilities in these remote areas. In this way, aggregation of demand is a critical intervention to ensure that the economics of electrifying the HFs are sustainable in the long term.

### Once the off-take has been solved for, to mitigate financial risks developers stated a preference for guarantees, but a menu of de-risking tools is required to scale-up engagement in HFE

Setting issues of off-take aside, developers have used a suite of de-risking tools to engage in HFE (as shown in examples previously). Developers expressed the rank order preference for:

#### Risks being mitigated







Guarantees





Performancelinked grants





Concessional Debt

Guarantees enable developers to limit their exposure in the event of non-payment by their off-take counterpart, should they be using debt financing for the project.

Performance-linked grants mitigate the risk that the payor cannot cover the full cost of energy produced in a service model where the client is paying a tariff.

Reduces the overall costs of the project, therefore reducing the time for the project to breakeven. And can be subordinated in the capital structure to transfer risk to parties best able to bear it.

Guarantees mitigate the risk that the developer cannot repay loans should the customer default. This enables them to ensure solvency should projects not perform.

The grants gives developers increased certainty on capex payback should they deliver services, and keeps the project performance in their locus of control. These subsidies can be sun-setting, reducing over time as the initial investment is recouped.

Concessional debt for projects simply allows them to reduce the pay-back period of the project. It does however still leave them exposed in the case that their counterpart defaults on payment and leaves project success out of their locus of control.



These de-risking mechanisms allow developers to either: limit default risk, increase certainty on breakeven, or reduce the time to breakeven



While there is a preference for guarantees, it is not a panacea. For many projects there will be a need for all three mechanisms.



This simply constitutes the beginning of a menu of options that could be used to de-risk projects once the revenue model is clear.



We have used all three of these tools in projects. It's not a one size fits all solution, and sometimes we need all three to make a project work.

Nigerian Developer Interview

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

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### With an understanding of the financial de-risking instruments developers need in HFE, we can now turn to understanding where gaps in the capital market are relative to that demand



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#### Key question

What has been the main source of funding for HFE and what gaps exist?

Among donor funding, how has this capital been deployed and by whom?

Among private capital, what form has this taken?

What potential financial instruments/mechanisms could be employed to close these gaps?

#### Section in analysis to follow

Capital map

Donor capital

Private capital

Potential instruments

#### Key takeaways

- The main form of capital being provided to HFE has been donor funding, which has mostly taken the form of capex grants
- There has only seemingly been a recent shift even among donors in the HFE space to move beyond a Build, Operate, Transfer model to begin exploring results-based financing mechanisms that are linked to service provision
- What little capital has been provided outside of donor/philanthropic capital been through DFI investments, which have also been de-risked through concessional capital/grants provided by their government shareholders
- Given the nascency of the space from a private capital perspective there are certainly opportunities to have de-risking mechanisms step into the market, but such mechanisms will likely need to focus on even the most risk tolerant, impact focused private investors
- To be sure, there are mechanisms that investors and stakeholder have begun to ideate on and develop but many of these options are still in early stages of development – but there are other like mechanisms targeting general electrification that could be augmented for HFE

# The vast majority of capital provided to HFE has been in grants, with some small de-risked DFI investments testing new models

#### **Activity across Africa & India**









Most HFE capital is donor grants channelled through broader electrification programs



At-risk capital has been provided by DFIs who themselves were de-risked



Major guarantors are absent

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis 57

### Donor grant activity is the dominant form of capital being directed specifically at HFE, as commercial and blended finance solutions remain nascent





To map capital flows to HFE, we leveraged databases from SEforAll, DFI project databases, and conversations with developers and investors



~\$175M-\$250M invested in HFE by donors in the seven analyzed countries – 95% of which is capex grant focused



We expect there will be financiers that are providing capital to developers which may not be readily apparent, so we have included a wider off-grid capital map of potential investors as well that could be included in a derisking mechanism



Only 7 identified HFE projects include results based financing or blended finance



Vast majority of private finance is channelled through developer relationships, and not specifically targeted at HFE

### Across all priority markets there exists a significant gap between the identified investment need and the capital that has be allocated to HFE – most of which is capex grants

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	Sierra Leone	Nigeria	DRC	Kenya	Malawi	Zambia	India
Identified investment need	\$11M	\$805M	\$428M	\$235M	\$16M	\$93M	\$1,0160M
Approx. donor funding deployed <sup>1</sup>	\$5M	\$83M	\$13M	\$10M	\$14M	\$1M	\$52M
Funding gap	\$6M	\$721M	\$415M	\$225M	\$2.6M	\$92M	\$964M
Funding gap relative to health budget	1.7%	4.9%	21.1%	5.2%	0.4%	9.1%	1.2%

In Sierra Leone and Zambia, the funding gap of HFE relative to the health budget allocated to non-recurring spending exceeds 200%, in Kenya it exceeds 100%, highlighting the limited available funds for HFE.

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

<sup>(1)</sup> This includes all identified donor projects where funding for standalone HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component), and approximations based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component. Estimates for each country can be found in the country profiles

### There remains a significant investment gap of at least \$2.35B in the countries analyzed – and conservatively extrapolating globally we estimate a gap of at least \$3.6B

\$2.6B

Estimated investment need for HFE across countries analyzed



Estimated investment in HFE across countries analyzed

\$4.9B

World Bank and WHO estimates of investment need for HFE globally



Conservative estimate of HFE investments globally based on countries analyzed

Based on the demand and investment estimates across countries of analysis, we estimate a funding gap of at least \$2.35B. This is a conservative estimate.

By conservatively taking 5x the amount of funding estimated in the countries of analysis for this study, there would still be a funding gap of at least \$3.6B globally for HFE.

<sup>1 –</sup> This represents a conservative estimate and is not based on collection of data for all countries globally. As the countries of interest for this report constitute six of the top ten most active countries for donor programs in HFE, a conservative multiple of 5 or greater could be applied to the estimated funding in the target countries to approximate a global investment total.

### Donor funding is concentrated in capex grants in particular for Tier 1 facilities, with most of this funding being channelled to government health facilities



#### **Grants for capex**

#### Activity

- 95% of projects had a focus on providing capex - both in terms of provision and installation of renewable energy equipment
- In some instances, capex funding is provided directly by developers, through provision and installation of their solar solutions

#### Example

- USAID Power Africa Off-grid Project has dedicated capex grants for HF electrification
- Schneider Electric provided containerized microgrids to primary health centres across Kaduna State in Nigeria

#### **Grants for opex**

#### Activity

- Only ~5% of projects in Africa included dedicated opex financing
- Capital is either provided to engage external companies to complete O&M, or for in-house capacity building and training for O&M

- **Example** RESOLVE partnered with Orange for O&M support for HealthGrid Sierra Leone
  - UNDPs Solar4Health offers O&M training and capacity building

#### Results-based financing

#### Activity

- Only 4 donors have used RBF to facilitate HFF investment
- In all instances, the RBF was provided to developers for delivery of services



- **Example** ENDEV implements RBF across portfolio
  - GIZ's GBE program

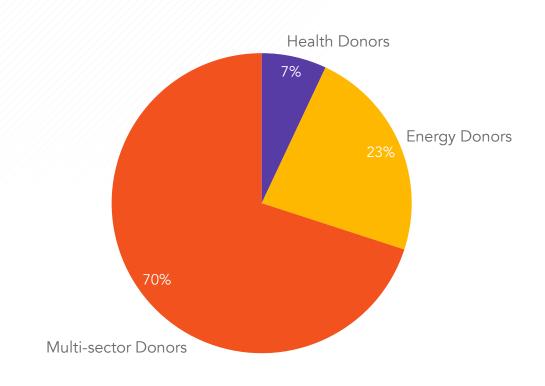
#### Key takeaways

- Outside capex grants, there is limited donor activity in opex financing, RBF and blended finance, with most of this nascent activity in Nigeria, Kenya, and India
- Stakeholders noted the challenge of donors focusing on installation of systems versus consistent and sustained delivery of energy
- This is likely a consequence of some donor success metrics which focus on shorter term outputs versus longer term outcomes, which drives intervention decision making

MOST DONOR ACTIVITY

### Most investment into HFE is funded through multi-sector donors, with only The Global Fund and GAVI as active health sector donors identified in the target markets

#### Funding for HFE by donor type, %1



#### Key takeaways

- Most donors investing in health facility electrification are multi-sector players, such as the World Bank, UNDP and FCDO
- Energy donors almost make up ¼ activity directed towards health facility electrification in the target markets. The most active energy donor was Power Africa
- Health donors are relatively inactive in the health facility electrification space, making up less than 10% of the identified programming
- The only active health sector focused donors in the target markets for health facility electrification are Gavi and the Global Fund

Split based on activity as funding allocation was not always disclosed
 Source: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis

# Most active donor programs have been focused on capex grants for HFE, but are now seeking to move into more sustainable electrification efforts

Which donors are most active in HFE?

Donors (by level of activity)

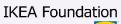














Largest established programs









DRC falls far outside top 10 most active markets with only 3 projects

Where are donors most active?

Most active countries, by number of HFE projects















Leone











What new models are being tested?



#### World Bank ROGEAP<sup>1</sup> pilot

Pilot program in Nigeria & Niger to electrify 40 HFs and schools. Currently collaborating with MIGA to create a sub-national de-risking mechanism for payment from government, and developing a line of credit for energy companies servicing public institutions including HFs

#### DIFFER

#### Differ Community Power<sup>2</sup>

Piloting a lease-to-own delivery model with complete "plug and play" power kits to power small systems. DCP handles full value chain from developing, building, owning, operating, maintaining with payments on a pre-agreed installment plan.



#### UNDP Performance PPA – ZM/MW<sup>3</sup>

'Performance based PPA' model in which the PPA is subsidized through donors and co-financed by the government. The model includes a backstop trust fund in case government does not pay, providing reliable off-take for the private sector and encouraging their participation

(2) Source: CrossBoundary Analysis 67

<sup>(1)</sup> Regional Off-grid Electrification Project; (2) https://www.seforall.org/system/files/2021-12/ Procurement-to-Performance-SEforALL.pdf (3) Other target markets include Namibia, Zambia and Liberia (4) Gavi/UNICEF focused on medical cold chain to date but approach is evolving

# Across priority markets, the World Bank is the largest funder, with FCDO being most active in terms of number of projects at 15

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Number of projects	4	8	15	2	2	1
Known Funding	UD	\$7M	\$43M	UD	UD	\$52M
Estimated Funding	\$61M	UD	\$6M	UD	UD	UD
Total Funding	\$61M	\$7M	\$49M	UD	UD	\$52M
High-level profile	<ul> <li>Largest funder in priority markets</li> <li>Active in Nigeria, Kenya, DRC &amp; Sierra Leone</li> <li>Largest program is Nigeria Electrification Program</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Active in Nigeria, Malawi and Zambia</li> <li>Also launched the Health Electrification and Telecommunications Alliance with the aim of electrifying 10,000 health facilities</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most active donor by number of programs</li> <li>Active in Nigeria, Malawi and Sierra Leone</li> <li>Largest program is Solar Nigeria Program</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Testing new models in Malawi and Zambia around PPAs for health facilities</li> <li>Solar 4 Health program active in Malawi and Zambia</li> </ul>	Green People's Energy initiative active in Zambia	<ul> <li>Significant funder in India</li> <li>Partnering with Ikea Foundation to electrify 25K public health facilities across India</li> </ul>

structure.

# The limited repayable capital invested in HFE has been deployed by DFIs, and investments have been provided through concessional capital windows

DFI investment into HFE has been small, one-off investments, that are de-risked through donor activity

Investor	Recipient	Size and instrument	Description
Entrepreneurial Development Bank  Access to  Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands  Acres Fund	d.light	\$100K loan	The aim of the project was to electrify 300 off-grid private clinics across rural Kenya. The investment was made available through FMO's Access to Energy Fund, which is a concessional window capitalized by the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
Norfund Frontier Facility	<pre>grnergy</pre>	\$2M loan	Norfund provided debt capital to Arnergy through their Frontier Facility, which is a concessional window capitalized by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. While not solely directed at HFE, Arnergy does have a focus on HF electrification.
NOTIC Development Fund  Nordic Climate Facility	DIFFER	\$700K repayable grant	The project was meant to develop an innovative and sustainable financing vehicle that enables impact investors and debt providers to finance solar electrification of health clinics in Kenya. Nordic Development Fund provided a grant through the

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

Nordic Climate Facility to Differ to test the investment

### Commercial off-grid investors could be brought into HFE through their relationships with developers should solutions be built to de-risk investment

#### Active investors in off-grid solar





As noted in the supply section, developers interviewed maintain relationships with commercial investors which will not be focused on their individual and on-off work in HFE



These financiers will need to understand how projects are being de-risked in order for them to step into the market – either through guarantees, subsidies, or other approaches



To be sure, there is capital available should the challenges addressed in the previous sections be addressed and mitigated

List is non-exhaustive and to be updated through additional market research

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

### There are blended finance vehicles in market that have a focus on distributed energy but for them to invest they need the solutions to make projects bankable

#### Concessional capital has a role to play in investing in distributed energy in priority markets, but projects must be bankable

- Concessional capital has a key role to play in bridging the funding gap in decentralized energy (and HFE more specifically)
- Blending concessional and commercial capital can drive down the ultimate costs of installing energy systems that will meet the needs of consumers in remote areas, making the cost of energy more affordable and attainable for these customers.
- This can come in the form of investments into developers themselves, or through project financing to scale portfolios of projects.
- There are several vehicles in market that are addressing this problem, but none have been actively engaged in HFE - getting them involved in the HFE space requires bankable projects which remain challenging for the reasons outlined in the last section
- These funds typically target an IRR of 6 -10% on a project basis
- To be sure, projects may benefit from additional de-risking mechanisms, but there are capital providers that have a blended finance structure active in the market that would be ready and able to jump in should that challenge be overcome in HFE

#### **Examples include:**



Sunfunder manages three blended finance vehicles focused on investing in solar companies working in Africa. These include the Solar Energy Transformation (SET) Fund, the Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP) debt fund, and the Beyond The Grid Solar (BTG) Fund.



CrossBoundary Energy Access (CBEA) is Africa's first project finance platform for mini-grids. CBEA finances and owns solar mini-grids for electrification across the continent, utilizing blended finance structures. CBEA has raised capital from ARCH, Bank of America, and Microsoft Climate Innovation Fund.



The Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) invests in small-scale distributed renewable energy across Africa. REPP had contracted 38 projects spanning 16 countries across Africa and has employed a number of different technologies in those installations. REPP has been capitalized with funding from FCDO and EIB.

### Large commitments have been made by some of the most active donors to electrify >98K facilities<sup>1</sup>, offering potential areas for partnership











facilities



#### **IKEA Foundation**

#### Commitments

- DARES<sup>2</sup> program to electrify 100K schools and health facilities by 2026
- FSMAP to allocate \$10M to include health facility electrification in existing World Bank programs
- Health Electrification and **Telecommunications** Alliance (HETA) initiative to electrify 10K health facilities by 2030
- Piloting a PPA/service based model to electrify health facilities across Africa
- Piloting an Islamic finance compliant endowment structure in Cameroon, Mauritania, and Senegal to finance HFE
- Piloting a model that can be scaled to electrify 10K facilities per year leveraging the CCEOP<sup>3</sup> platform. The
  - Provide energy to 25k health facilities across 12 states by 2026

**Partners** 











pilot will electrify 2.6K



Collectively these programs are seeking to electrify 98K facilities across the target markets. They may present an opportunity for partnership should they support and seed new models for investment into HFE.

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### When considering investments in an EaaS model, various de-risking instruments could potentially be utilized depending on the type of ultimate payor

Risk	Potential mechanism	Target of intervention	Type of commitment	Enabling conditions required	Potential challenges	Potential partners
Sovereign	Donor- supported liquidity pool for energy services	Provides certainty to developers that there is sufficient funding available to pay for contractual obligations by the government	Disbursed commitment	<ul> <li>Donor willingness to place funds in a vehicle for services over a longer timescale</li> <li>Mechanism for enforceability, and government buy in that creates</li> <li>Multilateral involvement</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gov't ability to pay into the structure</li> <li>Moral hazard of them not paying and or gov't default</li> </ul>	BILL & MELINDA GATES foundation  WORLD BANKGROUP
Credit Risk	Sovereign credit guarantees for project debt finance	Should the government default on their obligations, allows the developer to be at least partially covered for any debt obligations taken on for project financing	Contingent commitment	<ul> <li>Backstops to government ability to pay</li> <li>Monitoring tools for clear adjudication of performance against contractual obligations</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Gov't willingness to pay</li> <li>Donor support given need for backstop</li> </ul>	MIGA
Private Credit Risk	Guarantees to developers for debt project finance	Should the HF default on their obligations, allows the developer to be at least partially covered for any debt obligations taken on for project financing	Contingent commitment	<ul> <li>Commercial lenders willing to lend to projects</li> <li>Guarantors willing to take on the credit risk of private HFs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to aggregate enough projects to reduce origination/transaction costs</li> </ul>	Guaranteo Guaranteos For Development  Infracredit Studies Metamentur Florice Studies Metamentur Florice
Credit RISK	Concessional loans to developers for debt project finance	Encouraging senior secured lenders to enter into projects by taking a subordinate position, or providing below-market rate debt to developers	Disbursed commitment	<ul><li>Commercial lenders willing to take senior secured</li><li>Availability of risk tolerant capital</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to aggregate enough projects to reduce origination/transaction costs</li> </ul>	Shell Foundation

Assumption made that obligations are in local currency, and that any foreign currency expenses are hedged

### For investments targeting facilities best served by Pico-PV systems, financing could be provided by OEMs to developers – ultimately reducing working capital costs

Risk	Potential mechanism	Target of intervention	Type of commitment	Enabling conditions required	Potential challenges	Potential partners
Liquidity Risks	OEM Concessional working capital facility for developers targeting HFE	Reduction of upfront costs to the developer, allowing them to unlock more working capital and reach a larger scale more quickly. As they are paying for most of the system close to the time of installation (and therefore payment from customers), it reduces their working capital burden. This can also eliminate or reduce any upfront costs of system installation for the customers.	Disbursed commitment	<ul> <li>Developers willing to target PHCs given their limited ability to pay</li> <li>Ability to integrate PHC targeting into broader community electrification efforts by developers</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ability to pay for assets by the PHC</li> <li>Public sector entity involvement in repayment</li> </ul>	d.light

It is important to note that the ultimate ownership of the system then sits with the end customer in these models, and therefore requires a differentiated view of financing

# For private facilities that do have an ability to pay, demand aggregation and time-bound incentives can be powerful tools to encourage uptake

Risk	Potential mechanism	Target of intervention	Type of commitment	Enabling conditions required	Potential challenges	Potential partners
	Support to identify private facilities and explain benefits of a solar energy installation	Developers noted that one of the largest transaction costs was identifying the potential facility partners and explaining the benefits of the solar installation to them. Having programs in place to reduce the sales time would enable developers to spend more time actually installing solutions.	Disbursed commitment	Developers willing to target private facilities given their at times limited ability to pay	<ul> <li>Ability to pay for assets by the private facility being targeted</li> </ul>	Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
Lack of Demand	Time-bound subsidy to incentivize action	Related to the issues above, developers noted that time-bound grants (where subsidy was only on offer within a given fiscal year for example) helped in the sales process as it focused facility management and gave them a deadline to focus the decision making around the installation of a solar system. This can be connection subsidies or tariff subsidies.	Disbursed commitment	Willingness of donors to pay for targeted subsidies to private facilities	• Willingness for the facility management to enter either long term PPAs, or to purchase systems	POWER AFRICA ALL COMMUNICION MANIEME VALLE COMMUNICIONAL M

### Distributed renewable energy certificates (D-RECS) could also be used to reduce the costs borne by end customers – however this has yet to be tested in HFE



Decentralised Renewable Energy Certificates (D-RECs) are electronic records that verify the source of electricity used, allowing electricity buyers to make reliable claims about this energy.

These certificates can be purchased by corporates that are seeking to offset their global emissions. The purchase revenues then flow back to the project developer.

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis



Electricity is generated and distributed to offtakers



Data about the electricity generation is then transmitted to the D-REC platform and once verified and validated a D-REC is created



The D-RECS can be purchased by corporations, and the revenue from the sales flows back to the project developer



This additional source of revenue can improve the overall rate of return of the project

While an interesting and promising intervention to increase revenues, and could be targeted for developer's HFE efforts, this remains untested

### De-risking mechanisms will need to be tailored to the risks associated with the end customer, and/or the project structure – there is no one sized solution (1 of 3)

Examples	Potential mechanism	Risks mitigated	Description	Potential partners
\$20M need for public facilities in Malawi	Donor- supported liquidity pool for energy services	Default by government for services rendered under a tariff-based contract	UNDP is exploring the use of an endowment structure that could be be utilized for the purpose of providing funding to energy as a service companies, which will further meet the energy needs of health care facilities in peri-urban and rural areas. Once the endowment is established by the recipient government, it can channel its resource to fulfil its obligations towards the energy service providers. The shift towards this delivery model will give HFs access to energy, without having to incur upfront investments and have a reliable long-term source of funding, as the income generation time frame from the fixed assets of the endowment will match the time frame of the energy companies.	U N D P
\$100M need for private Tier 2/3 facilities in Nigeria	Guarantees to developers for debt project finance	Limits exposure in the event of non-payment by their off-take counterpart	Given the significant need among private hospitals in Nigeria, and the availability of commercial bank financing, an off-balance sheet vehicle could be capitalized for a specialized guarantor link InfraCredit. From this vehicle they could then write guarantees for developers looking to undertake energy as a service contracts with private hospitals. The level of capitalization for the vehicle will depend on the estimated probability of default for hospitals and the number of loans that would be expected to be undertaken. This could also be achieved by a counter guarantee provided by a DFI/Government guarantor like DFC or SIDA.	InfraCredit Securing Infrastructure Finance

# De-risking mechanisms will need to be tailored to the risks associated with the end customer and the project structure – there is no standard solution (2 of 3)

Examples	Potential mechanism	Risks mitigated	Description	Potential partners
\$630M need for private facilities in India	Demand aggregation, bank guarantees, and potentially concessional debt	Limits exposure in the event of non-payment by their off-take counterpart, and reduced costs	The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) is in the initial phases of deploying a program that would support developers across several target states in India. They are first supporting demand aggregation – identifying potential target facilities in the private sector (mostly hospitals) and educating the management on the benefits of solar installations. Once management is committed, they will be linked to developers. They are then looking to partner with financial institutions for the financing of the projects and will provide guarantees to approved project portfolios. As needed, they will also layer in concessional debt to either developers or the health facilities where needed to bridge financing gaps.	Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet
\$240M need for public facilities in DRC	Performance- based connection subsidies for metro-grids in DRC, combined with government payment backstop	De-risks projects due to reduced capex investment, and mitigates government default risk for services rendered under a tariff-based contract	GEAPP has already partnered with the Government of DRC and other donors to unlock a planned \$1B worth of investment to support the metro-grid sector in DRC. Given the focus on dense urban areas where metro-grids are being installed, there could be an opportunity to build on the work that the government is doing to tender metro-grids and offer additional connection subsidies for health facilities connected to these systems. This would eliminate or significantly reduce the additional up-front cost of those connections to developers incentivizing them to add these customers. The additional de-risking mechanism that would be needed however would still be a backstop to government facility off-take. This could be done in partnership with GEAPP, the World Bank, and others as well.	

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# De-risking mechanisms will need to be tailored to the risks associated with the end customer and the project structure – there is no standard solution (3 of 3)

Potential Examples mechanism Risks mitigated		Risks mitigated	Description	Potential partners
\$18M need for private Tier 1 facilities in Kenya	Concessional working capital facility for Pico-PV OEMs targeting HFE	Reduced upfront costs to the developer, reducing working capital burden	EDFI's ElectriFi Initiative provides concessional working capital loan facilities to Pico-PV OEMs that they can make available to developers should developers meet certain impact criteria in terms of marginalized populations. A similar structure could be provided to OEMs that are supporting developers that have HFE as some element of their projects in off-grid communities in India.	EDF ElectriFI

## In Task B, KOIS will develop a menu of options for potential de-risking mechanisms from this initial long-list of opportunities



#### Task B

Investigate and design suitable financial interventions for de-risking investments in HFE, with the goal of enabling increased public-private partnerships and catalysing the deployment of at-risk capital

The de-risking options identified in Task A constitute a starting point from which KOIS will further refine and identify potential interventions to catalyze the deployment of atrisk capital into HFE

Donor-supported liquidity pool for energy services

Sovereign credit guarantees for project debt finance

Guarantees to developers for debt project finance

Concessional loans to developers for debt project finance

Time-bound subsidy to incentivize action

OEM concessional working capital facility for developers targeting HFE Support to identify private facilities and explain benefits of a solar energy installation

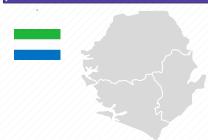
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### **Country overview | Sierra Leone**

#### Sierra Leone overview



Total population: 8.4M

57% Rural population:

Health facilities: 1,404

Electrified facilities: 62%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.109

#### **Government and donor HFE Programs**

Amount	10 donor programs, 5 identified government programs
Largest	Insufficient disclosed funding to determine
Smallest	Insufficient disclosed funding to determine
Programming Gaps	Government as the only provider of healthcare impedes private sector participation given govt inability to pay

#### Government fiscal position

- External debt: US\$1.4B
- Budget deficit: -11%
- Current BoP: -US\$276M
- External debt (% exports): 294%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### Sector planning

#### National Renewable Energy Action Plan

Aims to increase renewable energy share in the energy mix, through renewable off-grid solutions for rural areas, grid-connected renewable energy projects, and the development of a supportive policy and regulatory framework.

#### National Energy Policy

Promotes sustainable development of the energy sector, with goals such as increasing access to affordable and renewable energy services. It also focuses on regulatory frameworks, capacity building, and energy data management.

#### Energy Act 2011 -

Regulates the generation, transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity.

#### Key players and ongoing programs



Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office



#### USAID Sierra Leone Energy Access Project



### > Regulatory environment

Electricity Act (2011) regulates the generation, transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity. It was established to manage the country's electricity generation and transmission infrastructure. As well as the licensing of electricity suppliers, the establishment of electricity tariffs, and the protection of the rights of consumers. Additionally, the Act promotes the use of renewable energy sources and encourages private sector investment in the electricity sector.

#### > Incentive schemes





Tariff subsidy

Tax incentives

 Renewable energy project auctions to encourage investment and activity into the renewable energy sector

Source: Sierra Leone Ministry of Health, World Bank, Economist Intelligence, International Monetary Fund, Statista, SEforALL

### Overall capex requirement of \$11M; majority comes from Public facilities which make up the bulk of all HFs in Sierra Leone, greatest HFE demand in Tier 1 public facilities

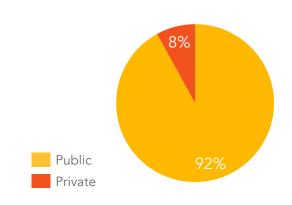
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$'000)

	T	er 1	Ti	Tier 2 Tier 3		er 3
	New	Stability	New	Stability	New	Stability
ties g tion	375	100	25	10	1	20
facili quirin trifica	4	75	45		21	
# of facilities requiring electrification			5	41		
			- 1.1.			

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	
0)	\$6,350	\$550	\$420	\$40	\$3,350	\$2,90	
Capex need (US\$ '000)	\$6,900		\$4	60	\$3,640		
Cap (US			\$11,	,000			

Electrification need is heavily concentrated in Tier 1 public facilities, which have the lowest ability to pay for electrification

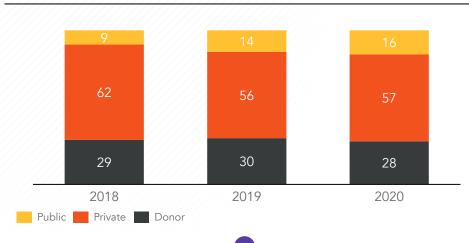
#### Split of public and private facilities



There is a high reliance on public facilities, with only 112 total private facilities in the whole of Sierra Leone. Government remains unreliable as an off-taker, and donor funding makes up most of the health spending in the country.

### Public sector expenditure in Sierra Leone is exceedingly low, with donors and private spend making up the vast preponderance of spend – donors play a key role





In 2017/2018,
household out pocket
expenditure in user fees
contributed 56% of
total health
expenditure, one of the

highest in Africa

Private spend is largest contributor to health expenditure. At 16% domestic general government spend for HC, Sierra Leone has one of the lowest public spends in Africa Health budget allocation of total national budget (excluding grants & transfers) reached 11% in 2020, closing in on 15%² showing the push towards increasing public health spend

#### Health budgeting process

#### National Budget

- MoHS<sup>3</sup> prepares a detailed budget proposal, which is reviewed and adjusted by MoFED<sup>4</sup>
- Upon completion, the MoHS<sup>3</sup> received a budget allocation
- Budget is then divided into sub-sectors (e.g., primary health care, mental health care etc.)

#### District Budget

- National budget is dispersed by districts, with allocations decided based on population size and health need
- District councils must align their spend with national health guidelines and goals
- Some budget allocation is tied up in programs, meaning district councils have no say in allocation

#### Supplies

- In addition to district budgets, a portion of the national health budget is specifically allocated towards procuring essential medical supplies and equipment
- There is central procurement and the MoHS<sup>3</sup> distributes this across facilities based on need

Ministry of Energy is responsible for making electrification decisions, as part of electrification efforts for the country. MoHS³ plays a role in advocating on behalf of health facilities and making sure they have adequate infrastructure

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government; (2) African Union Abuja Declaration threshold; (3) Ministry of Health and Sanitation; (4) Ministry of Finance and Economic Development

### Sierra Leone's sector planning is focused on increasing energy access through renewables

### The priority electrification targets in Sierra Leone are centered on increasing energy access through renewable sources



Universal energy access

Achieve universal access to electricity throughout Sierra Leone



2030

80% renewables

Reach 80% renewable energy sources in energy mix



2030

850MW installed capacity

Reach 850MW of installed capacity by 2030, up from 160MW in 2022

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### **Electricity Act (2011)**

Regulates the generation, transmission, distribution, and supply of electricity. It was established to manage the country's electricity generation and transmission infrastructure. As well as the licensing of electricity suppliers, the establishment of electricity tariffs, and the protection of the rights of consumers. Additionally, the Act promotes the use of renewable energy sources and encourages private sector investment in the electricity sector

#### **National Energy Policy**

Provides a framework for the sustainable development of the energy sector, with the objectives of increasing access to modern and affordable energy services, promoting renewable energy, improving energy efficiency, enhancing energy security, and promoting private sector investment. It also set the groundwork for improvement in the institutional and regulatory framework for the energy sector, increasing capacity building, and improving energy data management.

#### **National Renewable Energy Action Plan**

Focuses on increasing renewable energy share in the energy mix, through off-grid renewable energy solutions for rural areas, grid-connected renewable energy projects and the development of a supportive policy and regulatory framework

### Although Sierra Leone has supply incentives in place for renewable energy, these support packages are less comprehensive than in other priority markets



Fixed price that utility companies must pay to renewable energy producers for each unit of electricity they generate and supply to the national grid. This fixed price is usually set higher than the cost of conventional electricity, thereby incentivizing the development of renewable energy projects.



Import duty exemption for solar and other renewable energy related products, for both persons and institutions importing these. After introduction of this policy, the number of households with access to solar energy increased from 0.8% in 2015 to 6.6% in 2018.



Competitive bidding process in which developers submit bids to sell a specified amount of renewable energy at a specified price. It is used to drive down the cost of renewable energy and to encourage the development of new renewable energy projects.



# Sierra Leone's HFE is currently dominated by donor BOT and SHS models, with no private sector de-risking programs being designed or tested

#### **HFE Models in market or development**

Established



Most donor funded installations are still done through a design, build, operate and transfer model, where the government is the eventual owner. No de-risking is necessary, but the model is unsustainable without ongoing O&M considerations.



SHS Pay-Go

Easy Solar and We Care Solar have contributed to HFE programs through the provision of SHS using a pay-as-you-go scheme

Sierra Leone has a small health electrification market, where BOT and SHS are the prevailing models. There are currently no de-risking tools being designed for this market specifically given the dependence on programmatic donor funding.



We set up a project to provide 6kW of free energy to health centres in rural areas. But even with this, the energy is being misused for personal use, causing health centres to go over the 6kW limit, which they are not able to pay for. This highlights the issues of working with government facilities.

Private Power Company operating across Africa



There is very little private health or public government health infrastructure spending in SL. All the work is done via NGOs. The challenge in HFE is there are differing goals/targets between the Ministry of Health and Ministry of Energy, and in the larger energy sector programs health electrification is only ever likely to be a very small part. So, then the Ministry of Health gets different funding, and the work is either duplicated or not effectively integrated.

Former Program Manager, International Health NGO

### Given the health financing make-up in Sierra Leone, donors play a critical role and have focused efforts on capex grant activity – only two programs have funding for O&M<sup>1</sup>

Implementor / Investee	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
Pesolve	Orange SL, USAID, GAVI, World Vision	1	Grant	Capex & opex
Crown Agents	FCDO	1	Grant	Capex
GAVI, Orange Sierra Leone	Power Africa	1	Grant	Capex
Vorld Bank / Government of ierra Leone	World Bank	1	Grant	Capex
JNOPS	FCDO	1 & 2	Grant	Сарех
JNICEF	UNICEF	1	Grant	Market Assessment
We Care Solar	UD	1	Grant-in-kind	Capex
Azimut 360	UD	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex
ENDEV	ENDEV	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex
SEforALL	GEAPP, FCDO	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Сарех

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-exhaustive – based on interviews and desk-based research; (2) Undisclosed Source: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis

### Estimated funding for HFE in Sierra Leone was \$5M, with the largest contributors being World Bank and FCDO/UNOPS projects – leaving a \$6M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in Sierra Leone	\$0	0	
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in Sierra Leone	\$5M	2	<ul> <li>Only 2 broad energy electrification projects from which HFE investment was estimated - UNOPS Access to Energy Sierra Leone project, funded by FCDO and World Bank Enhancing Sierra Leone Energy Access</li> </ul>
Projects with <b>undisclosed</b> funding	N/A	8	
Total	\$5M	10	
<b>Estimated Funding Gap</b>	\$6M		

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component.

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#### Nigeria overview



Total population: 213M

47% Rural population:

Health facilities: 40,821

Electrified facilities: ~60%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.139

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	15 donor programs, 8 identified government programs
Largest	NEP1: US\$550M, World Bank and African Development Bank
Smallest	USADF <sup>2</sup> -All On Challenge: ~US\$4M; DSOLs:~US\$4M
Programming	Little focus on healthcare electrification specifically, as most

Programming Little focus on healthcare electrification specifically, as most programs focus on electrification generally Gaps

#### Government fiscal position

External debt: US\$76B

Budget deficit: 4.78%

• Current BoP: -US\$1.85B

• PV external debt (% exports): 144%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### Sector planning

National Strategic Health Development Plan (2018 – 2022) Approved in 2016 and documents FGN's<sup>3</sup> implementation framework and measures for driving rural electrification across the country using both on and off-grid energy solutions

#### - '1 PHC per Ward' Revitalization Plan

NPHCDA<sup>4</sup> has outlined a plan to revitalize 10,000 PHCs. So far, ~3,500 PHCs have been renovated with  $\sim$ 6,500 more planned for the next 3 – 5 years.

#### - USAID Call to Action

Project (NEP)

USAID (PA-NPSP<sup>5</sup>, IHP) call-to-action plans to electrify 700 PHCs by the end of 2023

#### Key players and ongoing programs







NPHCDA Resident Prospyred True Development Agency





Demand Aggregation for Energy Fund Renewable Energy (DART)





#### > Regulatory environment

- Rural Electrification Strategy & Implementation Plan (RESIP): FMOP plan to provide implementation framework and drive on- and offgrid rural electrification
- Mini-grid Regulations: NERC<sup>6</sup> regulations to accelerate mini-grid growth by minimizing major risks and facilitating private sector participation
- Energy Transition Plan (ETP): FGN's<sup>1</sup> Strategy to achieve net-zero emissions by 2060
- National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Policy: Blueprint for harnessing renewable resources to drive sustainable development

#### > Incentive schemes







Grant / Grant **Subsidies** 

Demand Aggregation

Results-Based **Subsidies** 

Rural Electrification programme: Subsidies for businesses providing off-grid renewable energy and solar home systems

**HEALTH** 

<sup>(1)</sup> Nigeria Electrification Program; (2) US Africa Development Foundation; (3) Federal Government of Nigeria; (4) National Primary Healthcare Development Agency; (5) Power Africa Nigeria Power Sector Program;

### The overall capex investment need in Nigeria is ~\$805M, with demand being greatest in Tier 1 public facilities, however there is significant need in private facilities

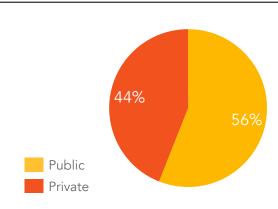
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$ '000)

		Tier 1		Tie	er 2	Tier 3	
			[8				
		New	Stability	New	Stability	New	Stability
ties	ation	25,440	5,565	1,695	370	205	425
# of facilities	quirin rifica	31,	005	2,0	)65	6.	30
# of	elect			33,700			

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private
00 00	\$446,330	\$97,980	\$7,620	\$28,670	\$145,620	\$78,410
Capex need in US\$ '000	\$544,310		\$36,290		\$224,030	
Cap in U			\$804	1,630		

Tier 3 facilities account for ~40% of the capex need despite making up only 3% of all healthcare facilities and predominantly requiring stability interventions. Nigeria's Tier 1 and Tier 3 is only ~20% and 35% private respectively resulting in the reduced capex contribution overall (Tier 1 is high volume; Tier 3 is high capex).

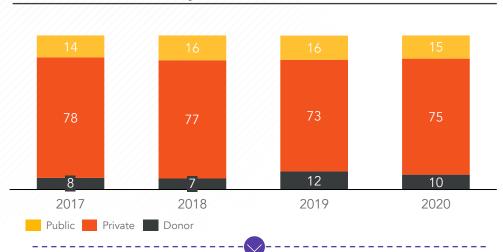
#### Split of public and private facilities



Unlike other geographies, Nigeria's secondary facilities are ~80% private. These peri-urban and urban facilities may represent an opportunity to explore alternative electrification models as there is an implied ability to pay, while there is a prevailing unmet need for electrification and the stability to support higher powered equipment energy demand.

# Private sector expenditure dominates Nigeria's healthcare sector, and there is a significant mismatch between public health budgeting and expenditure





In Nigeria, there is severe underfunding for the public health budget; on average, only ~35% of the gov. allocated amount is actually disbursed

Due to a lack of government funding, out-of-pocket spend is most common which is burdensome for households and increases catastrophic healthcare expenditure

#### Health budgeting process

#### **National Budget**

- The federal government provides funding that is disbursed through funds e.g., Basic Healthcare provision fund, to the National Primary Healthcare Development Agency, and National Health Insurance Scheme
- This funding is provided directly at the facility level

#### **County Budget**

- The state budget is channelled through the State MoH<sup>2</sup>; states are responsible for secondary care
- A separate pool of capital is allocated to the State Ministry of Local Government Affairs which is used for PHC development and salaries

#### **Budget Expenditure**

- In the past ~10 years, ~70% of the health sector budget has gone towards salaries and office running costs, with the remaining ~20% for capex expenditure (inc. equipment and constructions)
- Limited funding disbursement vs. allocation has restricted HFE efforts

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Public facilities face slow disbursement and restricted funding at the federal, state, and local level. While PHCs are meant to be the first-port-of-call for patients, they are financially neglected compared to secondary and tertiary facilities.

Electrification decisions are made by the FMoP<sup>3</sup> and implemented by Rural Electrification Agency (REA). Potential key partnerships include the NPHCDA<sup>4</sup>, FMoH<sup>5</sup> and Health Strategy and Delivery Foundation

(1) Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government, (2) State Ministry of Health; (3) Federal Ministry of Power; (4) Nigeria Primary Health Care Development Agency; (5) Federal Ministry of Health

Source: World Bank; Government of Nigeria

### Nigeria's sector planning focuses on reducing fuel dependence while improving access to modern, standardized quality care through HFE

The relevant priority electrification targets in Nigeria focus on revamping health infrastructure and reducing fuel dependence



#### **PHC** renovation

The renovation of 10,000 PHCs in Nigeria to include HFE or to prepare these facilities for HFE



2060

#### **Fuel transition**

For economic and climate reasons. Nigeria is looking to increase energy access and replace generators through renewables



2030

#### **Clean HFE**

The sustainable and clean electrification of health facilities across Nigeria to improve access to quality health

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### National Strategic Health Development Plan II 2018 – 2022

Of the many strategic objectives, the plan seeks to improve availability and functionality of health infrastructure required to optimize service delivery at all levels including sustainable health facility electrification

#### **NERC Mini-Grid Guidelines 2016**

Mini-grid guidelines outlining key regulations and processes for developers and operators of mini-grids in order to increase transparency and ease private participation in expanding energy access across Nigeria

#### **Petrol Subsidy Removal (year/occurrence TBD)**

At present, the generator is solar energy's biggest competitor. While the removal of petrol subsidies has broader sovereign financial implications, it will undoubtedly dissuade heavily subsidized generator use in favor of cheaper, cleaner renewable energy solutions.

Energy related policy/plan Health related policy/plan



### There are a number of key financial incentives for renewable energy in Nigeria, which has increased developer participation and investment in the sector in recent years



Guaranteed price for electricity generated from renewable sources, providing investors with a level of guaranteed revenue. Typically, developers/operators agree to pass this discount on to end-consumers.



This may include import duty and VAT exemptions for renewable energy products. There are also organizations that provide bulk purchasing of standardized equipment to benefit smaller companies that cannot themselves benefit from economies of scale or warehousing. This drives down the cost of developing mini-grids and increases competition in supply.



Developers and vendors are provided increasing amounts of grants/grants-in-kind based on key outlined metrics. This has allowed new innovative indigenous entrants into the space reaching more underserved communities. It has also help to crowd in additional capital.



InfraCredit's (and FCDO's) CFBF offers credit enhancement to increase the accessibility of funding for mini-grid projects. Under Solar Power Naija (SPN), InfraCredit provides credit guarantees through its AAA rating. Domestic institutional investors can directly invest in a 7-year fixed rate local currency project – the first of its kind for solar mini-grids in Nigeria.



# Identified developers have found ways to successfully work with both private and public health facilities across all tiers – but government is still a constraint

#### HFE models in market or under development<sup>1</sup>

Design, Build, Operate, Transfer Most donor-funded installations are still done through a design, build, operate and transfer model, where the government is the eventual owner. No de-risking is necessary, but the model is unsustainable without on-going O&M considerations.

2 SHS Pay-Go

SAO Energy is partnering with Okra to deploy mesh-grids to rural communities which will have health facilities as either paying customers or offer them energy free of charge depending on the size of the community installation.

3 EaaS

Established

Some developers have operated an EaaS model with private hospitals in particular – relying on guarantees to secure commercial lending for their project finance debt.

Design/pilot phase

3 Hybrid model

The World Bank Regional Off-Grid Electricity Access Project is including a pilot program in Nigeria & Niger to electrify health facilities and schools. They are currently collaborating with MIGA to create a sub-national de-risking mechanism for payment from government and developing a line of credit for energy companies servicing public institutions including health facilities.

There is a significant private sector need in Nigeria; there is still a lot of demand aggregation needed among smaller private facilities, and convincing of larger facilities of the benefits of solar energy . Public facilities – the bulk of PHCs – remain the largest gap, suffering from inability to pay

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Government has been supportive of our efforts, but they have constrained budgets. They understand the importance and support however they can, but they cant pay for energy. For the smaller public clinics, they are charging fees for service, so many of them do have some ability to pay. These are quite small systems, usually just 1-1.5 kWh installations.

Nigerian Developer

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We have found it much easier to get lenders involved with larger hospitals, given their confidence in their ability to pay. With those entities we are more likely able to get a guarantee, or escrow set up to mitigate the payment risk (or both). Some hospitals want to own the system through a lease-to-own model which we can certainly do.

Nigerian Developer

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We've generally been good with sourcing funding and getting payments back. One segment we struggle with in Nigeria [...] is public rural PHCs. Since these are owned by the government it's a challenge to get them to commit to paying for the power because of government bureaucracy and budget.

Private Power Company Operating Across Africa

### Donor activity is concentrated in capex grants for developers, with some nascent blended finance activity although with little direct focus on HFE<sup>1</sup>

Implementer/investee	Capital provider	Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
Crown Agents		1	Grant	Capex
M-ONE	FCDO, European Union	1	Grant	Сарех
orld Bank / Government of geria	World Bank	1	Grant	Сарех
lam Smith International	FCDO	1 & 2	Grant	Сарех
ndGen Power	Shell Foundation, FCDO	2	Grant	Сарех
en Village Electricity	Schneider Electric	1	Grant-in-kind	Capex
enhill Synergy	Shell Foundation, FCDO	1	Guarantee facility	Capex
-ONE	USTDA	1	Grant	Feasibility Study
orALL	Power Africa	1, 2 & 3	Grant	Feasibility Study
venhill Synergy	Power Africa	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex
COM	European Union	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-exhaustive – based on interviews and desk-based research; (2) Undisclosed Source: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis

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Implementer/investee	Capital provider	Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
Just Stand Out	UD	UD²	UD	UD <sup>2</sup>
REA Nigeria	FCDO	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Facility Mapping
Okra Solar	SAO Group, World Bank, AfDB	1	Blended Finance	Capex
Arnergy	Norfund, EDFI, All On	UD <sup>2</sup>	Blended Finance	UD <sup>2</sup>

All capital providers are collaborating to create a Special Purpose Vehicle to raise \$6M for the scale-out of Okra mesh-grids, which will have some knockon effects for HFE

Small part of Arnergy's business focuses on HFE. Investment is not specifically geared towards this but rather for general business operations.

Grant Other financing methods

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-exhaustive – based on interviews and desk-based research; (2) Undisclosed Source: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis

### Known funding is driven by Power Africa and FCDO funded projects, with the World Bank being another key investor in HFE – leaving a \$732M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in Nigeria	\$41M	2	<ul> <li>Only 2 projects in Nigeria disclosed their funding amount for HFE - Power Africa Off Grid Project and FCDO project</li> </ul>
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in Nigeria	\$42M	2	<ul> <li>Only 2 broad energy electrification projects from which HFE investment was estimated</li> <li>World Bank Nigeria Electrification project, and FCDO Kaduna State Electrification Project</li> </ul>
Projects with <b>undisclosed</b> funding	N/A	11	
Total	\$83M	15	
<b>Estimated Funding Gap</b>	\$721M		

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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Total population: 96M

Rural population: 54%

Health facilities: 14.746

Electrified facilities: 33%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.084

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	3 donor programs, 1 identified government program
Largest	KIN Elenda Program, US\$250M, World Bank Funded
Smallest	Insufficient disclosed funding to determine

Programming Lack of both general and health electrification initiatives Gaps

#### Government fiscal position

• External debt: US\$10B

• Budget deficit: 2.7%

• Current BoP: -US\$588M

• External debt (% exports): 34%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### Sector planning

#### National Health Development Plan

National Health Development Plan (2019-2022) Plan for the creation and delivery of a primary health care services package that emphasizes improvements in reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH-N) using innovative financing mechanisms, including strategic purchasing, direct-facility financing, and singlecontract pooled funding

#### Key players and ongoing programs







Kin Elenda – Kinshasa Multisector Development and Urban Resilience Project

#### > Regulatory environment

• Energy Sector Act (2014) governs the energy sector, through effective liberalization, promotion and development of energy access in urban, peri-urban and rural areas, providing reliable, sustainable energy coverage of all needs and creating an institutional framework and ensuring fair competition and establishing laws on production, transportation, distribution, importation, exportation and commercialization of electricity

#### > Incentive schemes



#### Tax incentives

 Rural Electrification Fund: funds renewable energy and solar home systems for decentralized energy generation

# The overall capex investment need in DRC is ~\$428M, with estimated demand being greatest in Tier 3 public facilities, closely followed by Tier 1

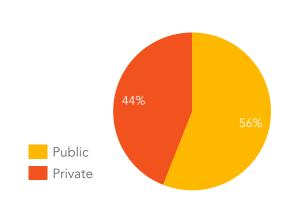
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$ '000s)

	Ti	er 1	Ti	Tier 2		ier 3
	New	Stability	New	Stability	New	Stability
ties g tion	8,925	2,240	595	150	325	110
# of facilities requiring electrification	11,	165	745		425	
# of rec			12,	,335		
	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	
need (000)	\$104,210	\$81,880	\$6,950	\$5,460	\$128,590	\$101,030	
ех ne S\$ ′С	\$186	,090	\$12,	410	\$229,620		
Capex r (in US\$ '			\$428	,110			

Despite Tier 1 requiring low amounts of electricity, the capex need is almost similar to Tier 3, due to the high amount of facilities requiring electrification, especially new connections

#### Split of public and private facilities

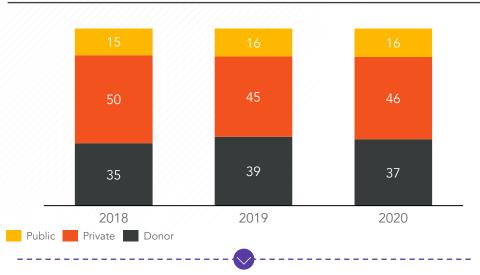


Low government spend on health created an informal taxation system of private sector facilities (e.g., sale of permits, fines, local taxes), which motivated health authorities to multiply for profit private facilities to increase finance flows used for administrative purposes.

Moreover, low government spend creates a demand for well functioning and well funded facilities, both driving towards a relatively high amount of private facilities in DRC. However, electrification remains an issue in both public and private facilities.

### Low government budget allocation, combined with reverse financial flows, leaves little room for facilities to make investments into electrification





In 2018, only 40% of DRC's health budget was spent, and most provinces only spent 20% of their budgeted resources High fragmentation in donor interventions leads to waste, duplication and ineffectiveness throughout DRCs health system and health programs

Source: World Bank; DRC, Global Financing Facility; Improving Health System Efficiency DRC

Low government allocation to health and push for private facilities by officials contributes to high private health spend

#### Health budgeting process

#### Central Budget

- GoDRC<sup>2</sup> allocates the health budget to the MoH<sup>3</sup> based on its budgetary priorities
- National budget is allocated to national level expenditures, such as health policy and planning and disease control

#### **Province Budget**

- MoH<sup>3</sup> allocates part of the national budget to the district level
- Provincial budget is used for technical and logistic support, and managing operations of health facilities that operate at the provincial level

#### **District Budget**

- Provincial budget is partially allocated to districts within their jurisdiction, which manages a network of health centres and a district hospital
- Budget is used for wages, medical supplies and infrastructure at the district level

Low government spend on health has caused reverse financial flows, with district health facilities collecting user fees, which are then channelled to district offices and from there to the provincial and national level. Informal taxation (e.g., sale of permits, fines, local taxes) of private facilities has also become common practice, to assure financial survival of health institutions and individuals operating in the health administrative space.

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government; (2) Government of DRC; (3) Ministry of Health

### Sector planning is limited in DRC, with only one identified energy sector act and health action plan, both not specifically focused on HFE

Priority electrification targets in DRC are centered on increasing access and reducing GHG emissions



2025

Connect 15m people to energy

Provide an additional 15M people with reliable access to energy in rural and peri-urban areas



2030

17% GHG reduction

Reduce GHG emissions by 17% compared to the business-as-usual scenario, equivalent to slightly more than a 70 Mt CO2 reduction



2040

100 metro grids

Increase electrification through 100 new renewable energy metro-grids

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### National Health Development Plan (2019-2022)

Plan for the creation and delivery of a primary health care services package that emphasizes improvements in reproductive, maternal, neonatal, child and adolescent health and nutrition (RMNCAH-N) using innovative financing mechanisms, including strategic purchasing, direct-facility financing, and single-contract pooled funding.

#### **Energy Sector Act (2014)**

Act that governs the energy sector, through effective liberalization, promotion and development of energy access in urban, peri-urban and rural areas, providing reliable, sustainable energy coverage of all needs and creating an institutional framework and ensuring fair competition and establishing laws on production, transportation, distribution, importation, exportation and commercialization of electricity.

Energy related policy/plan Health related policy/plan

### Limited supply incentives in DRC are a directional indication that the energy market is still very fragmented and less centrally regulated vis-à-vis other priority markets



All economic activities related to the production, import and export of electrical energy are exempt from customs tax and, in certain cases, valued-added tax (VAT) for four years from the first day of importation. This applies to all energy sources. However, the VAT exemption is not transparent and is not continuously applied.



The national electrification fund is a financial mechanism that funds private operators, small businesses, NGOs, rural cooperatives that are involved in decentralised systems using renewable energies.



### Based on interviews, there are developers that are actively interesting in participating in HFE, but they are constrained by government ability to pay first and foremost

#### HFE models in market or under development<sup>1</sup>

Established

Design,
Build,
Operate,
Transfer

Most donor-funded installations are still done through a design, build, operate and transfer model, where the government is the eventual owner. No de-risking is necessary, but the model is unsustainable without on-going O&M considerations.



PPA with guarantee

Nuru deploys a PPA model in which capex is either funded through a subsidy. Client pre-pays for energy using a smart meter and when selling to government, payment is guaranteed by donors

Donor BOT and a PPA model are present in DRC. There are currently no additional HFE specific models being designed beyond the Shell Foundation pilot.



There is a large appetite for electrification in DRC, but it is a very nascent market, lacking activity and government participation, making it very tricky to invest in.

Developer active in East Africa



Conceptually, everyone would like us to work with the government, but commercially they are a difficult client. Because of this, the best case scenario for us when working with the government is to receive a subsidy to fund the capex of the connection, and have a 3-year payment guarantee provided by MIGA on government payments or a donor backstop equivalent.

Congolese Developer

# Nascency of the market results in limited donor activity in DRC, with only 3 projects identified, of which 1 focuses specifically on HFE<sup>1</sup>

Implementer / Investee	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing pu	rpose		
World Bank	World Bank	1	Grant	Capex	•	Part of US\$250m Kin Elenda project	
IFC	Global Infrastructure Facility, Green Climate Fund, Rockefeller Foundation, SRMI, Government of Italy, Government of Canada	1	Grant	Capex	•	Falls under the World Bank's Scaling Mini-Grid program, which helps emerging countries establish public- private partnership mini-grids to bring low-cost renewable energy to consumers, funding is expected to	
Nuru S.A.R.L.	Shell Foundation, FCDO		Performance based grant	Capex	L	reach \$400m from private investors	

### Funding identified in DRC was estimated based on the World Bank's Kin Elenda Project, with no known funding amount - leaving a \$415M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in DRC	\$0	0	
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in DRC	\$12M	1	<ul> <li>Only 1 broad energy electrification project to estimate HFE from - World Bank Kin Elenda project</li> </ul>
Projects with <b>undisclosed</b> funding	N/A	2	
Total	\$12M	3	
<b>Estimated Funding Gap</b>	\$415M		

Source: CrossBoundary Analys

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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#### > Kenya overview



Total population: 53M

Rural population: 72%

Health facilities: 14,323

Electrified facilities: 56%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.13

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	13 donor programs, 5 identified government programs
Largest	KOSAP Program, US\$150M, World Bank Funded
Smallest	US\$100K, FMO funded
Programming	Little focus on electrifying health centres specifically, rather

Programming Little focus on electrifying health centres specifically, rather Gaps a focus on household electrification

#### Government fiscal position

- External debt: US\$35B
- Budget deficit: 7.3%
- Current BoP: -US\$5.7B
- External debt (% exports): 346%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### > Sector planning

#### Kenya Vision 2030

Long-term development blueprint, with energy focus including infrastructure improvement, increasing energy access, improving access to healthcare and promoting renewable energy and the expansion of the grid

#### Rural Electrification Strategic Plan 2018 – 2023

Policy framework aimed at expanding access to electricity in rural areas by establishing renewable energy mini grids in off-grid areas and implementing stand-alone systems for institutions in rural areas

#### National Renewable Energy Action Plan

Policy framework focused on increasing renewable energy in Kenya's energy mix, through promoting investment, off-grid solutions in rural areas, and implementing regulatory and institutional reforms to support the development of the sector

#### Health Sector Strategic Plan

Aims to improve physical assets, including addressing infrastructure challenges, such as HFE

#### Key players and ongoing programs







#### > Regulatory environment

- Energy act: Legal framework for promotion of renewable energy & energy efficiency, encourages private sector participation in energy sector, which has promoted renewable energy by creating regulatory bodies and increased private sector participation (through power purchase agreements, licencing and incentives) improving rural electrification rates
- Establishment of regulatory body known as the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA)

#### > Incentive schemes







Tariff subsidy

Tax incentives

Loan guarantees

 Rural Electrification programme: subsidies for businesses providing off-grid renewable energy and solar home systems

### The overall investment need in Kenya is ~\$235M, with demand being greatest in Tier 3 private facilities, creating an opportunity for a commercial intervention

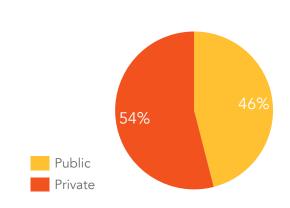
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$ '000s)

<u></u>	Tier 1		Tier 2		Tier 3	
	New	Stability	New	Stability	New	Stability
lities ing ation	1,075	2,300	70	155	105	665
aci ific	3,3	375	225		770	
# of f reque	4,370					

	Public	<b>Private</b>	Public	Private	Public	Private
,000)	\$15,920	\$18,690	\$1,130	\$1,180	\$84,970	\$112,640
	\$34,610		\$2,300		\$197,610	
Capex (in US\$	\$234,530					

Although Tier 3 accounts for only ~16% of facilities in Kenya, it has the largest capex need, especially in terms of back-up systems. This shows that many smaller Tier 1 and 2 facilities are likely not using enough energy to be anchor loads, posing problems for sustainable investment.

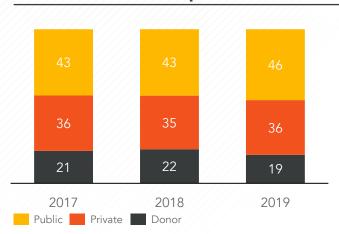
#### Split of public and private facilities



Kenya has slightly more private facilities than public at a national level. Within the tiers, the amount of private facilities is highest at Tier 3, at 57%, and lowest at Tier 2, at 51%. Although private facilities generally have a better ability to pay, facilities in Tier 1 and 2 are likely to struggle to afford electrification due to low revenue, and Tier 3 facilities' demand is lower, as back up generations make up two-thirds of capex need

### Low budget allocation, combined with HF revenues/distributions being controlled at a national level, leaves little room for facilities to make investment decisions

#### Health expenditure distribution, %1



Between 2001-2016 donor spend, both direct spend and spend channelled through GoK, was at least 50% greater than GoK spend

In 2017, 4 donors made up ~90% of donor health spend

At ~9% of total national budget, GoK allocation to health remains well below 15%<sup>2</sup>

#### Hospital and health center revenue sources, %

	County A	County B	County C	County D	County E
Hospital revenue sources					
User fee collection	78%	-	3%	33%	60%
NHIF payments	22%	100%	4%	67%	40%
County financial grants	-	-	7%	-	-
County health care scheme					
reimbursement	-	-	86%	-	-
Health center revenue sources					
User fee collection	15%	-	-	-	-
User fee reimbursement	-	-	-	-	-
NHIF payments	11%	-	-	68%	-
County financial grants	-	4%	28%	-	-
Donor supported O&M	27%	35%	72%	32%	100%
Financial donor support	47%	61%	-	-	-

Hospitals' main income is through NHIF reimbursements, at an average of 47%

Health centres received average of 53% of revenue from donor funded O&M

#### Health budgeting process

#### National Budget

- GoK<sup>4</sup> allocates national health budget to MoH<sup>4</sup> and distributes donor funds to health projects
- National budget is used for health policies, health sector regulation, provision of guidance, capacity building for county governments and funding of national schemes e.g., NHIF

#### County Budget

- MoH<sup>5</sup> allocates county budget from national budget
- Used for primary health services, referral health services, provision of medical supplies and equipment, construction and renovations, work force development, disease prevention and control, research and data collection

#### HF Revenues

- 2012 PFM<sup>6</sup> act requires public health facilities to remit all revenues collected to the Consolidated Fund, which is then used to finance public expenditure in the country
- Exceptions can be made for HF to use their revenues for capital improvements

Due to the PMF act, HFs have limited autonomy to fund capital improvements, including electrification. This means that for public facilities, agreements must be made at a county level for off-take, even in situations where individual facilities generate sufficient revenue to fund their electrification individually.

Electrification decisions are made by the MoE, specifically and REREC makes rural electrification decisions specifically. Lack of coordination between MoH and MoE causes inefficiencies and delays in electrifying health facilities.

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government (2) African Union Abuja Declaration target; (3) O&M includes facility maintenance & refurbishment, support staff allowances, communications, utilities, non-drug supplies, fuel and community-based activities; (4) Government of Kenya; (5) Ministry of Health; (6) Public Finance Management

### Sector planning is geared towards Vision 2030, with the aim to improve its installed capacity, make use of 100% renewable energy and obtain universal energy access

Priority electrification targets in Kenya are centered on access and renewable energy



**Energy access** 

Achieve universal energy access for all households and businesses by 2022, at acceptable quality of service levels<sup>1</sup>



2030

100% renewables

Derive 100% of energy resources from renewable sources by 2030, focusing on geothermal and solar power in particular



2030

5000 MW installed capacity

Reach 5,000 MW of installed capacity by 2030, to better serve the increasing energy demand

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### **Health Sector Strategic Plan (2018-2023)**

Sets the objectives for the health system to 2023, which guides budget expenditure. Aims to improve physical assets, including addressing infrastructure challenges, such as the availability of electricity in HFs.

#### **Energy Act (No. 1, 2019)**

Act that consolidates all laws relating to energy, thus providing the regulation of the generation, transmission, distribution, and sale of energy, as well as the licensing of energy projects and the establishment of energy regulatory bodies.

#### National Renewable Energy Action Plan (2013 – 2030)

Policy framework focused on increasing renewable energy in Kenya's energy mix, through promoting investment in renewable energy, promoting off-grid solutions in rural areas, and implementing regulatory and institutional reforms to support the development of the sector.

#### Rural Electrification Strategic Plan (2018 – 2023)

Policy framework aimed at expanding access to electricity in rural areas of the country and increasing capacity, in part through establishing renewable energy mini grids in off-grid areas and implementing stand alone systems for institutions in rural areas.

Energy related policy/plan Health related policy/plan

### There are a number of key financial incentives for renewable energy in Kenya, which has increased investment in the sector in recent years



Tariff subsidy

Guaranteed price for electricity generated from renewable sources, providing investors with a level of guaranteed revenue. Feed-in-tariffs apply to grid-connected plants and are valid for a 20-year period from the beginning of the Power Purchase Agreement.



Import duty and VAT exemptions for renewable energy products (discontinued 2018 and reinstated in 2021 due to significant slowdown of renewable energy adoption).



KOSAP<sup>1</sup> provides loan guarantees to financial institutions that provide financing to off-grid solar companies, in order to reduce the risk associated with lending to these companies and encourage increased investment in the sector



The REREC program provides subsidies to businesses that install solar home systems and mini-grids in rural areas, with the aim of increasing access to electricity in areas that are not connected to the national grid by making it more affordable



### Based on interviews, we identified limited de-risking tools applied in Kenya for HFE, but developers and investors are designing new models to take to market

#### HFE models in market or under development<sup>1</sup>

(assets)

Sunfunder is designing an 'AssetCo' guarantee model, where a separate legal entity acquires concessional equity and debt for financing and ownership of all equipment

The main challenge in electrifying health facilities is government inability to pay, and lack of demand aggregation in the private sector. This is causing developers to design innovative de-risking models, though none have been operationalized as of yet.

As debt providers, we are most likely to shy away from government linked investments. Even when they have the ability to pay, the willingness is not always there. So we tend to focus on private facilities that really need electrification, using concessional finance and grants.

Off-Grid Investor

A lot of the clinics we see in peri-urban areas have very low energy demand. They deal with intermittency, but they use mostly rechargeable devices, so so-long as the intermittency isn't debilitating, they can manage patients and make referrals for more acute cases where energy demand for interventions is higher.

Co-Founder, Health Clinic Network in East Africa

The largest challenges we have faced with electrifying health facilities at scale is that government owns a significant number of facilities that need electrifying, and it is challenging to get them to commit to paying for the power. Secondly, most of these health facilities lack equipment, and thus are not an anchor load in and of themselves, making it difficult to serve their demand.

Private Power Company Operating Across Africa

Hybrid

model

Design/pilot phase

# Most donor activity is concentrated in capex grants, but there is nascent activity in blended finance solutions with participation from DFIs<sup>1</sup>

Implementer / Investee	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose		
Energy4Impact	Ovo Foundation	1	Grant	Capex		
Little Sun Foundation	UD	1	Grant	Capex		
Moving energy initiative, Kube Energy, Crown Agents	FCDO	1	Grant	Capex		
Res4Africa Foundation	Electricians without borders	1	Grant	Сарех		
We Care Solar	UD	1	Grant	Capex	Capex provided through provision of solar system, NGO is funded by various donors	
World Bank / Government of Kenya	World Bank	1	Grant	Capacity building & •- Capex		
WRI	DFID	1	Grant	Capex	Part of US\$150m KOSAP project	
WHO	Solar Electric Light Fund	1	Grant-in-kind	Capex		
ENDEV	SNV, GIZ	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex	DAVCO torgeting private clinica pro	
Differ AS	Nordic Climate Facility	1	Blended Finance	Capex & Opex	PAYGO targeting private clinics, pre agreed payment instalments have been	
D.Light	Swedfund	1	Blended Finance	Capex	put in place to de-risk investors & del providers to finance solar electrification	
D.light	FMO	1	Blended Finance	Capex •	of health clinics	
Grant Blended finance					Blended Finance solution, through FMO's publicly funded AEF fund	

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-exhaustive – based on interviews and desk-based research; (2) Undisclosed Source: Powering Healthcare Intervention Database, SEforALL, 2022; CrossBoundary Analysis

# Most funding identified in Kenya was estimated based on the World Bank's KOSAP project – leaving a \$225M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in Kenya	\$2.1M	1	<ul> <li>Only 1 project in Kenya disclosed its funding amount for HFE - OVO Foundation investment in Project Jua, implemented by Energy 4 Impact</li> </ul>
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in Kenya	\$7.5M	2	Only 1 broad energy electrification project to estimate HFE from - World Bank KOSAP project
Projects with undisclosed funding	N/A	10	
Total	\$9.6M	13	
<b>Estimated Funding Gap</b>	\$225M		

Source: CrossBoundary Analys

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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#### Malawi overview



Total population: 19.9M

Rural population: 82%

Health facilities: 1,331

Electrified facilities: 48%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.064

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	9 donor programs, 2 identified government programs
Largest <sup>1</sup>	US\$7.5M, FCDO/USAID funded
Smallest	US\$233K, Power Africa funded
Programming Gaps	Country's main healthcare strategy, Health Sector Strategic Plan III does not place a strong emphasis on HFE

#### Government fiscal position

• External debt: US\$3.2B

• Budget deficit: 8.7%

• Current BoP: -US\$1.5B

• External debt (% exports): 156%



GDP per capita,



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### Sector planning

#### National Energy Policy 2020

Establishes a framework for affordable, reliable, and efficient energy access. It led to the creation of energy regulator and serves as guiding policy for energy sector developments.

#### - Renewable Energy Strategy —

Goal of achieving universal access to renewable electricity and a sustainable bioenergy.

#### - Health Sector Strategic Plan ——

Integrates health care delivery, creates a One Plan, One Budget, and One Report system, establishes a sector-wide performance management system and increases domestic revenue for health.

#### Key players and ongoing programs

#### egenco

Parastatal with primary purpose to generate electric power





**POWER** 

National electric utility company responsible for distribution

#### Regulatory environment

- Malawi Energy Regulatory Authority (MERA):
  MERA is a statutory corporation created under
  the Energy Regulation Act, 2004. Its mandate
  is to regulate all energy industry activities,
  including licensing, tariff approval, compliance
  monitoring, and standards development.
- Malawi's power sector is guided by the updated 2018 National Energy Policy and the 2016 Electricity (Amendment) Act. These aim to improve the regulatory framework's transparency, predictability, and generate investor confidence, supported by the Renewable Energy Strategy.

#### Incentive schemes





Tariff subsidy

Tax incentives

- Malawi Rural Electrification Programme (MAREP): Includes the development of micro, mini and small hydropower stations
- IPP Framework: commitment from government and stakeholders to establish a robust and transparent process for attracting investment in the power sector

Source: Malawi Ministry of Health; World Bank; Malawi Integrated Energy Plan, SEforALL, 2022; International Monetary Fund

## The overall capex investment need in Malawi is ~\$16M, with estimated demand being greatest in Tier 2 public facilities

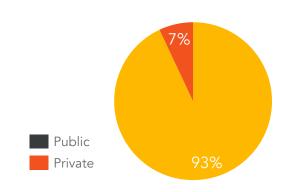
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$ '000s)

	Ti	er 1	Tier 2		Tier 3		
					H S		
	New	Stability	New	Stability	New	Stability	
ties g tion	85	40	415	180	5	10	
# of facilities requiring electrification	1	125		595		15	
# of rec	735						

	Public	<b>Private</b>	Public	<b>Private</b>	Public	<b>Private</b>
need '000)	\$940	\$830	\$7,380	\$1,100	\$3,600	\$2,400
ex ne	\$1,770		\$8,480		\$6,000	
Capex r (in US\$	\$16,260					

Due to high number of facilities, public Tier 2 accounts for almost half of the total capex need in Malawi. Within this Tier, ~70% of facilities require either new connections.

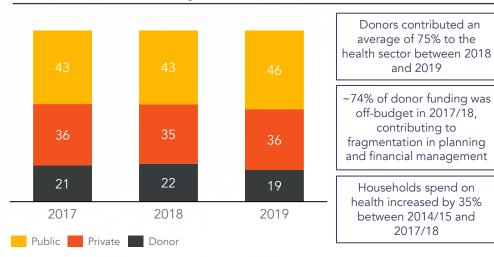
#### Split of public and private facilities



More than 80% of Malawi's population is rural, causing majority of health facilities to fall in Tier 1, which are most often publicly owned as they are the least commercially viable. Moreover, the government places a heavy emphasis on primary health care, which is similarly mainly offered through public facilities. This drives a high number of public health facilities, meaning government is the off taker in more than 75% of health facilities.

### Almost 80% of all health expenditures go towards recurring cost, leaving little possibility for investments into HFE

#### Health expenditure distribution, %1



#### Key figures in Malawi's public health spend

- ~20% of MoH budget is used for operations of 5 central public hospitals
- 55% of the health budget is channelled through MoH
- 43% of the health budget is channelled through council/district level expenditures, of which the majority is used for personal emoluments
- 78% of all health expenditures are used for recurrent costs

#### Health budgeting process

#### National Budget

- MoH<sup>2</sup> prepares a budget based on the HSSP<sup>3</sup>, which is reviewed and allocated by MoFEPD<sup>4</sup>
- National Budget is used for national level spend, such as procurement of equipment and financing referral hospitals

#### District Budget

- MoH<sup>2</sup> allocates district budget from national budget
- District managed by DHMT<sup>5</sup> that dispersed funds based on District Implementation Plan
- Funds are used for district activities, such as financing district hospitals and health facilities

Electrification decisions are made through coordination of the MoE<sup>6</sup>, MoH<sup>3</sup>, ESCOM<sup>7</sup> and district level health offices

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government; (2) Ministry of Health (3) Health Sector Strategic Plan; (4) Ministry of Finance, Economic Planning and Development; (5) District Health Management Team; (6) Ministry of Energy; (7) Electricity Supply Coordination of Malawi

### Electrification targets in Malawi are guided by the National Energy Policy, aiming to create universal access to affordable, reliable and sustainable energy

Priority electrification targets in Malawi are guided by the National Energy Policy of 2020



2030

**Universal** energy access

Achieve universal energy access for all Malawi



2030

35% renewables

Derive 35% of electricity generation from renewable sources by 2030



2030

1631 MW installed capacity

Reach 1.631 MW of installed capacity by 2030, to better serve the increasing energy demand

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### Health Sector Strategic Plan (HSSP) III (2023-2030)

Builds on the previous HSSP I & II, with the aim to integrate health care delivery, create a One Plan, One Budget, and One Report system, establish a sector-wide performance management system and increase domestic revenue for health.

#### **National Energy Policy (2020)**

Policy to increase access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, efficient and modern energy for every person in Malawi, through diversifying energy sources, developing an efficient energy sector, modernizing sustainable energy services, increasing access to clean, affordable and sustainable energy.

#### **Renewable Energy Strategy**

Strategy with the goal of achieving universal access to renewable electricity and a sustainable bioenergy sector, through investing in gridscale renewables, clean energy mini-grids, off-grid solar and bioenergy.

Energy related policy/plan



Health related policy/plan

### There are a number of key financial incentives for renewable energy in Malawi, but investment remains low due to poor implementation of the incentive programs



subsidy

A feed-in tariff scheme has been in place since 2012 and is based on capacity or a combination of capacity and energy charges. Energy producers are paid for the net amount of energy sent out.



Many products related to solar generation and energy efficiency measures have zero value added tax as well as the removal of import tariffs for all renewables equipment.



The ACRE Project seeks to enhance the government's efforts to improve access to modern and clean energy services. It will offer cost-effective and sustainable renewable energy solutions, along with financial and regulatory incentives, to tackle energy access issues. The project will prioritize poor and vulnerable individuals, commercial establishments, entrepreneurs, and social sectors.



# Malawi's HFE is currently dominated by the donor BOT model, with one de-risking mechanism being designed for PPAs

#### HFE Models in market or development<sup>1</sup>

Design, Build,
Operate,
Transfer

Most donor funded installations are still done through a design, build, operate and transfer model, where the government is the eventual owner. No de-risking is necessary, but the model is unsustainable without ongoing O&M considerations.

De-risked PPA UNDP is designing a program to partially subsidize PPAs using donor and government financing, to provide a more stable off-taker to the private sector. Still searching on ways to implement a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to guarantee residual government risk

Malawi has a small health electrification market, where DBOT is the main method. The UNDP is currently designing a de-risking tool for government payments in PPAs, which will be applied in Malawi (among 5 other countries) 11

Health facilities are just one part of wider community electrification. Many of the facilities are very basic and don't have a lot of equipment that requires a high energy demand.

Developer Active In Malawi



Design/pilot phase

### Given the health financing make-up in Malawi, donors play a critical role and have focused efforts on capex grant activity – only one program has funding for O&M<sup>1</sup>

Lead implementing agency	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
GAVI	GAVI	1	Grant	Capex
IPCS	Power Africa Off-grid Project	1	Grant	Сарех
UNDP S4H	Global Fund, Innovation Norway, UNDP	1	Grant	Сарех
UNICEF	UNICEF	1	Grant	Capex
UNICEF	UNICEF, Differ Community Power	1	Grant	Сарех
Zuwa Energy	Power Africa Off-grid Project	1	Grant	Capex
Community Energy Malawi, United Purpose	Government of Scotland	1	Grant	Capex
Malawi Ministry of Health	FCDO, USAID	1	Grant	Capex
Little Sun Foundation	UD <sup>2</sup>	1	Grant	Сарех
Differ Community Power	GIZ	1	Grant	Capex & opex •

All but 1 donor projects in Malawi take shape as capex grants, concentrated in HF Tier 1

Projects includes financing for O&M at 8 health facilities, duration not specified

<sup>(1)</sup> Non-exhaustive – based on interviews and desk-based research

### Power Africa, FCDO, UNICEF are all active in Malawi – leaving a \$2.6M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in Malawi	\$11M	4	<ul> <li>4 projects in Malawi disclosed their funding amount for HFE - 2 Power Africa Off-grid Projects, one FCDO &amp; USAID co-funded project, and one Government of Scotland funded project</li> </ul>
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in Malawi	\$3.3M	1	Only 1 broad energy electrification project to estimate HFE from - UNICEF's Sustainable Energy Malawi Project
Projects with undisclosed funding	N/A	5	
Total	\$14.3M	9	
Estimated Funding Gap	\$2.6M		

Source: CrossBoundary Analysis

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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#### > Kenya overview



Total population: 19M

Rural population: 55%

Health facilities: 2,928

Electrified facilities: 47%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.045

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	7 donor programs, 4 identified government programs
Largest	US\$700K, UNDP Bank Funded
Smallest	US\$200K, Power Africa funded
Programming Gaps	Based on known funding, limited amount of capital flowing into health electrification

#### Government fiscal position

• External debt: US\$15B

• Budget deficit: 9.8%

• Current BoP: -US\$1.2B

• External debt (% exports): 100%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### Sector planning

#### Zambia Vision 2030

Long term plan aims at attaining middle-income nation status by 2030 by creating an enabling environment for sustainable socio-economic development

National Renewable Energy Strategy Action Plan

Policy framework focused on increasing renewable energy, by creating favourable conditions for investment, developing innovative financing, encouraging integrated productive use of renewable energy, capacity building and research and development

#### Rural Electrification Act –

Act that promotes and enhances rural electrification through continuing the existence of the REA and REF, constituting the Board of the Authority

#### Rural Health Facility Electrification Act

Act to aid in electrifying health facilities through solar power, focusing on data, O&M, capacity building and technical assistance and funding

#### Key players and ongoing programs







#### > Regulatory environment

- Energy act: Act that governs the energy sector, through a framework for energy planning and policy, establishment of the ERB1, outlining licensing requirements and procedures, promoting development and utilization of renewable energy, establishing of energy efficiency standards, providing consumer protection and outlining environmental considerations and standards, among others)
- Electricity act: regulates the generation, transmission, distribution and supply of electricity

#### > Incentive schemes







Tariff subsidy

Tax incentives

Loan guarantees

- Rural Electrification fund: dedicated fund for supporting rural electrification
- REA capital provision: up to 100% capital provision for projects supporting rural electrification

### The overall capex investment need in Zambia is ~\$93M, with the majority of demand being driven by Tier 3 public sector

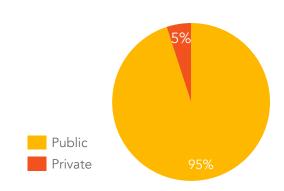
#### Electrification need, in # of facilities & capex (US\$ '000s)

<u> </u>	Tier 1  New Stability		Tier 2		Tier 3		
			New Stability		New Stability		
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ë := : <u>ĕ</u>	1,210		1,230		125		
# of f	2,585						

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	
eed (000)	\$15,430	\$3,620	\$15,680	\$3,680	\$44,250	\$10,380	
Capex need (in US\$ '000)	\$19,050		\$19,	360	\$54,630		
Cap (in U			\$93,	030			

The largest investment need is in Tier 3 public facilities. This is partially due to the large public ownership of health facilities at all levels, and the relatively high amount of Tier 3 facilities requiring either new (60%) or stability (40%) connections.

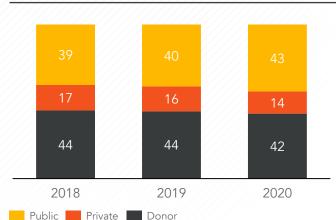
#### Split of public and private facilities



Zambia's health sector is dominated by public ownership of health facilities. As most demand is concentrated in Tier 3, this provides opportunities for intervention. However, the high number of public facilities creates issues of both willingness and ability to pay.

### Government contribution to health is steadily increasing, however allocation to infrastructure projects is decreasing meaning less funds available for HFE

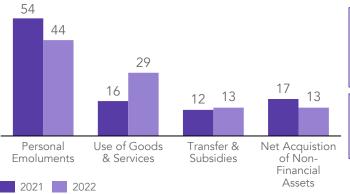




On-budget financing<sup>2</sup> largely comes from domestic resources, accounting for 85% of the MoH's<sup>4</sup> budget.

2023 gov budget has a 25% increase in health budget allocation

#### Composition of health budget by economic classification, %



Although decreasing, personal emoluments make up almost 50% of government spend on health

Decreasing allocation to infrastructure projects mean an even smaller budget allocated to HFE

#### Health budgeting process

#### National Budget

- GoZ³ allocates national health budget to MoH³ which allocates to programs, initiatives and institutions, policy creation, investment management and drug procurement (e.g., MoH³ headquarters and national hospitals),
- Part of the budget is distributed to provincial and district health offices

#### Provincial Budget

- Provincial budget is used for management and delivery of healthcare services at regional level
- Budget is used for supervision and technical support, human resource management and funding of provincial hospitals
- Health centres receive budget for operations that they may allocate as needed

#### District Budget

- District budget is used for management and delivery of healthcare services at the local level
- Budget is used for nonwage recurrent expenditures, supervision and technical support to health centres and posts
- Posts receive budget that they may allocate as needed

Electrification decisions for health facilities are made by the Rural Electrification Agency.

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government; (2) Financing channelled through Government's Health Budget (3) Government of Zambia; (4) Ministry of Health

### Sector planning is mainly geared towards Vision 2030, in which Zambia aims to obtain universal energy access, and have 30% renewable energy in its energy mix

Priority electrification targets in Zambia are centered on access and renewable energy



#### **Energy access**

Achieve universal access to affordable, reliable and modern energy services



2030

#### 30% renewables

Derive 30% of energy needs from renewable energy, excluding large hvdro

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### **Energy Regulation Act (2019)**

Act that governs the energy sector, through a framework for energy planning and policy, establishment of the ERB1, outlining licensing requirements and procedures, promoting development and utilization of renewable energy, establishing of energy efficiency standards, providing consumer protection and outlining environmental considerations and standards, among others.

#### National Renewable Energy Strategy & Action Plan (2022)

Policy framework focused on increasing renewable energy, by creating favorable conditions for investment, developing innovative financing, encouraging integrated productive use of renewable energy, capacity building and research and development.

#### **Rural Electrification Act (2023)**

Act that promotes and enhances rural electrification through continuing the existence of the REA and REF, constituting the Board of the Authority.

#### **Electrification of Health Facilities Action Plan (2022)**

Plan to aid in electrifying health facilities through solar power, focusing on data, O&M, capacity building and technical assistance and funding.

Energy related policy/plan

Health related policy/plan

<sup>(1)</sup> Energy Regulation Board, the regulatory authority of energy sector

# There are a number of key financial incentives for renewable energy in Zambia, encouraging investment into renewables



Guaranteed premium price for electricity generated from renewable sources, providing investors with a level of guaranteed revenue.



Customs duty exemptions for most renewable energy project components as well as a 0% tax rate on dividends and profits for the first five years of the project lifetime for PV and small-hydro plants. VAT exemptions for +US\$500K investments in renewable energy.



Loan guarantees are offered to ZESCO<sup>1</sup> from the government for development of its energy projects – not available for privately owned companies.



Fund is drawn form a 3% levy on every unit of electricity consumed across all customer categories and used for the development of rural electrification projects to include grid extension and construction of electricity generation facilities. Additionally, REA also offers capital support up to 100% for mini-hydro power projects or mini-grid power projects to promote community access to electricity.



### Based on interviews, we identified no currently applied de-risking tools in Zambia for HFE, but UNDP is designing a new pilot to be tested in Zambia and Malawi

#### HFE models in market or under development<sup>1</sup>

Established



Most donor-funded installations are still done through a design, build, operate and transfer model, where the government is the eventual owner. No de-risking is necessary, but the model is unsustainable without ongoing O&M considerations.

Design/pilot phase





UNDP is designing a program to partially subsidize PPAs using donor and government financing, to provide a more stable off-taker to the private sector. Still searching on ways to implement a 3<sup>rd</sup> party to guarantee residual government risk

Zambia has a small health electrification market, where DBOT is the main method. The UNDP is currently designing a de-risking tool for government payments in PPAs, which will be applied in Zambia (among 5 other countries)



We need to work closely with donors to get to the last mile customers because the cost is just too high to service these communities. When it comes to health facility electrification, our biggest wins were coordination between the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Energy – ensuring the energy ministry plans for grid extension and mini-grids matched the needs from the health ministry.

Former Energy Program Chief of Party

# Most donor activity in Zambia has been capex grants, with one project aimed at facility mapping and ministerial coordination

Implementer / Investee	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
ENGIE Power Corner	Engie	1	Grant	Capex
GAVI	GAVI	1	Grant	Capex
Muhanya Solar	Power Africa Off-Grid Project	1	Grant	Capex
UNDP S4H	NOREPS, Global Fund	1	Grant	Capex
UNDP	UNDP	1	Grant	Capex
ACE-TAF	FCDO	1	Grant	Facility mapping
Prospero	FCDO	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex

Apart from two projects aimed at facility mapping and market assessment, all current donor activity in Zambia is in capex grants

### Only \$1M in known funding has been dispersed in Zambia, through two projects funded by UNDP and Power Africa – leaving a \$92M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in Zambia	\$1M	2	<ul> <li>Only 2 projects in Zambia disclosed funding amounts for HFE - Power Africa Off-grid Project and UNDP project</li> </ul>
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in Zambia	\$0	0	
Projects with undisclosed funding	N/A	5	
Total	\$1M	7	
Estimated Funding Gap	\$92M		

Source: CrossBoundary Analys

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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#### India overview



Total population: 1.4B

Rural population: 65%

Health facilities: 43,486

Electrified facilities: 89%

On-grid cost/kWh: US\$0.105

#### **Donor and government HFE programs**

Amount	7 donor programs, identified government programs
Largest	US\$52M, SELCO Foundation and Ikea Foundation Funded
Smallest	Insufficient disclosed funding to determine

Programming Large programs still have a focus on capex grants Gaps

#### Government fiscal position

External debt: US\$631B

• Budget deficit: 6.4%

Current BoP: -US\$533B

• External debt (% exports): 28%



GDP per capita, US\$



YoY inflation, %



Unemployment, %

#### > Sector planning

#### National Solar Mission

Aimed at promoting development and deployment of solar energy in India, by achieving 450GW solar capacity by 2030, through incentives such as feed-in-tariffs, subsidies and generation-based incentives

#### Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana

Policy framework aimed at strengthening rural electricity distribution infrastructure

#### National Health Mission

Focuses on strengthening healthcare infrastructure, including in rural areas, by providing financial support to states for improving healthcare facilities, which may include electrification projects

#### Key players and ongoing programs







#### Regulatory environment

 Electricity act: promotes competition, transparency, and efficiency in the power sector. Includes provisions for distribution of electricity, encouraging private sector participation, and the establishment of regulatory commissions at the central and state levels

#### > Incentive schemes





Tariff subsidy

Loan guarantees

 Generation based incentives and accelerated depreciation to provide steady income and reduced taxation

### The overall capex investment need in India exceeds \$1B, with stability connections in the private sector driving this demand at predominantly the Tier 1 level

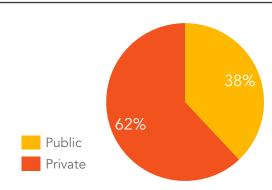
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	Tier 1		Tier 2		Tier 3	
	New Stability		New Stability		New Stability	
ies g	20,040	110,755	1,335	7,385	0	0
# of facilities requiring electrification	130,795		8,720		0	
# of rec	139,515					

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	<b>Private</b>				
eed (000)	\$362,070	\$590,740	\$24,140	\$39,380	\$0	\$0				
Capex need (in US\$ '000)	\$952,810 \$952,810		\$63,	520	\$0					
Cap (in U		\$1,016,330								

Electrification need in Tier 3 is not for primary or stabilization – investment here is needed to reduce energy costs through. The largest electrification requirement is in Tier 1, reaching almost US\$1B. With majority of this driven through stability requirements as India aims to improve its power infrastructure, but lags behind on distribution.

#### Split of public and private facilities



India's large share of private health facilities is driven by lack of trust in public health facilities, as they often lack adequate infrastructure and therefore. Despite private healthcare costing four times more (on average) than public healthcare, 72% of rural population and 79% of urban population would not trust a public healthcare facility, causing, 70% of Indians to choose private healthcare services when spending out of pocket.

# Little donor activity in India, with most health expenditure driven by the private sector, creating more opportunities for HFE investments

#### Health expenditure distribution, %1



India has a low direct donor contribution to health spend, as it is recognised as a middle income country and because of the complexity and size of the country which discourages donors to channel funds through government.

Donor led programs are more present in India

As majority of the population prefers private healthcare, this is the largest contributing factor to health expenditure. India's public contribution to health expenditure lies slightly above the region average (~2%). But remains inadequate, as direct government expenditure on health is less than 1% of GDP.

#### **Health budgeting process**

#### Central Budget

- Gol<sup>2</sup> allocates a health budget, based on national priorities, development goals, and the recommendations of the MoHFW<sup>3</sup>
- The health budget is distributed to different departments and programs under the ministry

#### State Budget

- Gol<sup>2</sup> allocates state level budgets for health
- State governments are in charge of the allocation of this budget based on state priorities and goals

#### District Budget

- State health budget is also partially distributed to district and local levels
- District health
   administrations receive
   funds for implementing
   healthcare programs,
   managing healthcare
   facilities, and addressing
   local health needs

Due to the size of the country and the federal state, India's health budget is predominantly manged at a state level, with the MoHFW<sup>3</sup> in charge of formulating and implementing policies and programs, disease control and health infrastructure development<sup>4</sup>

Electrification decisions are made by the MoE<sup>4</sup>, but in collaboration with the MoHFW<sup>3</sup>. One of the responsibilities of the MoHFW<sup>3</sup> is to formulate and implement policies, including those relating to energy and infrastructure. The ministries collaborate with state electricity boards to achieve electrification targets.

<sup>(1)</sup> Latest available year where public spend includes government budget allocated funds and donor funds channelled through government; (2) Government of India; (3) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; (4) Ministry of Energy

### India has relatively high electrification rates, leading most of its goals to be geared towards increasing the share of renewable energy in its energy mix

Priority electrification targets in India are centered on access and green energy



2030

**Energy access** 

Achieve universal energy access, which is mainly dependent on scaling up distribution



2030

50% renewables

Derive 50% of electricity requirements from renewable sources



2030

500 GW fossilfuel free capacity

Reach 500 GW of fossil fuel free energy capacity, to aid in achieving net zero by 2070

#### Policy and regulatory interventions to meet targets

#### **National Health Mission**

Focuses on strengthening healthcare infrastructure, including in rural areas, by providing financial support to states for improving healthcare facilities, which may include electrification projects.

#### **Electricity Act (2003)**

Act aimed at promoting competition, transparency, and efficiency in the power sector. Including provisions for distribution of electricity, encouraging private sector participation, and the establishment of regulatory commissions at the central and state levels.

#### **National Solar Mission**

Aimed at promoting development and deployment of solar energy in India, by achieving 450GW solar capacity by 2030. The mission includes several incentives and support mechanisms such as feed-intariffs, subsidies and generation-based incentives.

#### Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Gram Jyoti Yojana

Aimed at strengthening rural electricity distribution infrastructure, through feeder separation, system strengthening, metering and providing last mile connectivity. Though not specifically aimed at health centers they may be included.

Energy related policy/plan Health related policy/plan



# There are a number of key financial incentives for renewable energy in India, which have encouraged investment in the sector in recent years



subsidy

Guaranteed price for electricity generated from solar, wind, biomass, and small hydropower. The tariffs are determined by the respective state electricity regulatory commissions and are based on factors such as the type of technology, project size, and location



Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) Limited's Credit Guarantee Scheme (CGS). IREDA provides guarantees to commercial banks and financial institutions for loans extended to renewable energy projects

Generation based incentives<sup>1</sup> & accelerated depreciation Generation based incentives that offer additional payment of Rs.0.50 per unit of electricity fed into the grid by solar or wind generation. This scheme is in parallel with accelerated depreciation on the capital cost of renewable energy assets. The higher depreciation rates reduce taxable profits, providing a tax benefit and improving the financial attractiveness of renewable energy projects



### We identified limited de-risking tools applied in India for HFE, but developers and investors have been targeting captive solar for larger facilities to reduce energy cost

#### HFE models in market or under development<sup>1</sup>

Design,
Build,
Operate,
Transfer

SELCO Foundation is working to electrify health facilities across India with a BOT model, where they will transfer assets to the government once installed, with the plan for the government to shift to covering O&M in the long-term.

DBOT +
3 Service
Contracts

Many developers operate under this model when installing captive systems for larger health facilities. Many large facilities in India prefer to own the system. While this model can work, it requires facilities to have capital available for capex (which many do) but also involves significant sales lead times.

GEAPP is in the early stages of piloting a program that will aggregate demand among private facilities, provide guarantees to banks providing financing to facilities, and then potentially offer concessional lending to further reduce the costs of the systems.

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Government in India is interested in owning the solar systems, we therefore focus on creating a complementary system with the government, so that we can design, build, operate and then transfer both the equipment and the management of the system to the government.

Indian NGC



We mainly work with the private sector seeking alternative energy sources, as they are first far larger than the public sector, and within the public sector the government is focused on owning the system, which SELCO is working on. We are testing models to support the roll out in the private sector through demand aggregation, guarantees through banks, and potentially concessional lending.

Development Alliance

Design/pilot phase

### All identified donor activity across India was in capex grants, with the government playing a crucial role as capital provider in larger programs alongside donor partners

Implementer / Investee	Capital provider	HF Tier	Financing type	Financing purpose
Mlinda	Mlinda	1	Grant	Capex
SELCO Foundation	SELCO Foundation	1	Grant	Capex
UNDP	UNDP, GEF, Gol	1	Grant	Capex
UNICEF	UNICEF, KfW, Gol	1	Grant	Capex
Power for All	CEED	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex
GHE	UD <sup>2</sup>	UD <sup>2</sup>	Grant	Capex

SELCO Foundation program has a target of US\$110m to electrify 25k health facilities across India, so far they have electrified 2k

Government is very involved, even with donor led programs

### Known funding for HFE in India was \$52M, driven by SELCO Foundation's program to electrify 25k health facilities – leaving a \$948M estimated funding gap

	<b>Funding Amount</b>	<b>Number of Projects</b>	Description		
Known investment <sup>1</sup> into HFE in India	\$52M	2	Only 1 project in India disclosed its funding amount for HFE - SELCO foundation and Ikea Foundation investment, of which \$52M has been raised, but the goal until 2026 is \$110I		
Estimated investment <sup>2</sup> into HFE in India	\$0	0			
Projects with undisclosed funding	N/A	5			
Total	\$52M	7			
Estimated Funding Gap	\$948M				

Source: CrossBoundary Analys

<sup>(1)</sup> Based on all identified donor projects where funding for HFE alone was disclosed (i.e., not part of larger programs where HFE was a smaller component); (2) Based on all identified donor projects where HFE was one component, and direct HFE funding was not disclosed. This number is derived from allocating an estimated percentage of funding allocated to HFE in broad electrification/health programs where HFE was an identified component

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### From an overall access perspective, smaller facilities require the most intervention – particularly in Nigeria and India

#### Estimated capex investment needed, in US\$ '000

	e Tier 1		Ti	Tier 2 <sup>1</sup>		Tier 3		
HF type								
	New connections	Stabilizing systems	New connections	Stabilizing systems	New connections	Stabilizing systems	Total	
Tier Total	\$1,089	\$656,530	\$96,780	\$46,040	\$464,540	\$250,990	\$2,603,880	
Sierra Leone	\$6,390	\$520	\$430	\$30	\$640	\$3,000	\$11,000	
Nigeria	\$519,560	\$34,100	\$34,640	\$2,270	\$138,630	\$85,400	\$814,600	
DRC	\$173,050	\$13,040	\$11,540	\$870	\$208,530	\$21,090	\$428,110	
Kenya	\$21,070	\$13,540	\$1,400	\$900	\$67,510	\$130,100	\$234,530	
Malawi	\$1,570	\$200	\$7,510	\$980	\$3,810	\$2,190	\$16,260	
Zambia	\$17,650	\$1,390	\$17,950	\$1,410	\$45,420	\$9,210	\$93,030	
India	\$358,490	\$594,320	\$23,900	\$39,620	\$0	\$0	\$1,016,330	

<sup>(1)</sup> Simplifying assumption that there are approximately 15 health posts to each district health facility equivalent in most countries

### The need for electrification is greatest among public sector facilities, and within the private demand more than half is in India

#### Estimated capex investment needed, in US\$ '000

Tier 3

	Public	Private	Public	Private	Public	Private	Total
Tier Total	\$951,250	\$794,290	\$63,320	\$79,510	\$410,380	305,150	\$2,603,900
% of total	37%	31%	2%	3%	16%	12%	100%
Sierra Leone	\$6,350	\$550	\$420	\$40	\$3,350	\$290	\$11,000
Nigeria	\$454,000	\$99,660	\$7,750	\$29,160	\$145,620	\$78,410	\$814,600
DRC	\$104,210	\$81,880	\$6,950	\$5,460	\$128,590	\$101,030	\$428,110
Kenya	\$15,920	\$18,690	\$1,130	\$1,180	\$84,970	\$112,640	\$234,530
Malawi	\$940	\$830	\$7,380	\$1,100	\$3,600	\$2,400	\$16,260
Zambia	\$15,430	\$3,620	\$15,680	\$3,680	\$44,250	\$10,380	\$93,030
India	\$362,070	\$590,740	\$24,140	\$39,380	\$0	\$0	\$1,016,330

Tier 2<sup>1</sup>

\$630M of which is in India

Source: WHO: Energizing Health: Accelerating Electricity Access in Healthcare Facilities

Tier 1

<sup>\$1.4</sup>B total public facility investment need

\$1.2B total private facility investment need

<sup>(1)</sup> Simplifying assumption that there are approximately 15 health posts to each district health facility equivalent in most countries