The Energy and Environment Partnership Programme of Southern and East Africa (EEP S&EA)

The Energy and Environment Partnership Programme of Southern and East Africa (EEP S&EA) has been running since April 2010 and is currently supporting thirteen Southern and East African countries. EEP aims to increase access to modern, clean, affordable and reliable energy services through a wider uptake of renewable energy and energy efficiency. Currently the countries in EEP S&EA are: Botswana, Burundi, Kenya, Lesotho, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Swaziland, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia.

EEP S&EA funding

The EEP S&EA Programme is funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Finland (lead donor), UK Department for International Development (DFID) and the Austrian Development Agency (ADA). The Partnership focuses on projects in all fields of renewable energy, bridging the gap between a good idea and a bankable project by providing part-financing to project proposals. These projects include various types of feasibility studies aiming at concrete investments, as well as pilot, scale-up and demonstration projects.

By October 2013, The Programme has received more than 1,000 concept notes out of which 113 projects have been selected for funding to date. Total funding for the first phase (2010-2013) was 25 million Euros and second phase (2013-2017) 35 million Euros.
Project Beneficiaries

The EEP Projects are implemented by the private sector organizations, CSOs, NGOs and in some cases by research institutions. The final beneficiaries of the Progamme include households, communities, health service centers, schools, small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and industries that have access to improved energy services from EEP supported projects. Energy services from these projects contribute to creation of income generating opportunities, quality of social services, communication and the quality of life in general.

Energy sector distribution of projects receiving grant funding from EEP

Programme Organization and Governance

The EEP Phase II management and implementation is coordinated by the KPMG EEP Coordination Office (KPMG ECO) based in Pretoria, South Africa. In the participating countries National Coordinators are appointed from the Ministries of Energy to participate in programme coordination at the country level, providing also insights of new energy innovations in a region. Representatives from the donors, the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) and the East African Community (EAC) are members of the Supervisory Board, which has the overall oversight of the Programme.

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