



Access to Modern Energy

Access to Modern Energy is increasingly recognized as an area of humanitarian concern. If communities affected by crises go without proper access to energy, it becomes impossible for them to meet the basic needs of life. In fact, if humanitarian organisations do not adequately address access to energy in their programmes, they risk contributing to the very same problems they aim to solve.

Several key initiatives exist at the global level that aim to put these issues high on the agenda. These include the [Moving Energy Initiative](#) and the [Global Plan of Action](#) for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement. Also, a wealth of innovative and smart technological solutions are available, and a lot of experience is being gathered regarding programming which aims to support the energy transition in fragile contexts.

Still, the extent to which Access to Modern Energy is considered as a priority in humanitarian programming, is low. To overcome the barriers to humanitarian programming with a focus on Access to Modern Energy, RVO and DCHI will implement a pilot in line with the methodology of the Humanitarian Acceleration Programme. This pilot supports humanitarian organisations to set innovation projects realising Access to Modern Energy in humanitarian crisis contexts, and creates access to funding to support their implementation. Humanitarian experts will do so together with development organisations that are active in energy provision already, but seek to better address the energy needs of people in humanitarian crises.

The Access to Modern Energy Programme will run in the first half of 2019. The pilot programme will consist of a number of workshops supporting the participants to shape innovative and impactful programmes, in line with the needs and challenges on the ground. Teams in the Netherlands as well as teams in the field will work closely together to understand the challenges, explore solutions, and develop proposals for their innovation projects in the field.

The focus will be on humanitarian crises affecting Ethiopia, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), Sudan, and South Sudan. Following lessons learned from the [EnDev](#) programme, participants will be encouraged to explore market-based approaches as they are setting up their innovation projects. Lessons learned in the pilot programme, will be shared widely among partners of the Coalition.

Would you like to know more? Check out: www.dchi.nl.

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