

Access to Modern Energy in humanitarian crises

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programme today



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Snapshot

Purpose: The Access to Modern Energy Humanitarian Accelerator programme (“AME programme”) supports humanitarian organisations to improve access to modern energy in humanitarian settings through collaboratively innovating with development organisations, the private sector and other solution partners. The programme commenced in September 2020, and is on-going.

The need: A vast majority of the 130 million people that rely on humanitarian aid have limited access to modern and renewable energy. In refugee camps, 90% lack access to electricity, and 80% have to rely on dirty, polluting fuels such as charcoal and wood-fuel for cooking. This limits their ability to work, study, cook, run a business, access healthcare, receive education, use their phones and more. Bad lighting in camps poses safety risks, particularly to women and children, and unsafe cooking practices cause respiratory damage from smoke inhalation. Further, many humanitarian organisations still rely on fossil fuels to provide energy for their operations, clinics, schools and water supply. Access to modern and renewable energy is a precondition for social wellbeing and economic development.

Partner with us: The AME programme is looking for solution partners (including private sector, development organisations, investors, foundations, and others), to work together with humanitarian organisations in designing and implementing modern energy solutions in humanitarian settings.

What’s in it for you?

Be a part of the movement: Innovate, increase visibility, learn, engage in new networks and partnerships, and make an impact.

Private Sector

Private Sector partners will gain access to new markets and open up collaboration opportunities with humanitarian organisations. Together they will work on market development, research, and have the opportunity to innovate in a safe and supported environment. Further, private sector partners can contribute to social impact through corporate social responsibility, a reduction in CO2 emissions, and improve employee engagement by providing them with an opportunity to work on social and environmental impact.



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Development Organisations

Development organisations can become implementing partners of humanitarian organisations. They can provide knowledge and experience, as well as advocate for energy access and a market-based approach in displacement settings. Ultimately, development organisations can increase their impact by working together to achieve SDG7.

Investors and Foundations

Investors and foundations will discover opportunities for return on investment, whilst making an impact, contributing to Agenda 2030 (especially SDG7 and Leave No One Behind), protecting the planet, and supporting people in emergencies. Investors will be catalyzing innovation and building the capacity of humanitarian organisations. Further they will be supporting green humanitarian operations and reducing CO2 emissions.

Case study from [the 2019 AME programme](#):

Successful Innovative Energy Pilots in African Refugee Settings and Rural Communities

Over 2000 households in Bidibidi refugee camp (Uganda), now have access to electricity through solar lamps and panels. The innovative nature of this project was to move away from hand-outs, and to treat refugees as consumers who will buy high-quality goods and services for a fair price. The pricing system is based on pay-as-you-go, enabling households to pay for what they can afford. The success of this project has led to plans to scale up, and for the AME programme to take steps to further integrate energy structurally into humanitarian work.

How does the AME programme work?

Throughout the three phases below, organisations are supported through networking, mentoring, and learning workshops.



The organisers of the AME programme - the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation (DCHI) and Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) - have activated 13 humanitarian organisations to address their most pressing needs. Powered by the Global Plan of Action, The Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and UNHCR, the AME programme officially launched in September with a virtual event. More than 100 global attendees joined the launch which marked the beginning of this important movement to **act now on energy innovation**. Read more about the launch [here](#).

Meet our 2020 AME programme humanitarian organisations: Artsen Zonder Grenzen (MSF), CARE, Dorcas, Habitat for Humanity, Kaalo, Mercy Corps, Mercy Ships, Oxfam Novib, Plan, Save the Children, Tear, UNICEF and ZOA.



What can I do and how can I join?

You can...

Explore Humanitarian calls for action

The humanitarian organisations will publish their “calls for action” in November 2020. You can find them through the organisations directly, or at <http://www.dchi.nl> and <https://source2gather.com/>

Partner up

Are you interested in any of the “calls for action”? Reach out to the organisations directly, or get in touch with DCHI.

Create impact

Participating organisations will get to work together with their new partners to immediately start creating and realising joint impact. This will culminate in the Joint Impact Plans.

Network

As the accelerator progresses, we regularly organise public events where you can get to know the participants and the wider Energy network.

Invest

Inspired by these organisations and their Joint Impact Plans? Want the opportunity to profit and make impact? You can reach out the organisations directly, or contact DCHI to discuss the possibilities.

Share knowledge and learnings

Do you have insights and experience regarding Energy that you would like to share with the movement? Reach out.

Keep in touch

Updates on the accelerator are regularly published on <http://www.dchi.nl>

About the AME programme

The AME programme is the result of cooperation between the Netherlands Enterprise Agency (RVO) and the Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation (DCHI). DCHI brings together humanitarian organisations, research and educational institutes, businesses of all sizes and governmental actors. The coalition enables them to jointly find, develop and scale innovative solutions. The AME programme is financed in part by the Inclusive Growth department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs through the Netherlands Enterprise Agency.

For more information and to ask any questions, please visit the AME programme [website](#), or email roza@dchi.nl