PACE

Public Private Partnerships for Access to Community Electricity

Ethiopian Case Studies

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Ethiopian Profile

- 65 million people
 - □ Rural 85
 - Urban 25
- Population density 56 persons/km²
- Agricultural based economy
- Per capita income US \$ 120 per capita

Access to Electricity

- Before 1956 decentralized power generation
- Former EELPA established in 1956
 - sole actor until 1997 generation, transmission, distribution and sales.
- EEPCO established in 1997
 - generation, transmission, distribution and sales
 - □ Generation capacity 493.39 MW
 - □ Total consumers 625,496
 - □ Per capital consumption 27.9 kWh
 - □ Access to electricity 13% of total pop.
- Now, on liberalization process
 - Permits Private sector involvement in power generation
 - Target to raise access to 20% by 2010

Rural Electrification Strategy

Twin track strategy

- EEPCO
 - ICS extension
 - Isolated diesel systems
- REF
 - Institutions and financing mechanism are being set up
 - Technology neutral approach
 - Private sector led
 - Based on cost reflective tariff
 - Light-hand regulation
 - Emphasis given to electricity for productive use as opposed to a 'bulb in every house'

Non-EEPCO power producers

- Other power producers/ suppliers
 - Communities,
 - Municipalities ('Kebele'),
 - Privately owned systems, and
 - NGOs/Church Groups

Stakeholder Roles:

Stakeholders	Role 1	Role 2	Role 3
Government	Facilitation/Pe rmits		
Community	Contribute fund	Labor	
Local govt.	Major contributors of fund	Manage/own systems	Subsidize operation costs
Private:			
a) Power suppliers	Finance	Manag't	
b) Technicians	Installation	Repair/Mainte nance	
NGOs	Mobilization	Finance	

- PACE survey areas
 - SNNPR (Southern Ethiopia)
 - Why?
 - Relatively more community, municipality or private power suppliers
 - higher income levels than other parts of the country
 - more potential renewable energy resources (i.e., micro hydro resources) are available
 - Overview
 - Energy Profile
 - 94% biomass and
 - 6% petroleum and electricity

- Overview contd...
 - 18.6% (85 MW) of EEPCO's total production
 - □ 25.5 MW consumed by 5 factories
 - □ 59.5 MW others
 - Per capita electricity consumption (1995/95) 45.2 kWh
 - 4.43% of pop. has access to EEPCO supplied electricity
 - Community and municipality suppliers:
 - Electrified 17 towns
 - 15,050 connected customers
 - Total aggregate installed capacity- 1,706 kW
 - 5.9% electricity demand growth per year
 - 2.6% population growth rate

- Technology & Technical Issues
 - Technology
 - Diesel gensets and,
 - Micro-hydro power generators
 - Technical Issues
 - Lack of information
 - Equipment suppliers
 - Technicians for system installation
 - Design Issues
 - System capacity estimation
 - Poor distribution lines
 - Voltage drops
 - Power stealing
 - Customer complaints (blackouts, tariff, ...)

- Technical Issues contd..
 - Arbitrarily set tariff
 - Lack of responsible institution to support suppliers and protect customers (until EEA was established)
 - Lack of private sector trust

Financial Issues

- Bonosha town
 - Community
 - Local government ('Kebele')
 - Health Center
- Yaye town
 - Donor (Irish Aid through SDP/SDC)
- Bonna town
 - Self financed private system
 - Because of limited finance standards for technical equipment and safety measures are overlooked
 - REF is in the process of establishment
 - Financial support for private producers in a form of loan

- Ownership and Management
 - Bonosha Municipality owned and operated
 - Yaye Community owned (on the process of management responsibility transfer currently)
 - Bonna Private management
 - Weaknesses and strength

Weaknesses and strength

Management type	System capacity	Sustainability	Customer satisfaction	Tariff
Municipality /Bonosha	75 kVA and 115 kVA gensets	Low to Medium	Poor	- On the ground of being 'equitable'
Community /Yaye	170 kW /MHPP	Medium to High	Very good	- No true cost reflection
Private /Bonna	Usually smaller capacity gensets (12kVA)	High	Very poor	- Close to true tariff

- Livelihood Benefits
 - Health
 - Education
 - Local services
 - Entertainment
 - Access to information
 - Convenience

Conclusion

- Institutional support/ regulation
- Access to information
- Source of finance
- True cost reflective tariff
- Power for productive use
- Implementation of workable Management models