

## Supporting the growth of sub-Saharan Africa's renewable energy industry



## WHAT IS REPP?

The Renewable Energy Performance Platform (REPP) was founded in 2015 with a clear mission to catalyse the growth of sub-Saharan Africa's renewable energy industry.

With £48 million in initial funding from the UK's Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), the programme helps developers of small to medium-scale projects overcome barriers to finance and make their projects commercially viable.

REPP was set up in response to the UN's Sustainable Energy for All (SE4All) initiative and has a five-year mandate to:



Avoid 5.7m tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions



Provide first-time or improved energy access to 2m people



Increase electricity generating capacity in sub-Saharan Africa by 150MW

## WHY REPP?

Decentralised and small-scale renewable energy projects offer a wealth of benefits to sub-Saharan Africa's underserved rural communities - from being a cheaper and easier alternative than rolling out the grid to remote locations, to providing a high quality, clean and reliable supply of electricity. With its profusion of available natural resources, Africa is perfectly placed for scaling-up renewable energy at an immense scale - with global impact.

But even though the environmental, social and long-term economic cases for renewable energy stack up, limited access to funding and expertise is leading to far too few viable renewable energy projects reaching fruition.

## HOW DOES REPP HELP?

REPP supports private sector renewable energy projects in sub-Saharan Africa that are typically between 1MW and 25MW (but can be up to 50MW for wind) and either grid-connected, off-grid or a combination of both. It assists developers from inception to construction, providing a broad range of financing products and support tailored to suit each developer's unique set of circumstances and needs.



**Development phase capital**, including loans for development expenses, plus general project guidance and support.



**Gap financing** to help bring projects to financial close using a range of financial structures, including construction loans, equity conversion options, results-based financing and working capital loans.



**Access to risk mitigation instruments** provided by REPP partners, with a focus on risks that cannot be cost-effectively managed by the private sector.

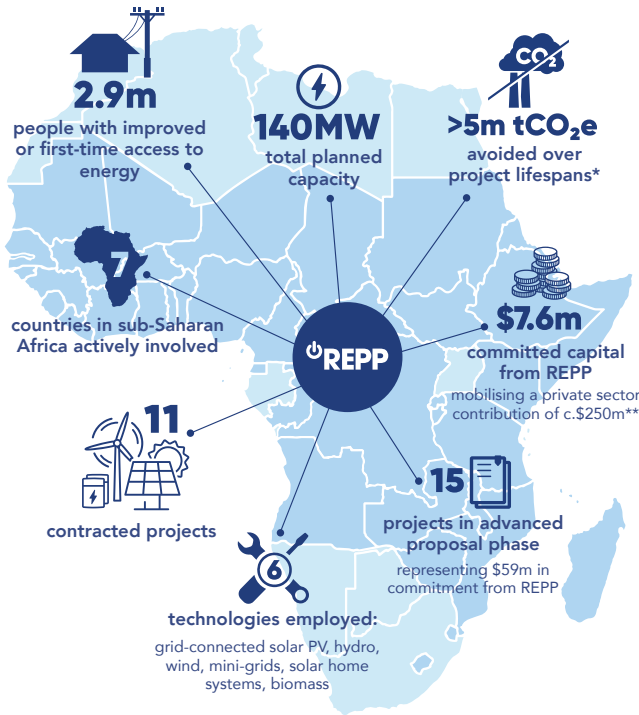


**Access to long-term lending** from both public and private sector sources, and assistance with financial structuring to support projects.



# REPP IN ACTION

(as of 31 March 2018)



\* Assuming average project life of 25 years

\*\* Includes capital mobilised, and projected to be mobilised, for project development and construction financing

## TECHNOLOGIES SUPPORTED INCLUDE:



GRID-CONNECTED SOLAR PV



RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROPOWER



OFF-GRID (mini-grid and solar home systems)



WIND



BIOMASS



GEOTHERMAL



BIOGAS



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