## SEED: SUSTAINABLE ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



Minigrid Funding and Investment Roundtable: Accelerating Deployment of Minigrids for Timely and Low-Cost Electrification



London - April 19<sup>th</sup> Washington, D.C. - April 23rd



## **Meeting objectives**

- 1) Review the **current state of the minigrid opportunity** and actions that can accelerate, amplify, and broaden the impact
- Review the current efforts and enabling environment that make Nigeria a prime candidate for investment in the minigrid space
- 3) **Test and refine the opportunities** that have been presented today and discuss concrete next steps to increase investment, impact, and scaling



## Introductions

Please share with the group:

- 1) Your name
- 2) Your organization
- 3) What you hope to get from the conversation today



## **Meeting agenda**

- 1) Context, agenda, and introductions (10min)
- 2) Minigrids: Building on the current state to unlock more impact (10min) RMI
- 3) Near term opportunities (10min each):
  - Nigeria's off-grid investment strategy Nigerian Rural Electrification
     Agency
  - Nigeria Electrification Project and the provision of performance-based viability grants The World Bank
  - Energizing Economies Initiative McKinsey & Company
  - Experiences with real project development Rensource
- 4) Concrete actions to increase investment and impact (45min)
- 5) Next Steps (10min)



## **Minigrids: Potential vs. Reality**

- Minigrids can fill the need for widespread, low cost power to underpin economic development while becoming a very large business opportunity.
- Efforts over the past 5 years have made real progress and poised the sector for a leap ahead
- Focusing on a small number of improvements can lead to widespread adoption:
  - Further cost reduction
  - Improved capacity utilization
  - Support for demand growth
  - Enabling regulatory environment
  - Pipeline of capital of different risk appetites
- Addressing these needs while capturing the near term opportunity in Nigeria will amplify the investments there and ensure that more challenging countries can benefit as well



## Sub-Saharan Africa is the only region in the world where the number of people lacking access to electricity is set to rise



634 **MILLION Africans lack** access to electricity



Africans living on less than \$2.50/day



# Minigrids have a critical role to play in providing power to homes and businesses

#### Minigrids can serve productive-use loads underpinning economic development









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	Solar home system (tier 1)	Minigrid	Grid extension	Alternative energy or no energy
Cost per customer	\$6 to \$12/month for basic services	\$6-\$10/month for basic service	\$0.74 to \$12/month for basic service	Typically, costs are \$25/
LCOE*	\$2/kWh or higher	\$0.50-\$1.00/kWh	\$0.15-\$1.00/kWh, if including cost of grid extension	month for customers with a petrol generator or \$35/month for diesel.
Can it serve productive loads?	Currently only small and medium enterprises	Yes	Yes	Costs are \$11/month per customer using energy substitutes (including torches, kerosene, candles, or
Time to deploy	Fast	Fast	Slow	cell phone charging)
Least-cost role	Providing energy access to isolated residential customers	Providing energy access to remote or underserved villages with significant load	Either for those near existing grid, or very high loads that are farther from the grid	None
*Levelized cost of	electricity			

Source: RMI industry interviews and analysis, field visits to un-electrified villages

## A profitable minigrid business model is a multibillion dollar market opportunity

#### \$24 billion spent currently on offgrid alternatives in three leading markets



# Capturing just 60% is an \$18 billion market opportunity; growth will drive that size higher



Source: RMI, analysis from "Energy Within Reach" and internal analysis; potential minigrid market based on percentage of population without grid electricity with the ability to pay for over \$6/month, SHS for those with less than \$6/month ability to pay



# Investments, innovation, and insights have poised minigrids to become financially viable in the most promising regions



## **Real Progress and Success**

- Over \$300m invested
- Technically viable
- Hundreds of sites operating
- Maturing business processes
- Greater understanding of business economics
- Improved understanding of demand drivers
- Better understanding of regulatory needs



# Finding a profitable and scalable minigrid business model requires addressing a small number of barriers

## Need

- Further capital cost reduction
- Improved capacity utilization
- Support for demand growth
- Enabling regulatory environment
- A pipeline of capital of different risk appetites

## **Opportunities**

- Standardization, supply chain integration, volume leverage
- Demand management, energy efficiency, time of use pricing
- Financing, education, training
- Clarity on buyouts and backward integration
- Consortium of capital working together



## MINIGRID DESIGN CHARRETTE REAFFIRMED A LARGE IMPROVEMENT POTENTIAL

## RMI CONVENED 60 LEADING EXPERTS FOR A BREAKTHOUGH, INTERACTIVE, WORKING SESSION

# THE AGENDA WAS DESIGNED TO ANSWER **THREE CRITICAL QUESTIONS**:

- How can we reduce costs and improve customer engagement to reach a profitable and scalable business model in the next 3–5 years?
- 2. What **size and type of funding** is required to accelerate progress, and what **program design** is needed to apply these funds most effectively?
- 3. What are the **next steps** and who are the **partners** for immediate action?

Goal: Achieving \$0.20/kWh cost of service by 2020

# Opportunities exist for a 60% cost reduction—enough to reach a profitable and scalable business model

### **COST-REDUCTION OPPORTUNITIES**



2018 BASELINE

2020 TARGET

# A small amount of grant funding will complement and amplify existing activities and accelerate market development



### Where are we now?

- Major effort in Nigeria will push innovation and cost reduction
- But current developers will each learn on their own
- Need mechanism to test key improvement areas and disseminate the lessons to all parts of the ecosystem

### Impact of grant funding applied in *Aikido* fashion

- Create cost reduction proof points
- Test new demand stimulation approaches
- Test demand management opportunities
- Test innovative customer acquisition models
- Test new business and ownership models
- Refine regulatory mechanism
- Address under-grid and grid integration needs
- Inform investors on what is possible

An Open Source, shareable set of well designed "minigrid experiments" will inform all participants in the ecosystem that will amplify and speed current efforts while accelerating the potential for minigrids across the globe



# Nigeria is a promising market and a good test case for developing a profitable minigrid business model that scales

# Nigeria is an attractive market for testing and scaling minigrids

- Nigeria has the largest population and GDP in Africa with significant rural economic activity
- 14 GW served by small petrol and diesel generators
- Nigerians already spend \$14B annually on off-grid power from small generators
- There are **85 million people** underserved and/or unconnected to the grid, which is an enormous investment opportunity
- The market is large installing 1,000 minigrids each year for the next 10 years would only serve 20% of the current off-grid population

# Success and lessons learned from Nigeria will spread to other markets

- The range of community and economic structures in Nigeria is very broad ranging from nomadic to agricultural to large cities near and far from grid
- Hardware and O&M cost reductions are broadly transferable
- The **government's experience** with developing and applying minigrid policy can be **common** across sub-Saharan Africa
- The details of community engagement and customer acquisition may be location-specific but general approaches are transferable



## DESPITE THE CHALLENGES, MINIGRIDS ARE APPROACHING COMMERCIAL VIABILITY IN NIGERIA

	Case Study #1: Small Off-Grid Obot Ekpene, Cross River	Case Study #2: Medium Off-Grid Onyen-Okpon, Cross River	Case Study #3: Medium Underserved Peri-urban Mokoloki, Ogun	case Study #4: Large Underserved Peri-urban Okun-Owa, Ogun
Peak Load	16 kW	200 kW	85 kW	1.8 MW
Current Cost, Diesel Generation*	\$0.75/kWh	\$0.52/kWh	\$0.39/kWh	\$0.25 (industrial)
Estimated Tariff Today (15% IRR)**	\$0.51/kWh	\$0.40/kWh	\$0.42/kWh	\$0.33/kWh
Customer Savings	\$0.24/kWh	\$0.12/kWh	-\$0.03/kWh	-\$0.08/kWh***
IRR if Tariff Matches Current Cost	26%	22%	13%	6%***
Capital Cost	\$130,000	\$1.1 M	\$600,000	\$9.7 M
Consumption per Day	200 kWh	2,500 kWh	1,300 kWh	27,000 kWh

## Minigrids: now is the time

A combination of recent activity, strong partners, and underlying market characteristics make Nigeria an ideal candidate to create a breakthrough and prove the minigrid business model.







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## MINI GRID FUNDING AND INVESTMENT ROUNDTABLE

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## Nigerian macro-economic context



## Nigerian Economic Recovery and Growth Plan (ERGP)



#### RURAL ELECTRIFICATION AGENCY

## Role of Off-grid in Power Sector Recovery Programme (PSRP)



## ABOUT US

#### INTRODUCTION

- The Nigerian Rural Electrification A g e n c y (R E A) is the Implementing Agency of the Federal Government of Nigeria tasked with electrification of rural and unserved communities.
- REA has developed the **Off Grid Electrification Strategy**. The primary objective is to increase electricity access to rural and underserved clusters.
- Part of this strategy is to fast track development initiatives towards achieving the overall objective of the FGN Economic and Recovery Growth Plan (ERGP) and the Power Sector Recovery Programme (PSRP).

#### POWER SECTOR RECOVERY PROGRAMME

The Power Sector Recovery Programme ("PSRP") is a series of policy actions, operational, governance and financial interventions to be implemented by Federal Government of Nigeria over the next five (5) years to restore the financial viability of Nigeria's power sector, improve transparency and service delivery, resolve consumer complaints, reduce losses and energy theft and **<u>RESET</u>** the Nigerian Electricity Supply Industry for future growth.

The Federal Government of Nigeria developed the PSRP in collaboration with the World Bank Group. Holistically, the objectives of the Power Sector Recovery Programme are to

- i) Restore the sector's financial viability;
- ii) Improve power supply reliability to meet growing demand;
- iii) Strengthen the sector's institutional framework and increase transparency;
- iv) Implement clear policies that promote and encourage investor confidence in the sector; and
- v) Establish a contract-based electricity market.

## THE OFF -GRID ELECTRIFICATION STRATEGY

The aim of the Off Grid Electrification Strategy is **to provide access to clean and** sustainable electricity to millions of Nigerians

### **OBJECTIVES**

- To develop a data driven off grid model for Nigeria that will become an exemplar for Sub Saharan Africa;
- To utilize the funding from the **Nigerian Electrification Project (NEP)** as a catalyst to scale up rapid implementation of off- grid solutions across Nigeria;
- To increase **gender Inclusion** in the Nigerian power sector;
- To promote the use of **decentralized**, multi-demographic approach to power infrastructure delivery;
- To develop **10,000 mini grids by 2023** which will provide power to 14% of the population;
- To increase economic growth in critical sectors e.g. Agriculture;
- To provide reliable power supply for 250,000 SMEs;
- To provide **uninterrupted power supply** in Federal Universities and University Teaching Hospitals;
- To improve the quality of educational systems at the tertiary level;
- To deploy 5 million solar standalone systems for residential and SMEs by 2023;
- To supports the FGN's climate change obligations under the **Paris Agreement**, with respect to **promoting renewable** and **reducing carbon emissions**.

## ENABLING ENVIRONMENT

Government, donor partners, and the private sector are actively working together in Nigeria to create enabling conditions for successful minigrid development

- Nigeria is providing an **enabling environment for off-grid market growth**, including:
  - **Developer protection** through the NERC Minigrid Regulations.
  - An innovative and best practice site-selection process to de-risk projects has already identified over 250 promising sites.
- The **government and development partners are inviting the private sector** to work with them to capture this opportunity, while saving Nigerians money and powering economic development to further expand the market.
- With an enabling environment, continued cost reductions, and targeted finance, the **Nigerian minigrid market can scale rapidly** to over 10,000 sites by 2023, powering 14% of the population with capacity up to 3,000 MW and creating an investment potential of nearly \$20 billion and annual revenue opportunity exceeding \$3 billion.

### REA'S PROGRAMMES TO SUPPORT ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND ENERGY ACCESS

	REA programmes					
	Stand-Alone Minigrids Systems		Energizing Education	Energizing Economies		
Who will be served?	Remote customers with low load or low ability to pay	Communities with load less than 1 MW	37 universities, 7 teaching hospitals, and the surrounding communities	Economic clusters: areas with high commercial activity and high growth impact on the economy		
What is REA's role?	Promote development and roll-out	Promote community, private development	Develop independent power plants to serve	Project development and enabling environment		
Benefits to community	Provide critical basic services; cheaper than kerosene or other energy alternatives; create jobs	Promotes economic activity; interconnection potential	Provide nearly 100 MW generation across 6 geo- political zones; improve educational quality	Replace costly, inefficient, polluting diesel with centralized power source; promote MSME growth		
Benefits to developer	Supportive regulatory environment, coordination around market expansion, education and awareness	10,000+ potential sites offer high customer density, clustering; access and scaling in Africa's largest market	Solar hybrid and gas engine plant generation opportunities	High load and customer concentration; clear value proposition to customers		
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Crosscutting energy database - online visualization of resources for energy development

#### THERE IS A \$10B/YR MARKET OPPORTUNITY TODAY FOR MINIGRIDS AND SOLAR HOME SYSTEMS THAT WILL SAVE NIGERIANS \$6B/YR

- \$10 billion annual market opportunity to supply off-grid and underserved customers with minigrids and solar home systems\*
- With 8% economic growth through 2030 there is an additional \$670 billion value proposition
- This estimate is based on current expenditures, but customers may pay more for superior service
- This shift from expensive generating sets would save Nigerians customers \$6B/yr over current energy costs

#### Today's off-grid and underserved annual market size in Nigeria, by off-grid technology\*



Source: RMI analysis

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\* Assumes 50% adoption of solar home systems by torches and other substitutes, and 75% adoption of minigrids by small-scale self generation; conservatively does not assume growth in electricity use

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**Financing:** \$1BILLION IN immediate INVESTMENT need with an initial Investment of \$350M from World Bank secured through the Nigerian Electrification Project (NEP).

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- Scaling the SHS market by an order of magnitude (10's to 100's of thousands of sales per month) requires \$200 million in private sector investment
- Providing power solution for **37 universities and 7 university teaching hospitals through the 'energizing education'** programme requires \$150 million
- Significant opportunities for first-mover advantage in mini grids and solar home systems

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#### Market Intelligence for Mini Grid Development

#### REA Online Projects Database and Development Tool Powered by Odyssey





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#### ENERGIZING ECONOMIES INITATIVE



#### Case Study–Sabon Gari Market

- 13,000 shops, 11,000 of which currently use electricity
- Currently spend \$15,000/day (#5.3M/day) on electricity
- Currently unconnected to the grid
- 1 MW+ of high capacity solar standalone systems powered by Rensource
- Phase 1 was commissioned in February 2018
- Constant power allows for value added services e.g. Internet, micro pensions, e-commerce etc.

#### Online Dashboard

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The **private sector** is responsible for funding, generation, distribution, metering, and collections, and the REA conducted the energy audit and facilitated all interactions with the various state and federal level Ministries, Departments and Agencies



#### Sabon Gari Energy - Customer Service Centre



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#### ENERGIZING EDUCATION PROGRAMME

#### **University & Hospital Power Systems**

**Objectives:** 

- Support to Nigerian Government's Energizing Education Program
- Provide new or improved power systems for 37 federal universities and 7 associated teaching hospitals

EPC contracts for:

- Solar hybrid or gas-fired power systems to operate independently of DISCO grid, with capability to be connected at a later stage
- Campus-wide distribution system upgrade as necessary
- Campus-wide street lighting
- Training center facilities dedicated to renewable energy and electrical engineering education

#### O&M contracts for:

- Operating and maintaining power system and street lighting for 10 years
- O&M contracts will be offered to EPC contractors upon satisfactory completion of works





Power System Characteristics:

- Capacity: 0.5 8.0 MW
- Technology: Solar-Hybrid or Gas fired with Smart Metering
- Reliability: > 99% for high-priority loads

## Invitation for investments and private sector participation

	/pe of Jpport	Donors	DFIs	Impact funds	Climate finance	Commercial banks/ debt financing	Private Equity/ venture capital
Pro	jects	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> <li>Energizing Education</li> <li>Technical Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> <li>Energizing Education</li> <li>Technical Assistance</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Standalone Systems</li> <li>Mini Grids</li> <li>Energizing Economies</li> </ul>
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## **KEY MILESTONES**





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# the Nigeria electrification PROJECT

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## WORLD BANK PROGRAM IN THE NIGERIA ENERGY SECTOR

Project	Description	Funding
Power Sector Recovery Performance-Based Loan (PBL)	Supporting the government's PSRP by incentivising reform actions which will lead to sector financial viability. Funds will contribute to PSRP Financing Plan which will ensure GenCos are paid in full while sector viability gap is narrowed over the next 4 years	\$1 billion
Power Sector Guarantees Program (PSGP)	Providing payment guarantees and loan guarantees to new private IPPs	\$700 million
Nigeria Electricity Transmission Project (NETAP)	Funding the reinforcement and upgrade of network infrastructure	\$486 million
Nigeria Electricity Distribution Improvemen Project (NEDIP)	Investments in Discos that will improve technical and tcommercial efficiency while preparing them to receive further investments from private sector	\$500 million
Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP)	Supporting private sector investments in solar mini grids and individual solar systems in off-grid locations. Supporting off-grid systems for universities and hospitals	\$350 million

# THE WORLD BANK IS INVESTING \$350M IN OFF-GRID SOLUTIONS IN NIGERIA TO CATALYZE \$1 BILLION IN INVESTMENT

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# THE WORLD BANK'S INVESTMENT IN NIGERIA'S OFF-GRID ELECTRICITY MARKET IS ONE OF THE BANK'S LARGEST EVER

#### \$350 Million World Bank Investment Leveraging an Expected \$1 Billion in Investment

#### WB: \$150 Million for mini grids. Private Sector Opportunity: \$300 Million

- \$70 Million: Competitive bidding for portfolios of mini grid sites
- \$80 Million: Connecting new customers
- Mini grids built to grid code standard
- First-mover potential in the next 5 years: 300,000 households and 30,000 SMEs served by 1000 mini grids

#### WB: \$75 Million for SHS. Private Sector Opportunity: \$200 Million

- \$15 Million: "Accelerator" grants to high-potential importerdistributors
- \$60 Million: Output-based grants
- Business model neutral
- First-mover potential in the next 5 years: 1.5 million households and micro-enterprises.

## WB: \$105 Million for University & Hospital Power Systems. Private Sector Opportunity: \$150 Million

- 37 federal universities and 7 affiliated hospitals
- EPC contracts for constructing power systems
- O&M contracts for 10 years
- Power systems designed to operate independently from the Grid

#### WB: \$20 Million Technical Assistance

- Institutional support for REA
- Investment pipeline development
- Financing needs assessment
- Regulatory support
- Pre-investment support to mini grid developers
- Ecosystem development for SHS
- Environmental & Social Safeguards
## NIGERIA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT: COMPONENT 1

## MINI GRIDS: \$150M WB, LEVERAGING \$300M PRIVATE SECTOR

#### \$70 Million: Competitive Bidding

- 100 pre-selected mini grid sites clustered into bid packages for auction
- Bidders compete on lowest subsidy to build, own, and operate a portfolio of mini grids
- Detailed economic and geospatial data will be made available to developers
- Standardized design: solar PV & diesel hybrid with smart meters using a prepaid system
- An additional 70+ mini grids will be auctioned off in high-risk environments (e.g., conflict areas) – these will be fully financed by the project



#### \$80 Million: Connection Cost Subsidies

- \$300+ for each new connection to a mini grid, 100% payment made after connection
- Payments made upon completed milestones: technical design; delivery of equipment to site; customer connections
- Applications assessed on a rolling basis



## NIGERIA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT: COMPONENT 2

## SHS: \$75M WORLD BANK, LEVERAGING \$200M PRIVATE SECTOR

#### \$15 Million: Accelerator Grants

- Up-front grants to strongest and most capable SHS providers
- Pre-qualification based on evidence that applicant has ready-to-go capabilities for scaling rapidly
- Grants will crowd-in large-scale additional private sector investment and provide liquidity for working capital
- Grants disbursed in lump sums based on milestones outlined in grant proposal
- Prospective Market Players:



#### \$60 Million: Output Based Grants

- Pre-qualification based on business capabilities and SHS technical standards
- Focus will be primarily on strong new entrants and Nigerian start-ups
- Grants set at 15-20% of the nominal retail price and paid in tranches on verified product installations
- Grant support is business model neutral

Manufacturer	→ Importer → Distributor → Retailer → Consumer Financier → Consumer
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SolarWay	EMEL SuSu
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## NIGERIA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT: COMPONENT 3

#### "ENERGIZING EDUCATION": \$105 MILLION WB INVESTMENT



## NIGERIA ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT

## NEXT STEPS:



- Private sector needs to be ready to engage in order to leverage the \$225m grant funding we have made available
- Team based in DC and Abuja is available to meet to provide more details as required



# THANK YOU



# Energizing Economies Initiative (EEI)

Investor Round Table, London

April 19, 2018



#### What we will cover during this session



## Overview of the Energizing Economies Initiative



The Scale-Up Approach



The Business Case







OVERVIEW OF THE ENERGIZING ECONOMIES INITIATIVE

The Energizing Economies Initiative will focus on off-grid electrification of economic clusters in Nigeria



#### Defining the Energizing Economies Initiative

Expected impact of the initiative

**The Energizing Economies Initiative (EEI)** will support the rapid deployment of off-grid electricity solutions that will provide clean and consistent power to economic clusters in Nigeria

- Sponsored by Federal Government of Nigeria while REA is responsible for implementing and supporting initiative
- Key focus is clusters of economic activity:
  - Markets
  - Shopping Plazas/Complexes
  - Industrial Clusters

#### EEI is about developing a nascent subsector

- 250-300 off-grid projects over the next 3-5 years
- 70% of projects will be from renewable energy

Early stage could require intervention and capex support, but will evolve toward fully standalone business model requiring no additional support



## Our starting point: 4 pilot-projects and ~50,000 shops



Power Africa has partnered with REA and multiple stakeholders to define the path to scale off-grid solutions in Nigeria



Interviewed 30+ developers and investors

Obtain range of views on market constraints to scale

Shared views on what scaleup plan should look like



Defined pathway to scale across 3 phases

Developed a 3-phase scaleup approach over the next 3 - 5 years

Developed REA framework of systematic support for developers and investors Fucture roles f

Structure roles for key actors

Quantified programme economics

Structured roles for key players across the scale-up phases



# The scale-up model will evolve across 3 phases over the next 3 to 5 years,



#### Each phase will evolve across 4 key dimensions

Programme phases	Phase I (10-20 sites)	Phase II (80-100 sites)	Phase III (200+ sites)
1 Site sequencing	<ul> <li>Prioritize 'lowest hanging fruits'</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Balance ease of deployment and scale of impact</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>All sites within scope</li> </ul>
REA	<ul> <li>Active facilitation role across entire project lifecycle e.g. stakeholder</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Unlock key business environment issues e.g. licenses, key government</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Same as Phase II, but with reduced REA involvement</li> <li>Facilitate access to fiscal</li> </ul>
2) Support	engagement, license application, port clearance	<ul> <li>approvals</li> <li>Facilitate access to fiscal incentives e.g. import duty waivers, pioneer tax status</li> </ul>	incentives e.g. import duty waivers
3 Transaction approach	<ul> <li>Individual projects matched to selected investors based on interest and capability</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Active investor attraction via targeted outreach to broader investor base</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Competitive selection process open to public</li> </ul>
4 Financing	<ul> <li>Primarily by investors with higher-risk appetite</li> <li>Project facilitation support provided by REA to reduce CAPEX</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proportion of CAPEX funded by grants or concessionary funding</li> <li>Non-distortionary</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Commercial debt and equity funding</li> </ul>
Source: Team analysis	<ul> <li>Opportunistic donor funding (if available)</li> </ul>		

# REA has developed a best practice end-to-end process for off-grid project development



#### THE SCALE-UP APPROACH % of activities Activity with heavy REA involvement Owner REA's support throughout the project Х owned by REA Activity with light REA involvement RĒA lifecycle will transition across phases $\sim$ Activity with no REA involvement Developer REA Investo PHASE 1 Level of activity PHASE 2 <30% PHASE 3 >50% 35-40% ownership and 16 13 14 12 10 involvement of 8 1 parties, number of ~ • owned activities REA REA REA **Key activities REA** leads extensively REA leads extensively; facilitates REA leads extensively; facilitates introduction of developers to introduction of developers to A markets markets Identify opportunity REA owns all activities; engaging Led extensively by REA, financial Investor and developer lead most == R/ == 0 feasibility assessed by investors consultants and financial advisors as activities, REA still conducts energy \_\_\_0 needed audit **(B)** Assess feasibility REA owns all processes for setting Led largely by REA, developers lead Led extensively by the developer; REA provides guidelines and up structure of SPV and project negotiation of customer agreements support as needed Set up structure Developer leads all aspects of Led solely by developer, REA plays Led solely by developer, REA construction and project no active role monitors project development management Build REA not involved in operations, Led solely by developer, REA plays Led solely by developer, REA monitoring or evaluation no active role monitors and evaluates performance Operate

# Based on a conservative 250 projects already identified, the market opportunity is ~ USD 680M annually

Economic clusters identified are concentrated in the South South, South West & FCT	Market sizing	Retail markets	Complexes & Industrial clusters	Total
	Markets	200	50	250
Sokoto Zamfare	# of connections per market	15,000	2,500	17,500
nin Raduna Raduna Contra Contr	Average demand, W <sup>2</sup>	92	700	193
Nigeria, Plateau Adamora Men Rayo- Oyo Toraba	Average price, USD/kWh <sup>1</sup>	0.50	0.50	0.50
Zone North Central	Average trading hours & days	12 hours, 6 days a week	12 hours, 6 days a week	12 hours, 6 days a week
North East North West South East Cent South South Camu South West	Estimated demand, MW	275	75	604
Identified 250+ markets located across the country	Annual Rev. 🔅 USD mn 🔊	515	164	679



2 Estimated based on REA pilot project energy demand data

#### The business case for off-grid projects under the Energizing Economies Initiative is compelling in steady state

Viability / investment costs %



1 Showcasing the PV-battery mini grid

2 Assumed that relative to phase 1, in phase 3: CAPEX reduces by 20%, upfront costs by 25%, OPEX cost by 10%, Debt interest rate by 4pp; revenue collections increases by 4%; and a debt/equity share of 50/50.





## Building Sabon Gari Energy An Urban Micro-utility powered by Rensource

London & Washington DC, April 2018

## About Rensource

- Rensource is a leading distributed energy company in Nigeria headquarted in Lagos
- We provide access to solar based services that bridge the gap between what our clients need and what the grid provides
- We build decentralized grids in clustered environments paired with a service delivery model to optimize the end-user experience







## Technology

Cutting edge technology made affordable

- The Rensource HS10000 Powerbox combines everything needed for a seamless solar experience:
  - An industrial grade hybrid inverter
  - Solar charge controller
  - Long-lasting lithium based batteries
  - Remote system monitoring and control functionality
- Each system is able to power multiple shops depending on energy usage
- Every shop is fitted with a power meter which allows Rensource to monitor their usage and remotely control and limit their access to a quantum of power





### Intuitive User Interface

#### Cutting edge technology made affordable

- Web and app based interface to
  - Monitor solar/battery energy usage
  - Determine remaining battery capacity
  - Monitor PHCN uptime / downtime
- · Easy access to
  - Bill payments
  - Historical energy usage
  - Customer Service / Technical Support
  - Remotely turning appliances on/off (coming soon)





#### **Network Operations Center**

- Staffed network operations center (NOC) where engineers and technicians monitor system performance
- Preventative Diagnostics
  - Battery cell level monitoring
  - Real time uptime / downtime notifications
  - Remote fault diagnostics
- Accessible customer service hotline with escalation procedures
- Technicians can be deployed to customers as necessary





### Sabon Gari Market

Electrifying the largest market for commodities and electronics in Northern Nigeria

- Sabon Gari market is located in Kano State in northern Nigeria. Kano is bound by Jigawa and Katsina States to the east and west respectively. Kano is famously regarded as the 'Centre of Commerce'.
- Kano is the second largest industrial centre after Lagos State in northern Nigeria with textile, tanning, footwear, pharmaceuticals, ceramics, furniture and other industries. Others include soft drinks, food and beverages, dairy products, vegetable oil, animal feeds etc.
- There are approximately 11500 shops in the market and it receives foot traffic of over 1 million people monthly
- There is no grid power supply in the market
- The vast majority of shop owners power their stalls with shared 3kVa -5kVa generators





## Sabon Gari Market

Rensource will successfully replace hundreds of generators with dirty fuel, noise and emissions with solar energy which is clean, quiet and much healthier







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#### Sabon Gari Energy – Work done so far and next steps...

Rensource 'powered' shops in Sabon Gari Market, Kano



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#### **Transaction structure**



#### Lessons Learnt to Date

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## Appendix

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#### Excerpts from Sabon Gari, Kano



Rensource 'powered' customer's shop in Sabon Gari Market, Kano



Rensource engineers at work in Sabon Gari Market, Kano



One of Rensource power hub in Sabon Gari Market, Kano







#### Systems Data Dashboard







#### Customer Data Dashboard

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#### Sabon Gari Energy



The MD of Rural Electrification Agency commissions the micro utility project





Sabon Gari Energy customer service office



Recently electrified customer in the market



Nigerian Minister of Power, Works & Housing inspects the work done with the Rensource team

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## **Closing thoughts**

Please share with the group:

- 1) What are you taking away from the discussion today?
- 2) What kind of support can you offer to the group for moving forward?



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