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Household Energy: an IGAD Regional Programme

The IGAD Household Energy Programme is one of nine sub-regional action programmes (SRAP) supporting the UN Convention on Desertification.

The high dependency on wood-fuels, supply shortages and associated degradation of the environment resulting from over-exploitation of forests and woodlands is common in all IGAD countries. In both urban and rural areas, the low level of household incomes, and irregular cash flow prevents many households from buying more modern appliances or switching to alternative energy sources for cooking and lighting.

In response to this, the Project aims to:

- *develop and harmonise Regional Household Energy Policies*
- *identify and promote information, exchange experiences and carry out training and research*
- *increase the awareness of the IGAD member states and the international community on priority issues*
- *promote the use of affordable and sustainable energy sources*
- *transfer energy efficient technologies between member states*
- *promote co-ordination of present initiatives*

Project Philosophy

The project will emphasise the practical application and dissemination and, if necessary, the adaptation of proven technologies and policies in household energy. The approach will be to make a significant contribution to the reduction of costs to individual households, through either the use of alternative fuels or the more efficient use of traditional sources of energy. This will, in turn, conserve and create reserves of traditional fuels so as to protect the environment and the long-term sustainability of biomass fuels.



Women carrying fuelwood in Ethiopia

Project Inputs

The project will cost US\$1.87million over two years. A long-term household energy expert will assist the IGAD Secretariat to manage the project. Additional short-term energy specialists will be recruited to support and plan country activities. Through work programmes, the project will also (i) support workshops and meetings between IGAD member states; (ii) provide assistance to projects focusing on the transfer of energy efficient technologies; (iii) create a training programme on Household Energy for key players in Governments, NGO's and in the Private Sector.

Implementation and Design

The implementing agency will be the IGAD Secretariat through its Natural Resources and Energy Section of the Division of Agriculture and Environment. The Chief of Natural Resources and Energy will manage project implementation and will work very closely with the consultants.

Implementation of the various components of this project will be carried out in a network approach composed of the Household Energy Technical Focal



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Points in the member states and the project management team at the Secretariat. The Technical Focal Points will be drawn from Ministries that deal with energy and will serve as a link between project management and the national level activities.

Project management and consultants together with the Technical Focal Points will outline the priority and develop structures including national co-ordinating / steering committees. They will develop annual operation plans that will be submitted to IGAD and the EC for approval. National Co-ordination/steering

Committees will be created from relevant national institutions such as national energy agencies, Ministries, NGO's, the Private Sector and other partners interested in energy development.

A Regional Steering Committee will be established comprising Directors of Energy from the IGAD member states, a representative of the Regional Authorising Officer (Executive Secretary of IGAD) and a member of the EC Delegation.

Project Plan

Inception Period 3 months: Develop work plans, Regional and National Stakeholder workshops and identify training needs.

Country Planning 6 months: Develop Country activities, prepare project profiles, finalise implementation and monitoring.

Pilot Projects 12months: Training, research, dissemination and promotion, monitoring and National workshops.

Assessment 3 months: long-term plans, monitoring system, final workshop, follow on recommendations and conclusions.

Regional Strategy



Improved charcoal stoves for sale in a supermarket in Kenya

For more project information see the IGAD Rural Household Energy Programme website:

<http://igadrhep.energyprojects.net>

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