

# Status of Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access in Sierra Leone

Regional Validation Workshop for the ECOWAS Policy for Gender Mainstreaming in  
Energy Access

*Theme: Promoting Social Inclusion for Sustainable Energy for All*

Ministry of Energy

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Issues	Status
<p>Gender expertise, competence and capacity building requirements</p>	<p><b>At state House, a lady with a wealth of experience on gender issues is serving as focal point on issues that has to do with gender and energy, she is also the presidential adviser on gender issues</b></p> <p><b>The gender expert is an experienced and trained Programme Officer in Renewable Energy with a strong research capability.</b></p> <p><b>He has effectively managed the position of Programme Officer Energy Efficiency in the Ministry of Energy, since 2013.</b></p>

**Gender expertise, competence and capacity building requirements**

**He is currently the alternate Focal Point for ECOWAS Center for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (ECREEE),**

**Focal Point for ECOWAS Gender Mainstreaming and member of Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency Policy Formulation committee in 2014,**

**a member of National Energy Policy and Strategy Review committee, member of Barefoot women training college committee coordinating the Mano River Union activities in the Ministry of Energy,.**

**He has gained experience on coordination and partnership management in a wide range of Renewable Energy programmes since 2011.**

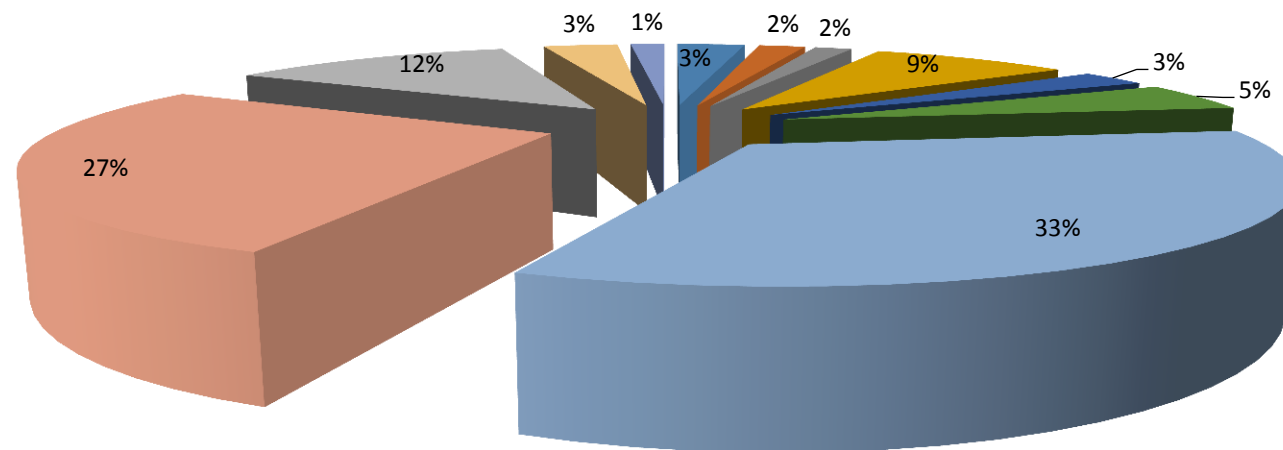
**The Ministry of Energy Supervises the Barefoot women solar training Centre and operating with the management committee which comprises with other ministries to oversees the entire operation of the Centre.**

**We are empowering women in the energy sector by training them to implement rural electrification using solar home PV systems**

- To date the Barefoot women solar training institution is made up of women who has never been to school.it started with five women but today they have trained more than hundreds of women.
- These women now has the ability of carrying out the rural electrification of solar home PV system in various communities across the country
- Base on the recent verification on the 1500 solar home systems installed by Barefoot women, it was found out that 95% of the systems are in good working position.

### Districts with installed system

■ Kenema ■ Kailahun ■ Kono ■ Western Area ■ Koinadugo ■ Tonkolili ■ Port Loko ■ Bombali ■ Kambia ■ BSE ■ Pujehun



# Barefoot women demonstrating how LED energy saving bulbs are produced.





# Barefoot women Demonstrating to Solar helpers how to do series, parallel, series-parallel for grid connection.



**Gender and energy programs and projects in your country**

**Challenges faced by female energy entrepreneur.**

**Equal participation of men and women in the energy sector as employees**

- **The Barefoot Solar Engineering Training Centre has been established for rural electrification project and to provide training facilities to other illiterate women.**
- **The capital to start a business is one of the challenge, policies and marketing barriers compliance to traditional norms**
- **Both men & women are equally important infarct the head of ministry of Energy is madam Zanib Buya Kamara, Head of Barefoot women training college is Nancy Kanu and more female engineers are employed in the ministry of Energy**

**A committee has been instituted to oversee the affairs of the institution and its comprises of various ministries:**

- Chairman Director of Energy -----MOE**
- Deputy Secretary -----MOE**
- Head Renewable Energy & Energy Efficiency -----MOE**
- Head of Barefoot women college(Female)-----MOE**
- Representative from Finance(female)-----MOF**
- Representative from gender ministry(female)-----MOGCA**
- Representative from Lands(female)-----MOLCP**
- Representative from Local Government-----MOLG**
- Committee Secretary Energy Efficiency officer- -----MOE**
- Representative from Education-----MOEST**

- **Policies and legislative frameworks**

- **At the policy level, the following have been developed and adopted:**
  - **National Gender Mainstreaming Policy (2000)**
  - **National Policy on the Advancement of Women (2000)**
  - **Disability Policy**
  - **Policy on the Aged**
- **At the legislative level, the following have been put in place:**
  - **Anti-Human Trafficking Act 2005**
  - **Child Right Act 2007**
  - **Registration of Customary Marriage and Divorce Act 2007**
  - **Domestic Violence Act 2007**
  - **Devolution of Estate Act 2007**



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## Main challenges and barriers to Gender Mainstreaming in Energy Access in (sierra Leone)

- Financial,
- policies and
- marketing barriers compliance to traditional norms

## External support needed to put the ECOWAS Gender and Energy Policy into action in (Sierra Leone)

- Formulation of good policies
- provision of financial incentives
- Provision of market facilities for their products

# Thank you