

Call for Proposals

To apply for support on the development and implementation of Hybrid Mini-grids

Country	: Somaliland
Programme Manager	: ESRES Secretariat
Donor	: Department for International Development (DFID)
Programme	: Energy Security and Resource Efficiency in Somaliland Programme (ESRES)

1. The Energy Security and Resources Efficiency in Somaliland Programme (ESRES) seeks to invest in Hybrid Mini-grids in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MoEM) and the private sector in Somaliland. The Programme is being financed by the UK's Department for International Development (DFID).
2. The ESRES Secretariat invites interested Applicants to submit their Concept Notes to apply for support on the development and implementation of Hybrid Mini-grids.
3. The investment in Hybrid Mini-grids by ESRES is a pilot programme to promote Renewable Energy development in Somaliland. Hybrid Mini-grids that use Renewable Energy have advantages over mono-source systems that rely only on diesel power. However, the current technical and commercial context in Somaliland impedes widespread adoption of these systems. The experiences gained during the Pilot Phase will inform the MoEM, DFID and other stakeholders on the potential for Hybrid Mini-grids in Somaliland and the possibilities for the establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund.
4. The selection of viable project ideas and Implementing Partners for the development and implementation of Hybrid Mini-grids will follow a competitive, fair and transparent process through a Call for Proposals. In first instance, only Concept Notes must be submitted for evaluation. Thereafter, Applicants who have been pre-selected will be invited to submit a comprehensive Technical and Financial Proposal.
5. The selection of viable project ideas and Implementing Partners will take into account geographical spread, choice of technologies, the amount of ESRES investment required, technical and financial viability, and the Social Return on Investment.
6. Interested Applicants can download the Guidelines for Applicants and the Concept Note Form from the ESRES-website: www.esres-somaliland.org.
7. The ESRES Secretariat will organise an Information Session on **Tuesday 10th November 2015** at the Ambassador Hotel in Hargeisa. Applicants wishing to attend the meeting should download the Registration Form from the ESRES-website and submit it to info@esres-somaliland.org. Only registered applicants will be allowed access to the Information Session.
8. Only sealed hard copy Concept Notes along with other required documents must be delivered to the below address no later than the **Wednesday 2nd December 2015 at 16:00 Hours East African Standard Time**. Any Concept Note received after the deadline will be rejected. Electronic Concept Notes will be rejected. Concept Notes delivered to another address will be rejected.
9. For further information please contact:

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