

Call for Proposals Award Notice

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 (ESRES)

1 – Background

The Energy Security and Resource Efficiency in Somaliland (ESRES) Programme seeks to invest in hybrid mini-grids in collaboration with the Ministry of Energy and Minerals (MoEM) and the private sector in Somaliland.

The investment in hybrid mini-grids by ESRES is a pilot programme to promote Renewable Energy development in Somaliland. The promotion of Renewable Energy through hybrid mini-grids is based on the premise that hybrid systems have advantages over mono-source systems. However, the technical and commercial context impedes widespread adoption of these systems. The experiences gained during this pilot phase will inform DFID and MoEM (and other stakeholders) on the potential for hybrid mini-grid development in Somaliland and the responsibilities for the establishment of a Renewable Energy Fund.

2 – Selection and evaluation process

The selection of viable project ideas and Implementing Partners for the development and implementation of hybrid mini-grids during ESRES Phase I followed a competitive process through a Call for Proposals and followed a two-stage process (concept note, full proposal).

In the first instance, Applicants were invited to submit Concept Notes. The ESRES Programme Manager received 23 applications. Following evaluation, the Joint Steering Committee (JSC) selected 12 Applicants for the second stage.

The ESRES Programme Manager sent out the Request for Proposals on 9 June 2016. The ESRES Programme had received 12 Full Technical and Financial Proposals by closing date of 6 August 2016.

The ESRES Programme Manager completed the evaluation and submitted its evaluation report to the Joint Steering Committee. On 16-17 August 2016 the Joint Steering Committee provisionally selected 6 projects and requested the Programme Manager to proceed with final clarifications and due diligence.

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The ESRES Programme Manager provided final clarifications to the JSC during an extraordinary JSC meeting on 28 September. Following these clarifications, the JSC approved the 6 projects for ESRES funding.

3 – Details of awarded Applicants (Implementing Partners):

No	Name of Applicant	Project title	Location	Grant award
1	Badhan Electricity Company	Badhan Hybrid Mini-grid Project	Badhan, Sanaag	USD 375,965
2	Beder Electricity Company	Sheikh Town 130kW (AC) Mini-grid Solar-Diesel Hybrid Power Station	Sheikh, Saaxil	USD 391,868
6	Sompower (former Alel Electricity Company)	Sompower, Gabiley Hybrid Mini-grid Project	Gabiley, Maroodijeeh	USD 460,400
8	HECO	HECO, Burao Extension of Solar Project	Burao, Togdheer	USD 693,823
10	Telesom Electricity Company	Buhodle Town Solar-Diesel Hybrid Mini-grid Pilot Project	Buhodle, Togdheer	USD 391,829
21	Aloog Electricity Company	Aloog, Boroma Hybrid Mini-grid Project	Boorama, Awdal	USD 625,403