

# EnDev Rwanda Mini-Grid RBF

Expression of Interest: pre-qualification

## What is Rwanda Mini-Grid RBF?

The Rwanda Mini-Grid Results-based Financing Project (“The Rwanda Mini-Grid RBF”) is a new project being launched as part of an EnDev Rwanda’s programming for 2021 - 2024. The project builds upon EnDev’s previous RBF project, which ran from June 2014-September 2021. The new Rwanda Mini-Grid RBF has made structural adjustments to the previous projects based on its lessons learned.

## Who is eligible?

Only private companies, registered associations and cooperatives that have developed feasibility studies for solar mini-grids under Enabel’s *Private Sector Participation in the Generation and Distribution of Electricity from Renewable Sources (PSPE)* project and are in off-grid areas according to the National Electrification Plan (NEP) will be accepted.

This limited application call is due to the limited size of the fund and the short project timeline. This will ensure that feasibility studies have been developed and reviewed by multiple actors (resulting in a shorter project preparation phase), and that the sites have been designated as mini-grid sites under the revised NEP.

Applications will be evaluated to confirm whether they meet the pre-qualification requirements. Eligible applicants will be invited to submit full project applications following the pre-qualification phase.

## Pre-qualification requirements

**Companies must meet all the below pre-qualification criteria to be invited to submit a full proposal**

| Pre-qualification requirements  |  |
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| Company   |  |
| Criteria  | Documentation to be submitted  |
| The company is registered with the Rwanda Development Board (RDB) as a private company or with the Rwanda Cooperative Agency (RCA) as a cooperative | RDB Certificate of domestic registration or RCA registration certificate |

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| The company is registered and compliant with the RSSB (Social Security)   | RSSB official certificate of social security clearance  |
| The company is registered and compliant with the RRA (Taxes)  | RRA official certificate of tax clearance   |
| The company holds a commercial bank account   | Bank account number   |
| The company has relevant experience related to mini-grids, off-grid electrification, solar and/or other   | Company description, structure and activities   |
| <b>Feasibility Study</b>  |   |
| The company has a feasibility study developed under Enabel's Private Sector Participation in the Generation and Distribution of Electricity from Renewable Sources (PSPE) project | Feasibility study developed under PSPE project  |
| The project developer foresees at least 40 paying connections   | Feasibility study developed under PSPE project  |
| <b>Technical</b>  |   |
| The proposed mini-grid is a solar mini-grid   | Feasibility study developed under PSPE project  |
| <b>Financial</b>  |   |
| Proof of funds  | Account statements and/or other proof that the developer has or will have a minimum of 15% of the project cost available. |
| <b>NEP eligible</b>   |   |
| The proposed site is in an off-grid area as outlined in the National Electrification Plan   | Provision of location details; province, district, sector, cell, village  |

## How to apply?

The application form can be downloaded from Urwego bank website and should be submitted electronically in MS Word format to Urwego bank email: [mniwagaba@urwegobank.com](mailto:mniwagaba@urwegobank.com). After assessment, Urwego bank will contact pre-qualified applicants to submit full project proposal.

## Partners and stakeholders

### EnDev Rwanda/GIZ GmbH

Energising Development (EnDev) is an energy access partnership currently financed by Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH acts as lead agency for the implementation of the programme in Rwanda.

### Urwego Bank

Urwego bank is the fund manager of the EnDev Rwanda Mini-Grid RBF project and executes the financial management of the fund on behalf of GIZ.

### EDCL

Energy Development Company Limited (EDCL) is EnDev Rwanda's institutional partner in Rwanda. EDCL is responsible for implementing Rwanda's off-grid strategy and responsible for the National Electrification Plan (NEP), which demarcates on-grid and off-grid areas, as well as the review of all mini-grid feasibility studies to be approved under the Government of Rwanda's Ministerial Guidelines for Mini-Grid Development.