

# **EASE PROJECT**

## **COMMUNITY ENERGY MALAWI (CEM) UPDATE**

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# EASE Project focus areas

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- ❑ Deployment of District Energy Officers in Dedza and Balaka
- ❑ Construction/Installation of Energy Hubs.
  - ✓ To provide reliable and affordable electricity through wired connections
  - ✓ To be used for production use of energy(PUE)
  - ✓ An opportunity for local income development for businesses (PUE) and spur economic development

### Blueprinting of DEO

- Noted gap in decentralized energy
  - ✓ Community Energy Planning missing in VAP/DDP
  - ✓ Dept. of Energy- centralized than decentralized
  - ✓ High failure rate of energy projects
  - ✓ Erratic funding for energy related interventions

# Key Project Activities

**Training of 170 frontline officers in mainstreaming energy in Village Area Planning process (VAP) process**



**Tailored presentations to 280 officers from different sectors at district level**

# Project Activities

- **>29 Backstopping meetings – ADC, VDC, communities and energy scrapping**





# Project Activities

- **Training of 20 local technicians (1 in every TA) to support RE systems in there community**



- **Training of 342 entrepreneurs and linkages made for distribution of renewable energy technologies**

# Project Activities

- 4 Awareness campaign on renewable energy standards, policy and regulatory frameworks.



# Project Activities

## 2 Round Table discussions/Debate centered on energy issues





# ENERGY HUBS.....



**Nakatale Solar Energy Hub. Balaka**

# Nakatale Solar Hub

## Solar Powered Irrigation



## Powering shops





# Mdeza Microgrid, Dedza

**4.5kW Microgrid**



**Power School campus**



# Nakatale setback....

Floods/Cyclones.....



Cold storage not utilized....





# Mdeza Microgrid set back....

**MAREP encroachment.....**



**relocating**



# Way forward

- Continue developing Nakatale Solar Energy Hub model
  - Looking for financing to develop it further
- Relocate Mdeza Microgrid to Njuchi Village
  - Utilise Innovate UK support to develop model further
- Build on EASE achievements, data, lessons to develop further project concepts

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**THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH**