

 Early Warning System

MIGA-14937

Engie's Mini-grid projects



Quick Facts

Countries	Uganda
Specific Location	Lolwe Island
Financial Institutions	Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2024-06-09
Borrower	Engie Afrique SAS
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Guarantee
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.62 million



Project Description

According to the Bank's website, MIGA issued US\$ 1.62 million Guarantee to Engie Afrique SAS (France) (Engie) to cover its equity investments in Engie Equatorial Limited for the construction, operation, and maintenance of Lolwe Mini-Grid Project in Uganda against the risks of Transfer Restrictions, Expropriation, and War and Civil Disturbance. MIGA is utilizing a First Loss Layer from the Renewable Energy Catalyst Trust Fund (RECTF) with an amount of US\$0.49 million.

The Lolwe Project consists of the construction, co-financing, operation, and maintenance of a mini-grid project with an initial expected production capacity of around 960,000 kilowatt hour ("kWh") per annum to generate, distribute, and sell energy to end-users in Lolwe Sub-County, as well as supporting various productive uses of energy and ancillary services, including clean drinking water, ice production, and fish drying processing located at an industrial park, street lighting, and training and incubation services for existing and new businesses in the area.

Lolwe Island's population has been relying on individual solar house systems, batteries, individual solar panels, or small diesel generators which supply energy for less than 8 hours per day and at a high cost. With the new mini-grid, the Lolwe Project can ensure a more consistent and reliable power supply to its customers - up to 3,783 of underserved household and commercial end-users at more affordable pricing. Furthermore, the productive uses of energy are expected to bring social and economic benefits to poor and underserved communities and catalyze economic activity. The Lolwe Project is the first in a series of mini-grid investments, that will be made by Engie in Uganda over the next coming years.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The Project is Category B according to MIGA's Policy on Environmental and Social Sustainability (2013). Overall, the Project is not expected to result in significant E&S impacts, since all of the Subprojects have either potential limited adverse environmental or social risks and/or impacts that are few in number, generally site-specific, largely reversible, and readily addressed through mitigation measures, or minimal or no adverse environmental or social risks and/or impacts.



Investment Description

- Multilateral Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA)

A US\$ 1.62 million Guarantee.



Private Actors Description

Engie is a French energy industrial group. Its main shareholder is the French state, which held a quarter of the capital until 2019.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Engie Afrique SAS	Client	-



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Bank Documents

- [E&S Action Plan \(ESAP\)](#)
- [Environmental and Social Review Summary](#)