

 Early Warning System

IFC-600863
Lighting Myanmar



Quick Facts

Countries	Myanmar
Financial Institutions	International Finance Corporation (IFC)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	U
Voting Date	2016-05-24
Borrower	Government of Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Advisory Services
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 4.85 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 4.85 million



Project Description

According to IFC website, the goal of the project is to support the creation of a sustainable commercial market for high-quality off-grid energy solutions in Myanmar. More than 65 percent of Myanmar's population has no access to grid-based energy services. In rural areas, more than two thirds of households rely on candles, kerosene, batteries and diesel generators to meet their energy needs. To address this, the Government of Myanmar, with the assistance of the World Bank Group and other donors, has adopted the National Electrification Plan (NEP), which aims to achieve universal access to sustainable electricity services by 2030 through a combination of grid extension and off-grid programs.

The project will work with lighting product manufacturers, distributors, financial institutions, development partners, and the government in the following areas:

1. Quality Assurance
2. Market Intelligence
3. Business Development Support
4. Consumer Awareness
5. Regulatory and Policy Dialogue
6. Access to Finance



People Affected By This Project

The goal of Lighting Myanmar is to support the creation of a sustainable commercial market for high-quality off-grid energy solutions in Myanmar. In doing so, it will help achieve two main impacts:

1. Supplying reliable energy services to customers in off-grid rural areas and underserved urban areas through high quality solar products, including lanterns, solar home systems, and potentially mini-grids.
2. Mitigating climate change by displacing fossil fuel-based sources of electricity generation, in particular kerosene and diesel.

Intermediate outcomes will include increasing the public's awareness and understanding of quality standards for solar products; improving the policy and regulatory environment for the off-grid sector; and easing constraints on access to finance for off-grid companies and customers.



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Contact Information

No contact information provided at the time of disclosure.

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