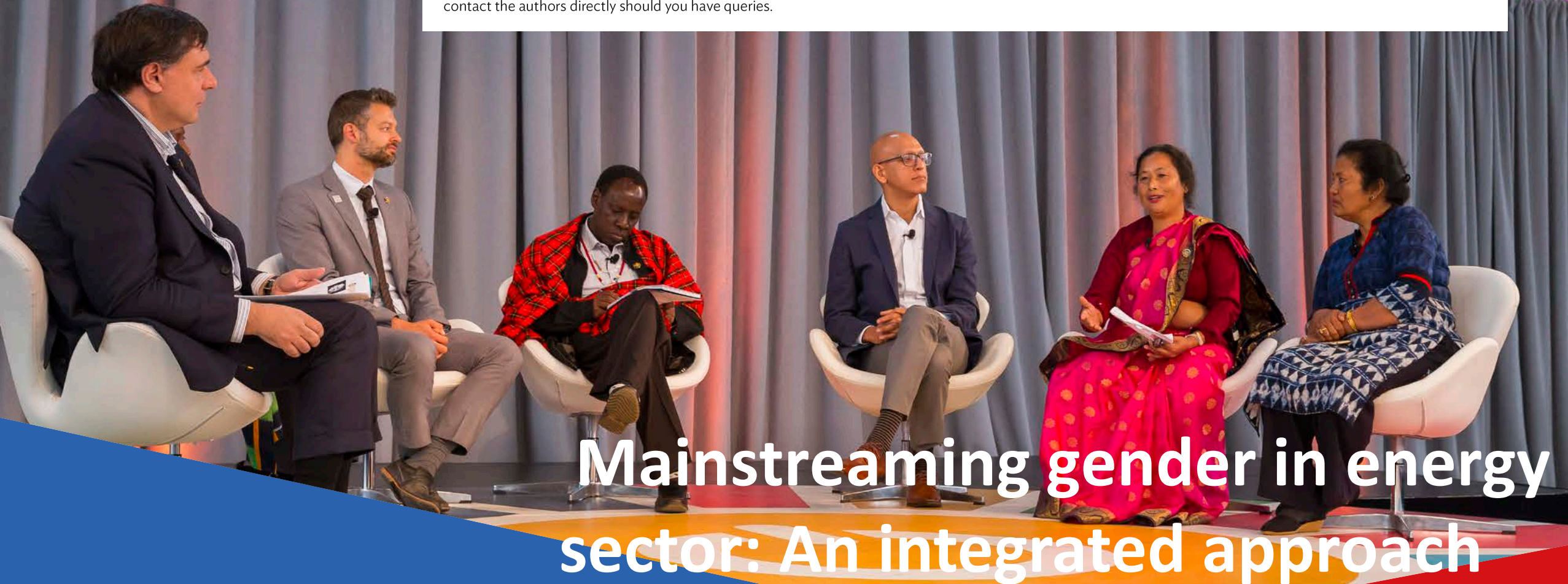


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Mainstreaming gender in energy sector: An integrated approach

ENERGIA
INTERNATIONAL NETWORK ON
GENDER & SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

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WEPOWER 2nd PARTNERSHIP FORUM



- An international Network
- Established in 1996
- To create an institutional base for mainstreaming **gender equality** and **women's empowerment** into the energy sector in developing countries
- Works in in **18 countries** with 36 partner organisations
- Hosted by Hivos in the Netherlands

ENERGIA's Programme Approach



Women's Economic Empowerment: last mile entrepreneurship development, access to finance, markets & supply chains



Gender mainstreaming: enhanced awareness and gender-responsive energy policies and institutions



Thought leadership/ research: robust evidence base that informs energy policy and practice



Networking: facilitates alliances & strategic partnerships to act as global voice for change

The WEE programme

Provide support to NGOs and social enterprises partners to work directly with women in last mile communities to establish and grow micro and small sustainable enterprises and productive uses in renewable energy value



Integrated support package: technical, business and leadership

Ongoing mentoring

Access to finance

Linkage with relevant actors in value chain

Strengthen enabling environment

Women's businesses receive integrated BDS and mentorship support

Recruitment to Wonder Women program

Skill development on technical, business and leadership aspects

WEs are kitted to start businesses
Supplier linkage, finance facilitation

Continuous **support and mentoring** support
business planning, growth and capital access

Participants grow **empowered**, enjoy improved lives, and have a positive influence in their communities



Baseline surveys



Post-training test



Routine communication & monthly monitoring



Follow-up surveys

Integrated and customised mentoring support

WEE: Results on the ground



4,153 women entrepreneurs

- 70% recorded a positive profit margin
- > 95% have no defaults on loans
- > 90% have been in operation for an average of 1.9 yrs

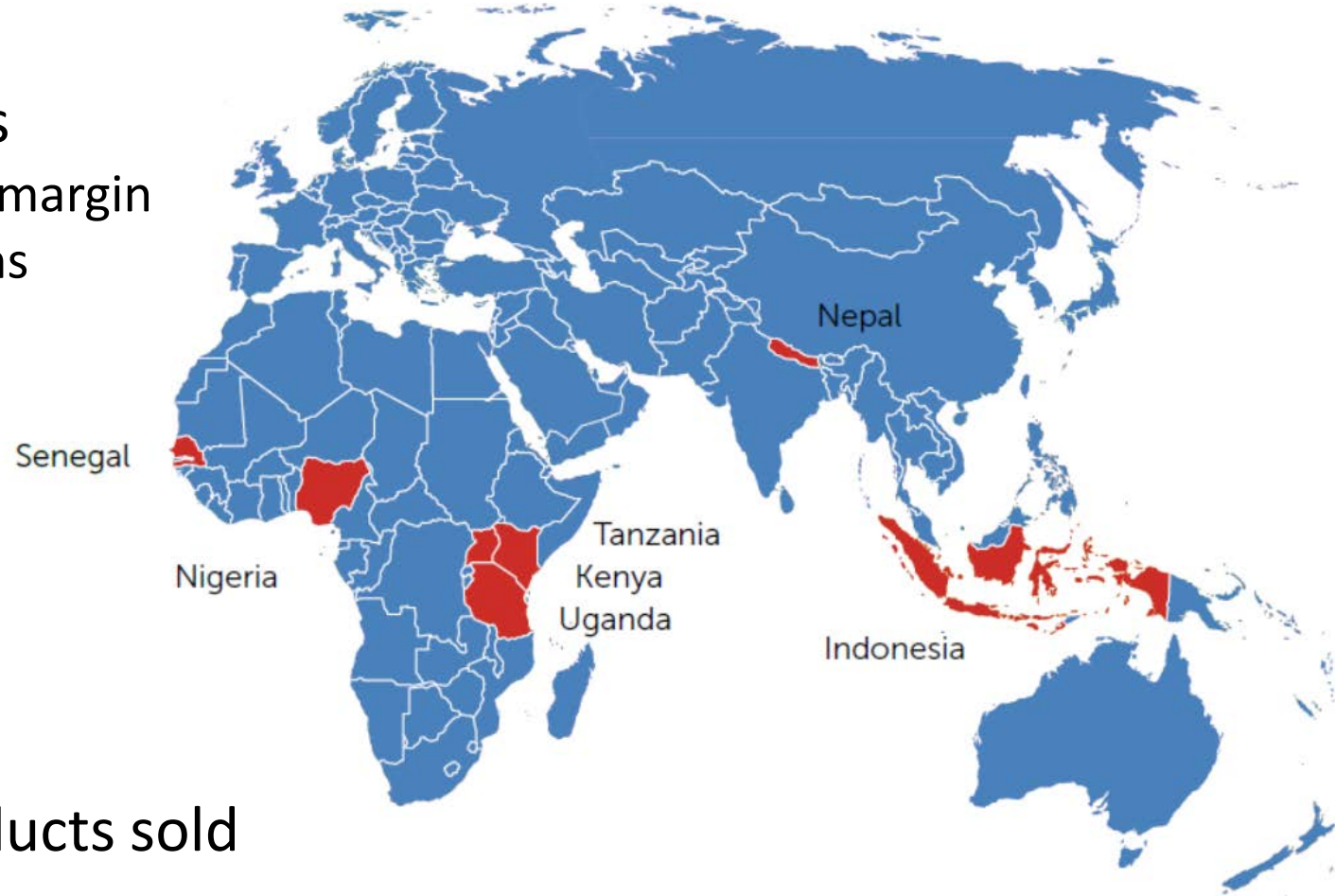


5,311 people employed



663,097 quality energy products sold

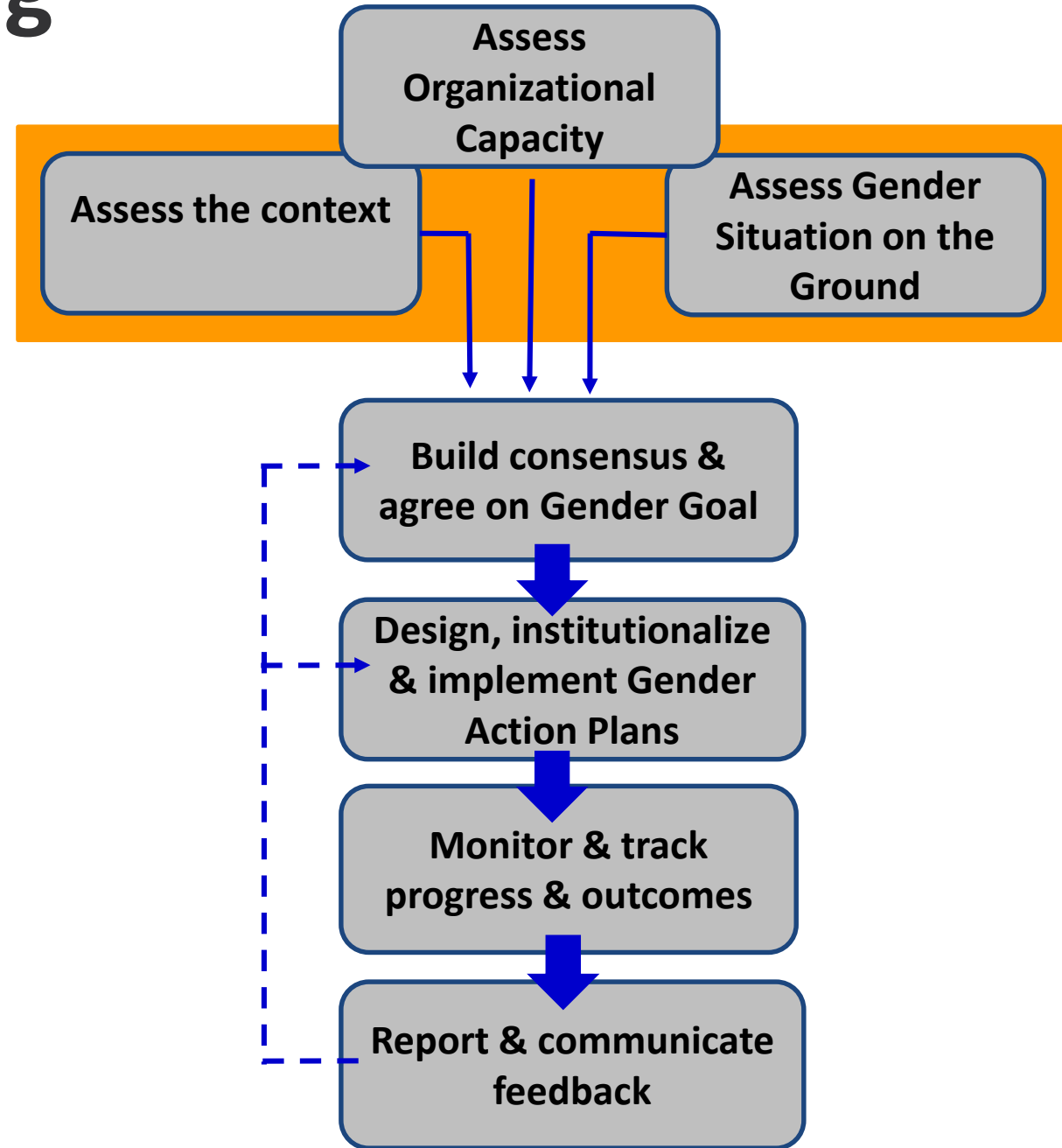
Has reached over 2.9 million households to date



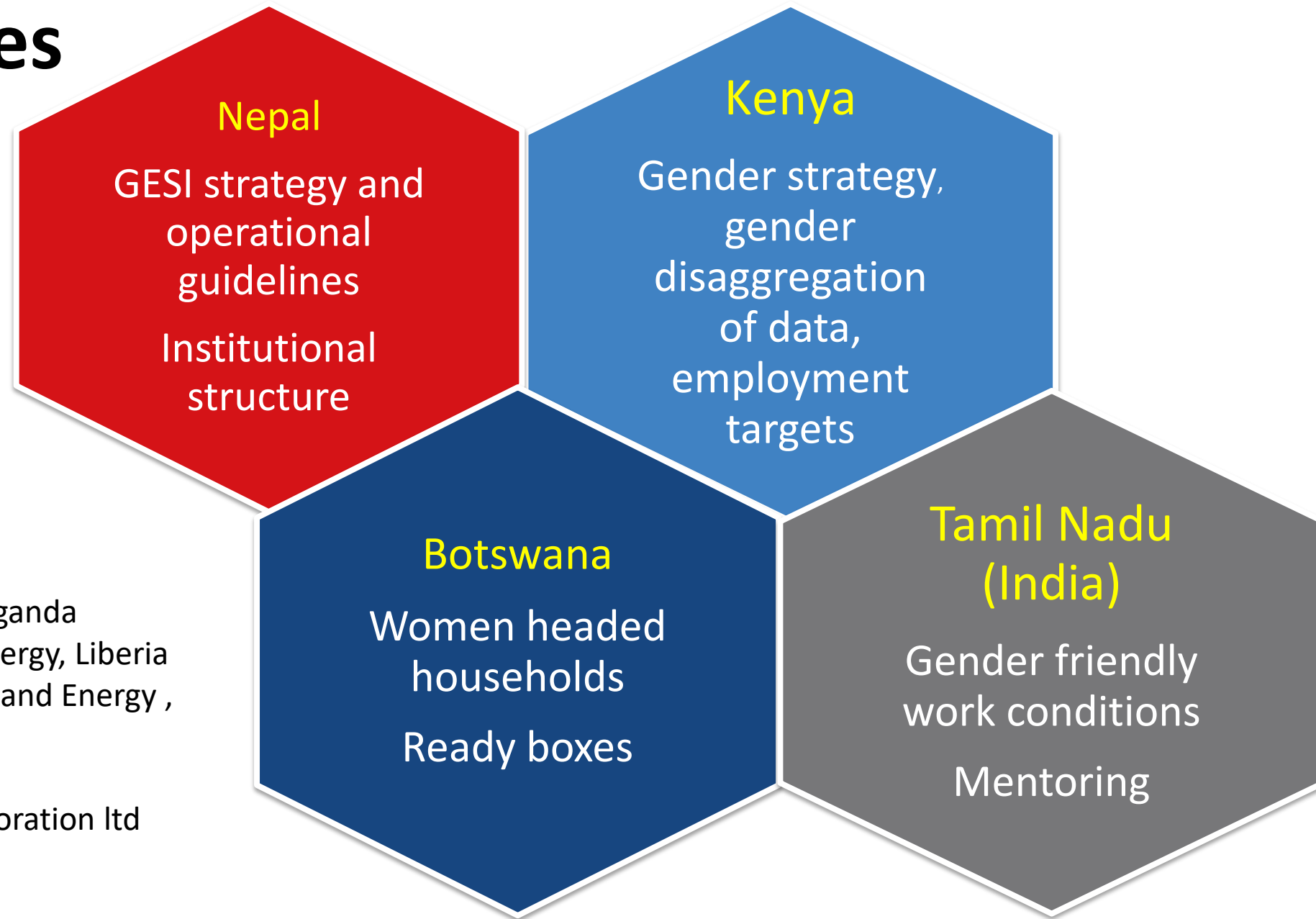
Gender Mainstreaming

Provide technical assistance and capacity building support to electricity utilities, rural electrification agencies & donors to mainstream gender in energy programs and institutions

**Nepal, Sri Lanka,
Bhutan, Kenya, Liberia,
Benin, Botswana,
Uganda, Tanzania**



Some outcomes of working with Utilities



- Kenya Power
- Botswana Power Corporation
- Rural Electrification Agency, Uganda
- Ministry of land, mines and energy, Liberia
- Ministry of Mineral Resources and Energy , Mozambique
- Nepal Electricity Authority
- Tamil Nadu Transmission Corporation Ltd

Gender and Energy Research Program

Empirical evidence for policy and practice

Impacts of
electrification

Productive uses

Political economy

Energy sector
reform

Private sector

Women's
entrepreneurship

Provide support to
research consortia to
conduct robust evidence
of the interactions
between energy access
and gender for uptake in
policy and practice

Gender and Energy Research: Results

1. Women are not automatic receivers of benefits of modern energy
2. Involvement of women in energy supply chain is good for business, their families and communities
3. Improving the affordability, reliability, capacity and convenience of modern energy services is key
4. End-use appliances that deliver modern energy services to reduce drudgery and save time can transform gender roles and relations
5. Engaging with political processes can help women access modern energy services and change gender norms

Advocacy & policy influencing

Advocate for inclusive energy policies and markets

Local, national, regional, global

Change
decision
making by
energy
planners &
policy makers

Catalyze
interest &
collaboration
with key energy
stakeholders

Strengthen
alliances with
governments

Position
ENERGIA in
global/national
energy and
development
agenda

Outcomes we are proud to have contributed to!!

Ministerial
declaration for
HLPF on clean
cooking

Gender in SEforALL AA
in Nepal, Senegal,
Tanzania & Kenya

Engaged
other nexus
actors:
schools,
MoEducation,
Media

Change in SEforALL
rhetoric from
women as
beneficiaries to
agents of change

Outreached to
over 23 million
people

ECOWAS EE & RE Regional
Strategies & ECOWAS
Gender and Energy Policy

EU Women
and
Sustainable
Energy CfP

Gender & RE
integrated into
grade 1-5
primary school
curriculum in
Nepal

Formal acknowledgment of
the value of partners'
contribution by SEforALL
focal points

Inclusion of clean
cooking as part of
SDG 7

SDG indicators
on energy
access &
health

Gender in SEforALL
Strategic
Framework,
Business Plan, GSI
Accelerator,
Forums

Voices of 120
gender experts
and women from
the South in 56
global and regional
energy events

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