SUSTAINABLE MINI-GRID

A MODEL FOR MAHARASHTRA

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Energy Access - India

- Electricity: 67.25%
- Kerosene: 31.43%
- Solar: 0.44%
- Biomass: 0.20%
- Other Oils: 0.20%
- No Lighting: 0.47%
Energy Access – Urban India

- Electricity: 92.70%
- Kerosene: 6.50%
- Other Sources: 0.50%
- No Lighting: 0.30%
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Energy Access – Rural India

- Electricity: 55.30%
- Kerosene: 43.20%
- No Lighting: 0.50%
- Other Sources: 1.00%
Energy Access - Urban Maharashtra

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- Electricity: 96.20%
- Kerosene: 3.10%
- Other sources: 0.30%
- No Lighting: 0.40%
Energy Access - Rural Maharashtra

- Electricity: 73.80%
- Kerosene: 23.90%
- No Lighting: 1.30%
- Other sources: 1.00%

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What is Mini-Grid?

- Grid – High voltage backbone system of interconnected transmission lines, substations and generating plants.
- Mini-grid – Smaller version of a grid
- But how small it is?
  - 1.5 kW serving 200 customers?
  - 32 KW serving 400 customers?
## Rural household requirement

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<tr>
<th>Appliance</th>
<th>Load (W)</th>
<th>Quantity (No)</th>
<th>Hours of consumption</th>
<th>Consumption/day (Wh)</th>
<th>Consumption/month (kWh)</th>
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<td>CFL lamps</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>132</td>
<td>3.96</td>
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<tr>
<td>CFL lamps</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>6</td>
<td>48</td>
<td>1.44</td>
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<td>Ceiling fans/table fan</td>
<td>75</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>900</td>
<td>27</td>
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<td>Mobile charging</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>24</td>
<td>0.72</td>
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<td>Television</td>
<td>80</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>400</td>
<td>12</td>
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<td>VCD drive/set-top box</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>150</td>
<td>4.5</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>212</td>
<td>7</td>
<td>37</td>
<td>1654</td>
<td>49.62</td>
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# Requirement for 50 households

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<td>Residential needs for 50 households</td>
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<td>Pump set</td>
<td>3000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>12000</td>
<td>20</td>
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<td>Livelihood (marketplace)</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>5</td>
<td>1100</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>33.00</td>
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<td>Flour mill</td>
<td>5000</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>10000</td>
<td>20</td>
<td>200.00</td>
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<td>Street lighting</td>
<td>11</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>10</td>
<td>1100</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>33.00</td>
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<td>Community centre/ anganwadi/hospital</td>
<td>500</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4</td>
<td>2000</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>60.00</td>
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<td><strong>Total demand per month</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3047.00</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Technical and commercial losses @ 20 per cent</strong></td>
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<td><strong>761.75</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total number of units required to be generated per month</strong></td>
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<td><strong>3808.75 ≈ 3800.00</strong></td>
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Definition of mini-grid

- A set of electricity generators, possibly with energy storage system interconnected to a distribution network that is capable of generating at least 3800 units per month in peak power condition to serve 50 households.
  - Technology neutral
  - A minimum size is defined
  - A minimum service parameter is defined
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Challenges in the definition

- What will happen to the excess power if demand is less?
  - Interconnected to grid if available
  - If grid is not available – excess power is wasted
    - Proper assessment of demand & its growth
    - Scheduling of power based on demand
    - Economic activities - productive activities
    - Base loads
Amendments in policies

- Electricity Act – 2003
  - Define mini-grid
  - Direct NEP to formulate policies for DISCOMs to sell and purchase power from mini-grids
  - Energy equity – equivalent to kerosene replacement cost
  - Electricity supply code for mini-grids
  - Institute MVA for monitoring, verification and rating
  - Follow certain clause of EA part - VI
Amendments in policies

- National Electricity Policy - 2005
  - Redefine REDB
  - Lay down grid interconnectivity with mini-grids

- National Tariff Policy – 2006
  - RPO must include certain % of power from mini-grids
  - Mandate SERCs to decide preferential tariff for mini-grids

- Rural Electrification Policy - 2006
  - Shift the focus from grid extension to mini-grids
Amendments in schemes

- **DDG**
  - Mini-grids in grid connected villages where electricity is less than 12 hours

- **JNNSM**
  - Mini-grids in remote villages only through proposed REAP scheme
  - Off-grid applications like – solar pumps
**Tariff Mechanisms**

- **Mini-grids in grid connected areas**
  - Feed-in Tariff from REC directly.
    - Sources: RGGVY, Kerosene subsidy
  - Tariff from served customers

- **Mini-grids in remote areas**
  - Generation based incentives from MNRE directly.
    - Sources: NCEF Fund, Green Climate Fund
  - Tariff from served customers
Capital Expenditure

- **Debt Finance**
  - Bank with soft loans – backed by credit guarantee from government for bankable projects
  - CSR Funds / Multilateral funds for non bankable projects

- **Equity Finance**
  - Mini-grid developer
The Model

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Bankable Projects
- Credit Guarantee Scheme
- Banks
- CSR Funds
- Multilateral Funds

Monitoring, Verification and Rating
- MVA

DDG Scheme
- DISCOM
- REC

Proposed REAP Scheme
- MNRE

National Fund
- RGGVY
- Kerosene Subsidy
- NCEF Fund

Global Fund
- Green Climate Fund

Customer

Flow of Electricity
Flow of FIT/GBA
Flow of tariff
Flow of capital
Features of the model

- Source and flow of funds defined
- Bankable and non bankable projects dealt separately
- MVA for monitoring, verification and rating
- Global fund for FIT / GBI
- Cluster approach
- Grid interconnectivity if grid is available
- Energy equity
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Cap-ex requirement - India
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FIT/GBI requirement - India

Rs. Crore


15,909 30,656 53,726 73,368 94,707 109,024 113,089 119,244 122,762 127,835 127,835 113,089 90,018 70,376 49,038 34,720 20,982 7,602
Selection of mini-grid developer

- Bidding
- Bid preparation
- Financial eligibility
- Distribution of electricity – adhere to provisions
- O&M and capacity building