Off-Grid Electrification & Impact Fundamentals
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The crippling injustice:
25% of the global population lives in energy poverty

Share of population without grid access (% of total)
Not to mention those with weak or unreliable Access...

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance, World Bank
Energy Access - Sub Saharan Africa, the greatest challenge

- Sustainable Development Goal 7: “By 2030, ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all.”

- In 2016 only around 40% of the population in Africa had “access” to electricity, far less than any other developing region.

- Around 80% of the population in South Asia had access to electricity.
Technology & Innovation

Developing 'the right products/processes'
Accelerating Off-Grid Electricity access within homes & business
Price of crystalline silicon cells, 2010 - 2015

$W (nominal)

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Solar Spot Survey
BNEF’s Lithium-ion battery price forecast, 2010-30

Source: Bloomberg New Energy Finance
Enter the Dragon... Plug & Play Solar Home System Kits
A SHS electricity connection in a box

M-KOPA 600 package

- 24” Flat Screen Digital TV
- 30W Solar Panel
- 2 x Solar Lights with high and low setting
- Solar Rechargeable LED Torch
- Solar Rechargeable Radio
- ~$60 deposit, $30/month
- Total $650 ($550 to buy outright)
From Off/On to a continuum of Electricity Access

In the same way Mobile Phones offer leap-frogging Vs landlines...

Off-Grid Solar Enables the unelectrified
To Climb an "Energy Access Ladder" or "Energy Stacking"

Reference: Beyond Connections: Energy Access Redefined & see Annex for overview
Off-Grid Solar is the Most Cost-Effective Solution for a Significant Proportion of People lacking Access
However, everyone has to work with the current Enabling Environment, or lack thereof....

Figure 9: Average indicator scores on energy access - Source: RISE Database, World Bank, 2016

- South Asia
- Sub-Saharan Africa
- Overall average

1. Existence and monitoring of officially approved electrification plan
2. Scope of officially approved electrification plan
3. Framework for grid electrification
4. Framework for mini-grids
5. Framework for stand-alone systems
6. Consumer affordability of electricity
7. Utility transparency and monitoring
8. Utility creditworthiness

Source: RISE database, World Bank
Off-Grid Appliance Supply Chain Actors / ecosystem

It takes a Village to Raise One Child (or to bring one product to market...)

- OEMs
- Generic manufacturers
- Importers/ Wholesalers
- Branded manufacturers
- Distributor - Financiers
- Vertically integrated manufacturers
- Specialist financiers
- Local distributors / retailers

Design ➔ Production/assembly ➔ Sales / Distribution ➔ After sales services
The Importance of Efficient and Affordable Appliances
Appropriately-designed and highly energy-efficient appliances fundamentally improve the economics of energy access, maximising the value of every available watt and putting modern energy services within reach of millions worldwide.
Efficient Appliances Drive Cost & Performance Benefits for Off-Grid Energy Systems

Source: Phadke et al., 2015.
Poll #1

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**ANSWER:** A 80Wp panel with 35Ah battery
Appliance Efficiency Unlocks Greater Energy Access Outcomes

Energy System Requirements

Source: CLASP
Efficient appliances create a virtuous cycle

- Create, sustain, and fulfill demand for energy
- Put modern energy services within reach of millions of under-served people
- Provide growth opportunities for entrepreneurs and energy service companies
There is a portfolio of appliances both on the market and at the horizon of innovation.
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**Answer: 50%**
Efficiency improvements: The case of refrigeration
Productive Use

Productive Use Leveraging Solar Energy (PULSE)
“any agricultural, commercial, or industrial activities leveraging solar energy as a direct input to the production of goods or provision of services”

Why PULSE in agriculture?

1. Agriculture is the **single most dominant sector in rural economies**, where majority of off-grid population are living

2. **Agricultural transformation** is high on government and donor agendas with a focus on value addition, agro-processing, mechanization, reducing post-harvest losses

3. PULSE in agriculture is **an important growth segment for off-grid solar providers** to expand market and deepen customer relationships

4. Agriculture has a **unique set of impact mechanisms**, creating multiplier effect on incomes, consumer spending, and growth in the real economy

Source: Dalberg and Lighting Global, Off-Grid Solar Market Trends Report, 2018 and Dalberg Analysis
PULSE appliances for agriculture are diverse: within each category, there is a diverse range of technologies and associated capacities.

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<td>- Head: 6-75m</td>
<td>- Capacity: Up to 45l of milk/day</td>
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<td>- Wattage: 100-375W</td>
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<td>- Head: 4-310m</td>
<td>- Capacity: 50-400l</td>
<td>- Rice Capacity: 35 -70kg/hr</td>
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<td><strong>Freezing/ice making</strong></td>
<td>- Maize Capacity: 250kg/hr</td>
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<td>- Wattage: 95W</td>
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<td>- Capacity: 1.2kg/day</td>
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<td><strong>Walk-in cooling units</strong></td>
<td><strong>Grating</strong></td>
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<td>- Wattage: 2kW+</td>
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<td>- Capacity: 9 tonnes+</td>
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Source: GIZ, Photovoltaics for Productive Use Applications, 2016, Stakeholder Interviews
The Impact of Access to Off-Grid Electricity and Energy Efficient Appliances
By providing access to electricity services, appliances support a number of SDGs – especially for marginalized communities.
Powering Opportunity: A series of ground-breaking reports
Establish the life changing impacts of Solar lighting & Home Systems

10 KEY FINDINGS

1. 58% of households undertake more economic activities thanks to their solar home system

2. 36% of households generate additional income once they purchase an SHS

3. Households create an additional $35 per month on average
   Among households generating income

4. 44% of customers can spend more time at work
   As they have more light hours and time due to their SHS

5. 11% of customers started a new business

6. In 7% of households, owning an SHS enabled someone to get a new job

7. 89% of customers report they use their phone more since using their SHS

8. 91% of customers report they feel safer with off-grid solar

9. 91% report their health has improved since buying the SHS
   Among households that used kerosene

10. 84% of customers say children have more time time to their homework
Solar Water Pumps - Impacts in Use

Customers report how their quality of life has changed. (n=324)

81% of customers reported positive quality of life impact.

- Increased income / improved standard of living
- Saved money / no longer spending on fuel / hired labour
- Better yield / can farm throughout seasons / increased farming area
- Access to water at home / constant water supply
- More food / support / balanced diet for family
- Improved health / decreased manual labour
- Bought more animals / easier to care for animals
- Increased resilience / security / savings
- Time efficiency / no longer need to work overtime
- Paid children’s school fees
- Improved wellbeing / motivation to work / independence

Source: LEIA; Acumen Lean Data
Data collected from 36 entrepreneurs in Uganda showed that average daily revenue from drinks increased from $12 per day to $29 per day, while average total daily income increased from $29 to $70.

50% Of entrepreneurs reported expending into a new business line, with fruit juice being the most common new product sold.
Consumer demand is not driven by impact potential, as increasingly diverse and affordable products are available.

Almost 60% of the respondents bought the refrigerator to improve their business and attract more customers. Only 2% use them purely for convenience.

Comfort is frequently cited as being the most important purchase driver for fans.

Entertainment, news, and sports are the top three purchase drivers for a television in East Africa.

Source: LEIA; Acumen Lean Data, 2018, Television Baseline report
Critical Importance of Gender in sustainable energy access

- Universal energy access targets are unlikely to be met unless energy policies are aligned to women’s as well as men’s energy needs, their assets, skills, limitations and capabilities, and existing gender norms.

- Involvement of women in energy-system supply chains is good for women and their families, and it is good for business.

- Modern energy services for women's productive uses contribute to women’s empowerment.

- End-use appliances that deliver modern energy services to reduce drudgery and save time can transform gender roles and relations.

- Improving the affordability, reliability, capacity and convenience of modern energy services can help achieve gender-equitable outcomes, and will be critical for universal energy access.
Thank you for your attention

You can type your questions in the question box
Access to energy has been measured traditionally in binary terms—either having access or not. However, this method does not capture the multiple aspects of access—capacity, duration, quality and reliability, affordability, and safety—and its impact on socioeconomic development. This report outlines a new multi-tier framework (MTF) for defining and measuring energy access.

The framework looks at the multiple dimensions of access in households, business, and community facilities. By providing more accurate, granular, and disaggregate data on the actual services received, the MTF is gearing up to become a powerful tool for tracking SDG7 and SE4All goals, and for informing policy and investment decisions. Information from the MTF can be used to prioritize investments and interventions, track progress, and capture the various modes of access delivery from grid to off-grid and to the range of cooking methods and fuels used. Finally, it could also help reflect the contributions of various programs, agencies, and national governments toward achieving the SE4All goals.
Commercial business models seek the highest sustainable and viable rate of return on investment – seeking to make money, and in many cases ‘social / environmental impact’

**Incumbent OGSSA Business models:**
- *White Goods “wholesale” model*
- *Consumer Electronics “retail” model*

**Emerging OGSSS & OGSSA business models are designed:**
- *Vertically-integrated, energy service provider*
- *Banker*
- *Value chain specialist*
Description of Players across the Off-grid Appliances Supply Chain

**White Goods “wholesale” model:** Wholesale of equipment suited to institutional, community or high-end commercial enterprise customers. Split between international product suppliers and local distributors (some of which have networks and many are individual). No creation of last-mile commercial distribution channels

**Consumer Electronics “retail” model:** The primary modus operandi remains broadly unchanged, with OEMs or manufacturing brands retaining control over large parts of their value chains, including product design (in most cases), branding, quality control (including certification) warranty, support, and licensing of the product. Recent years, however, have seen new business models and areas of specialization emerge as the industry matures. These shifts largely pertain to the PAYGO segment, and are expected to significantly change players’ modes of engagement in the value chain going forward

**Vertically-integrated, energy service provider:** This typology is similar to many business models today in which the company acts as a utility provider and controls most aspects of the value chain, from product design to payment collection. Examples include both companies that have entered the PAYGO space directly as well as established pico players moving into the PAYGO SHS space. During the nascent stages of the PAYGO industry, most new entrants chose to invest heavily in all parts of the value chain to compensate for the lack of suitable partners and to control the customer experience as they innovated to find an optimal business model. Pico players moving into this segment leveraged their product design expertise and existing distribution channels. Going forward, in maturing markets, companies may shift away from vertical integration as the emergence of suitable partners allows them the opportunity to save costs. In new markets, however, where OGS devices are less ubiquitous, companies may still need to establish their own networks to acquire and sustain customers.

**Banker:** In this typology, a company focuses on the customer-facing functions of the value chain, including sales, credit assessment, payment recoupment and after-sales service. PEG Africa and SolarHome exemplify this typology, procuring products from established OGS players and then investing in infrastructure to support customer acquisition and management. Going forward, the market may see increasing emergence of such models driven both by existing, vertically-integrated players shifting focus to the downstream value chain, and new entrants drawn into the market by the excitement surrounding PAYGO and looking to shorten their time to market by procuring existing products.

**Value chain specialist:** Companies operating in this typology typically focus on one part of the value-chain (usually upstream) and are horizontally integrated. Examples include Angaza, which specializes in PAYGO technology for a range of energy products, and Renewit, which focuses on product design and manufacturing of solar products ranging from lanterns to solar kiosks. The range of products integrated in this model may extend beyond OGS and solar. For example, Mobisol is licensing its hardware-agnostic software to enable up-selling of other consumer electronics and products sold with consumer financing. Going forward, this model would be most attractive to players that are looking to leverage an existing capability (such as software design or manufacturing ecosystems) to enter the OGS market.
Mature “Energy Access” Business Model
High Potential Markets
Retail “Energy Access” Business Model
Nascent Markets
Increased Incomes

- Nearly 60% of households report undertaking more economic activities thanks to off-grid solar.
- Within 3 months, 36% of solar home system owners had increased their income per month – by $35 on average.
- 24% of households were using their SHS in a business or income generating activity.
- 89% of these households see averaged increased revenues in 3 months of $29/month.

![Figure 11: Average additional monthly income generated by type of economic activity - Source: Powering Opportunity. The Economic Impact of Off-Grid Solar, GOGLA 2018](image)
### Additional income per business - share of GDP*

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<th>Average income generated</th>
<th>% of monthly GDP per capita</th>
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<td>Phone charging for a fee</td>
<td>34%</td>
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<td>Shop or stall</td>
<td>20%</td>
<td>$36.4</td>
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<td>Bar or restaurant</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>$46.4</td>
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<td>Showing TV for a fee</td>
<td>3%</td>
<td>$43.5</td>
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*GDP used is the average GDP of all countries included in the study: Kenya, Mozambique, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda*
There is rapid evolution in off-grid appliance energy efficiency ratings, costs, and product diversity

Increasingly diverse product eco-system with product variety, improved efficiencies, and falling product prices for some categories

- Number of off-grid appliance enterprise and products growing quickly – 3-5 branded manufacturers for each product in 2013 grew to 11 TV, 8 TV, 7 off-grid fan quality product mfg by 2017 in Global LEAP across dozens of products

- Efficiency rising (45% improvement in TV efficiency from 2014-2017), but very big disparity between average off-grid appliance and best in class (1.5-3x)

- Still big potential for efficiency improved, e.g., 50% for average TV with improved insulation, materials, motors

- Prices falling (23% decline in TV prices from 2015 to 2018, will be 30%+ by 2023)
PULSE appliances for agriculture are diverse: within each category, there is a range of technologies and associated capacities (1/2)

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<th>50W</th>
<th>Capacity (Watts)</th>
<th>1.5kW+</th>
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<td>Sprayers • 16l – 200l</td>
<td>Irrigation Pumps • 3m – 7.6m suction capacity</td>
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<td>Siloes • 2-6 tonnes</td>
<td>Mills/Threshers/Hullers • 25-160 kg/hr</td>
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<td>Driers • 10-100kgs</td>
<td>Tractors • 40-60 horsepower</td>
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<td>Freezers/Refrigerators • 50l – 400l</td>
<td>Electric Fences • 10 – 30 Miles</td>
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<td>Fan Cooling • 25 kg/day</td>
<td>Ice Makers • 250 kg/day</td>
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<td>Cold Rooms/Coolers • 1000L – 23m²</td>
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<td>Egg Incubators • 40-250 Eggs</td>
<td>Coffee Pulpers • 200-300 kg/hr</td>
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<td>Oil Presses • 20 kg/hr</td>
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<td>Cassava Grater • 100 kg/hr</td>
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<td>Cow Milkers • 10-25 Cows</td>
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<td>Fishing motors</td>
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Key: The length of the boxes represents the power requirement for the range of products in the relevant category

Source: GIZ, Photovoltaics for productive use Applications, 2016; World Bank, double dividend, 2017. The Fish Site, Photovoltaic applications in aquaculture: A Primer, 2014; Engineering for Change, A solar thermal aerator prototype could improve aquaculture in developing countries, 2017; Vikaspedia, Solar drying systems, 2017; Navgathi, Solar fishing boats, 2017
Despite growing activity and interest, few PULSE technologies at different capacities are ready for commercial scale in SSA.

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<th>Irrigation pumps</th>
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<td>&gt; 5 Ha</td>
<td>&gt; 10,000 L</td>
<td>&gt; 10 MT/day</td>
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<td>While technologies exist there are limited large scale applications in practice</td>
<td>Typically applied as walk-in cooling, technologies are available at an aggregated scale, but uptake remains low</td>
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<td>2 – 5 Ha</td>
<td>2000 – 10000 L</td>
<td>2 – 10 MT/day</td>
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<td>The majority of supplier distributors are targeting this scale and uptake is reasonable depending on the geography</td>
<td>Fewer technologies in this category as providers are either looking at large aggregated systems or smaller individual systems</td>
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<td>&lt; 2Ha</td>
<td>200 – 2000 L</td>
<td>1 – 2 MT/day</td>
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<td>Technologies are well developed and available but affordability and market development are barriers</td>
<td>Productive uses typical adapt refrigeration intended for small retail enterprise use, uptake is low</td>
<td>Incumbent technologies exist but the system size is prohibitive for standalone applications</td>
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<td>&lt;200 L</td>
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<td>Recent product development has increased affordability, precedents are emerging in some markets and are starting to scale</td>
<td>Productive uses typical adapt refrigeration intended for household use and uptake is low</td>
<td>There are limited standalone technology choices and use cases are unproven</td>
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Commercial readiness:  
- **Green**: High  
- **Yellow**: Mid  
- **Red**: Low
The study looked at the business case for farmers with a value chain and product-based approach to assess commercial viability.

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<th>PULSE use case</th>
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<td>Irrigation</td>
<td>Horticulture</td>
<td>Solar water pumps</td>
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<td>204% (^1)</td>
<td>&lt; 1 Year</td>
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<td>Agro-processing</td>
<td>Maize</td>
<td>Flour mill</td>
<td>Year 2</td>
<td>15%</td>
<td>21 months (^2)</td>
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<td>Cooling/refrigeration</td>
<td>Dairy</td>
<td>Milk chillers</td>
<td>n/a</td>
<td>11%</td>
<td>22 months</td>
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<td>Zimbabwe</td>
<td>Irrigation</td>
<td>Horticulture</td>
<td>Solar water pumps</td>
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<td>140%</td>
<td>&lt; 1 Year</td>
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<td>Maize</td>
<td>Threshers</td>
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<td>14 months (^1)</td>
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<td>Côte d’Ivoire</td>
<td>Agro-processing</td>
<td>Cassava</td>
<td>Grater</td>
<td>Year 3</td>
<td>-34%</td>
<td>37 months</td>
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<td>Agro-processing</td>
<td>Rice</td>
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<td>Year 5</td>
<td>16%</td>
<td>21 months</td>
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<td>Year 4</td>
<td>101%</td>
<td>12 months</td>
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Key:
- **High**: Break even versus incumbent < Year 1, 2-year ROI > 100%, Typical payback < 1 Year
- **Medium**: Break even versus incumbent Year 1 - Year 2, 2-year ROI < 50%, Typical payback < 2 Years
- **Low**: Break even versus incumbent > Year 2, 2-year ROI < 0%, Typical payback > 2 Years