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# The Clean Energy Challenge Petition

Collective Action for achieving SDG 7 in Displacement Settings  
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## THE CLEAN ENERGY CHALLENGE

As of 2019 there are close to 80 million forcibly displaced people worldwide, many without access to energy which is crucial for cooking, lighting, heating, clean water, and most income-earning activities. Without clean energy, displaced people and surrounding hosting communities face security issues, are reliant on the surrounding environment and are unable to live productive lives. To take on the energy access challenges faced by communities and humanitarian organisations, the Clean Energy Challenge was founded as a global campaign to mobilise support toward the vision: **“All refugee settlements and nearby host communities will have access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy by 2030.”**

## A COLLECTIVE PETITION

A key objective of the Challenge is to increase **collective action and mobilise support** to its vision. The **Clean Energy Challenge Petition** highlights a set of key recommendations as entry points for action by different stakeholders to commit support under the Clean Energy Challenge. The petition will be used as an input to the 2021 [UN High-Level Dialogue on Energy](#) and the [Global Refugee Forum](#) events to highlight good practices and collective commitment to sustainable energy in forced displacement settings, linking global energy and refugee inclusion frameworks of the [Sustainable Development Goal 7](#), [Global Compact for Refugees](#) and the [Global Platform for Action on Humanitarian Energy \(GPA\)](#). By signing up to the petition, stakeholders are committing current or future support to one or more of the outlined recommendations.

## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

Stakeholder	Recommendations
Host Governments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Include refugees and IDPs in national energy and development planning</b>, aligned with health, social protection schemes, and financial inclusion efforts</li> <li>• <b>Create a favourable environment for investment by</b> supporting private sector decentralized renewable energy (DRE) solutions and enabling policies and programs that are refugee and displacement inclusive</li> </ul>
Donor Governments and Financers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Expand energy and climate related development work</b> to include refugees and displacement settings in national energy planning, specifically building national and local government capacity</li> <li>• <b>Improve data availability</b> by supporting feasibility studies and technical assistance for energy programming in displacement situations</li> <li>• <b>Promote Investment</b> and enable large scale energy access through long-term financing and sustained investment models</li> </ul>
Private Sector Actors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Co-design of energy market development and data analysis:</b> Support data collection and analysis of energy access needs with humanitarian implementing partners for market systems and livelihoods development</li> <li>• <b>Long-term local investments and knowledge transfer</b> through support in building the energy access business ecosystem and local expertise in market-based solutions for energy services</li> </ul>
NGO and all other partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Develop and deliver energy projects:</b> With a focus on humanitarian space, implement projects with livelihoods and climate action components</li> <li>• <b>Inclusive Planning:</b> Engage refugees to enable energy access, in all the phases of the humanitarian programming cycle (assessment, planning, implementation, monitoring and evaluation) and ensure that their participation is substantive, meaningful and continuous throughout the various phases</li> </ul>

## FEEDBACK AND SIGNING UP TO THE PETITION

The petition is drafted for stakeholder feedback and signatory throughout June to August 2021. To provide feedback or sign up to the petition, email the Challenge secretariat focal points [Christina Gkouvali](#) and [Aimee Jenks](#). Find more information [here](#).