

READS Programme Roadmap Reports

Overview

The Roadmaps for Energy Access in Displacement Settings (READS) Programme, funded by the IKEA Foundation, will produce a “roadmap report” for each of the ten countries in its scope. The roadmap reports will concisely summarise the findings in each country with a focus on identifying gaps and viable project opportunities to increase sustainable energy access in displacement settings. This will include information on:

- The displacement and national energy contexts,
- Energy needs in displacement settings,
- Relevant projects currently being implemented or recently completed,
- An assessment of the most viable options for sustainable energy access, and
- Project ideas and recommendations for future investment and implementation.

The reports will be informed by workshops with in-country stakeholders to develop and refine the research. The Programme seeks to engage a variety of actors working in both the private and public sector to benefit from their expertise. This will include representatives of communities which have been affected by displacement, local energy companies, humanitarian organisations, and district level governmental authorities, among others. This will ensure that the project implementation ideas are well-informed by local partners, their capacities, and the most impactful areas for sustainable energy interventions in displacement contexts. The workshops will also help to obtain the buy-in of relevant stakeholders who can act on the opportunities identified by the report. Each roadmap report will be written in partnership with an organisation working in displacement contexts in the focus country. Researchers from displacement backgrounds will be involved in the coordination and production of the reports to integrate their expertise and lived experiences.

Focus areas and countries

The READS Programme will focus on ten countries (subject to change) across three regions over the two-year programme duration:

- Year 1: East Africa (Rwanda, Uganda, Kenya, Ethiopia)
- Year 2: West Africa (Mali, Nigeria, Mauritania) and Middle East (Jordan, Lebanon, Turkey)

The roadmap reports will include consideration of all displacement contexts including camps or settlements for refugees and internally displaced people, urban settings, and host communities. The reports will consider electricity and cooking energy usage in their assessments, while the analysis of potential future projects will consider only those interventions which are compatible with Sustainable Development Goal 7: providing affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for all.

Key outputs

The ten reports, one for each focus country, will be published online sequentially throughout the duration of the programme. These will be supported by stakeholder engagement workshops in each country, a publicly available data platform, donor briefings, and other dissemination outputs such as advocacy material and blog posts.



Proposed roadmap report structure

Each roadmap report will follow a common structure and be around 30 pages in length. Sections 1-5 will predominantly summarise existing reports and stakeholder experiences whilst Sections 6 and 7 will provide new analysis by the READS team and report co-authors.

| Section | Title | Content |
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| - | Executive summary | High-level overview of the roadmap report and key points. |
| 1 | Setting the scene | The report's background and rationale, objectives, methodology, and limitations. |
| 2 | Forced displacement in [country] | General statistics about the country and its displaced populations. The national policy framework for displaced people (e.g. rights to work, movement, own land) and access to financial services (e.g. via formal institutions, cash-based interventions, income levels). A broad overview of the current energy situation in displacement contexts. |
| 3 | National energy context of [country] | Policies, strategies, targets, and plans of the government agencies regarding energy provision on a national level as well as for displaced people specifically. The regulatory framework for electricity provision and an assessment of the status quo. The availability of energy services and products in local marketplaces near displacement settings. |
| 4 | Energy needs in displacement settings | The status of energy access (electricity and cooking) for households, businesses, social institutions. The status of energy provision for operational uses and the current procurement processes. |
| 5 | Present energy solutions in displacement settings | Completed, ongoing, and planned projects focusing on electricity access, cooking, and operational uses. Stakeholder mapping of project implementers, humanitarian partners, and refugee-led initiatives, including local companies and NGOs working in displacement settings. Deep-dive into the work of the organisational co-author. Scoping of potential future partners, such as local companies not yet operating in displacement settings and relevant international companies. |
| 6 | Gaps and opportunities | Assessment of the areas of highest need and those that have not been addressed by previous projects. Opportunities for market-based programming. Analysis of the potential for replicating or scaling up existing projects. |
| 7 | Potential high-impact projects | Specific project ideas to address the gaps and opportunities. Estimates of the impact and scale of projects (number of beneficiaries, resource requirements, investment, partners) and intersection with other areas of programming (e.g. health, WASH, gender, protection). Recommendations for implementers and areas of further assessment. |
| - | References | List of resources and suggested further reading. |
| - | Appendix | Further information on the report methodology and analysis (e.g. for assessing present energy situation and potential projects). |

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