Smart Communities Coalition COVID-19 Resource Tracker *Last update, July 2020*					
Type	**Name**	**Geogr aphy**	**Pillar**	**Description**	**Posted in Tracker**
Article/report	Cash Learning Partnership (CaLP) Library	Global	Digital tools	CaLP maintains a library of tools, reports, guidance and research related to cash and voucher assistance in humanitarian response in all regions of the world.	08/03/2020
Funding opportunity	Humanitarian Accelerator Programme (HAP) for Access to Modern Energy (AME)	Africa	Energy	The Dutch Coalition for Humanitarian Innovation and Netherlands Enterprise Agency is launching the second HAP to support entities in ideating, developing and implementing innovative ideas for energy access in humanitarian contexts. Application deadline is July 31, 2020.	07/24/2020
Article/report	The Cost of Living: COVID-19 Humanitarian Cash Transfers to Prevent Hunger and Hardship	Global	All	According to a new analysis from the International Rescue Committee (IRC), $1.7 billion in additional cash funding is required in 2020 to limit the number of people going hungry in countries affected by fragility, conflict, and displacement.	07/13/2020
Funding opportunity	Powering Renewable Energy Opportunities Program	Africa	Energy	Carbon Trust and SCC member Energy4Impact are managing the PREO program, which provides grant funding, partnership building, technical assistance and other support for productive use of energy projects in rural Africa.	06/30/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 6: Financial Runway Practices for Off-Grid Solar Companies	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published operational guidance for off-grid solar companies focused on financial runway issues like strategy for mangement, reducing expenses and increasing revenue streams, and more.	06/30/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 5: Supply Chain Practices for Off-Grid Solar Companies	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published operational guidance for off-grid solar companies focused on supply chain issues like manufacturing delays, shipping and logistics, and related solutions.	06/30/2020
Guidance	Recovery & Resilience-Probono Legal Support to Enterprises During COVID-19	Uganda	All	TASLAF law firm is providing pro-bono legal support and advisory services to SMEs during the COVID-19 pandemic.	06/30/2020

Funding opportunity	Energy Access COVID-19 Relief Summit	Africa	Energy	GOGLA and the Alliance for Rural Electrification are co-hosting a 2 day, virtual COVID-19 relief summit for energy access companies, including an overview of funding opportunities, interactive discussions and matchmaking.	06/24/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 4: Adjusting Operational Practices for Off-Grid Solar Companies	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published operational guidance for off-grid solar companies focused on adaptive management and pivot product processes.	06/23/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 3: Supporting Customer Practices	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published operational guidance for off-grid solar companies focused on special services for customers, PAYGO customer services and market intelligence.	06/23/2020
Article/report	Refugee Settlement Price and Market Functionality Snapshot, 15-31 May 2020	Uganda	All	WFP and U-LEARN have published a snapshot of commodity prices in Ugandan refugee settlements from March to May 2020, including food, firewood, soap and other items.	06/15/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 2: Strategic Staff Practices for Off-Grid Solar Companies	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published operational guidance for off-grid solar companies, including staff salaries and benefits, work arrangements, communications and more.	06/11/2020
Guidance	COVID-19 Response Information Sheet 1: Safe Working Practices for Off-Grid Solar Companies	Africa	Energy	USAID Power Africa has published guidance on safe working practices for off-grid solar companies to apply to staff.	06/11/2020
Funding opportunity	GIZ Green People's Energy (GBE) Uganda: Productive Use of Energy Idea Competition for the Private Sector	Uganda	Energy	GIZ's Green People's Energy (GBE) program invites solar PV distributors, project developers and operators of productive use technologies to apply to its 2020 productive use idea competition. The program will fund productive use energy projects for rural development, economic growth, and testing new products and business models. Deadline to submit is June 30.	06/03/2020
Funding opportunity	Energy Catalyst Round Virtual Brokerage	Global	Energy	Matchmaking event for energy access companies, organized by Innovate UK and DFID. Registration deadline is June 29. For international organizations, they must have an association with a UK company.	06/03/2020
Article/report	How Funders Can Save an Economic Engine of the Developing World	Global	All	Guidance for funders for investing in developing countries: flexible funds, urgent funds, new programs and relevant examples.	05/26/2020

Funding opportunity	[New ICT4D Program Funding Opportunities](#)	Global	All	ICTworks updates a list of funding opportunities for ICT for development projects from a variety of funders, including those for programs related to digital education, health, Internet adoption and more during COVID-19.	05/26/2020
Guidance	[COVID-19 Pandemic Cash and Voucher Assistance for Protection Considerations](#)	Global	Digital tools	The Global Protection Cluster (GPC) developed guidance on cash and voucher assistance for protection outcomes including gender-based violence, child protection, housing, land and property, and other areas.	05/26/2020
Funding opportunity	[REACT Kenya Relief Fund](#)	Kenya	Energy	The REACT Kenya Relief Fund will provide emergency grants to distributed energy service companies who are struggling to maintain access to energy to their thousands of rural customers because of the unprecedented disruptions and challenges from operating during the COVID-19 pandemic. Applications are due on June 11.	05/22/2020
Article/report	[Innovations and coping strategies for food security at the time of COVID-19](#)	Global	All	MicroSave Consulting published a report on innovative solutions for stakeholders to support food security and protect smallholder farmer livelihoods during COVID-19, focusing on the role of women self-help groups.	05/20/2020
Tool	[Digital Opportunity Trust Street Teams](#)	Global	Digital tools	DOT is mobilizing 50 youth around the world on COVID-19 response initiatives, including community outreach, digital education and e-health and gender equality topics. DOT is seeking partnerships with organizations with linkages to supply chain for sanitation materials, community outreach training, digital jobs training and access to digital education platforms.	05/19/2020
Article/report	[How to COVID-proof Early Stage Clean Energy Companies](#)	Africa	Energy	Suggestions for energy companies during COVID: consider staffing, debt servicing, procurment delays, etc.	05/18/2020
Funding opportunity	[GSMA Innovation Fund for Mobile Internet Adoption and Digital Inclusion](#)	Global	Connectivity	SCC member GSMA is providing equity grants to SMEs in Africa and Asia for Internet connectivity pilots for 15-18 months. The deadline to apply is May 22, 2020.	05/18/2020

Funding opportunity	[Power Africa Off-Grid: Solar Electrification of Health Facilities in Sub-Saharan Africa](#)	Africa	Energy	Power Africa is providing grants to energy companies that can provide solar PV electricity solutions for health facilities. The submission deadline is May 28, 2020.	05/18/2020
Guidance	[Sustainable Development Goal 7 (Energy) and Covid-19 in Situations of Displacement: A Briefing Note](#)	Global	Energy	Global Plan of Action's guidance to donors on the need for energy access in health, water, safety and cooking systems in forcibly displaced settings; developed by SCC member UNITAR	05/18/2020
Resource center	[Uganda Off-grid Market Accelerator (UOMA)](#)	Africa	Energy, Investments	UOMA accelerates off-grid energy businesses in Uganda and across East Africa to enable universal energy access. UOMA is providing support in business continuity planning (cash / credit / inventory / supply chain / human resource management), investor relations (managing existing loans, raising emergency funds) and many other forms of business and technical assistance.	05/07/2020
Article/report	[Kenya camps: 500,000 people at risk of contracting COVID-19](#)	Kenya	All	Video interview of displaced persons in Kakuma camp; and fears over COVID-19 spreading due to poor sanitation and lack of potential for socially distancing	05/06/2020
Guidance	[Briefing: Refugees and COVID-19 - what can businesses do?](#)	Global	All	UNHCR and Tent led a webinar to discuss COVID-19 impacts on displaced persons worldwide, what UNHCR is doing in response, and how private businesses can get involved.	05/05/2020
Guidance	[Update: The United States is Continuing to Lead the Response to COVID-19](#)	Global	All	This fact sheet details the US State Department/USAID's response in supporting partner organizations and countries. E.g. Totla allocations of $250 million, and nearly $4.5 million health and humanitarian assistance in Kenya and $3.6 million in Uganda.	05/04/2020
Guidance	[USAID COVID-19 Implementing Partner Guidance FAQ](#)	Global	All	This FAQ poses questions and answers to help USAID implementation partners navigate procurement during COVID-19: topics including funding opportunities, communications, award administration, etc.	05/04/2020
Article/report	[Uganda: A progressive regulatory directive eases refugees' access to mobile services](#)	Global	Digital tools	GSMA worked with UNHCR on advocating for SIM card-enabled service access for refugees in Uganda, which resulted in a new regulatory order on SIM cards.	04/30/2020

Article/report	Partnering During Crisis: The Shared Value of Partnerships between Mobile Network Operators and Humanitarian Organisations	Global	Digital tools	The need for partnerships between MNOs and humanitarian organizations is key during COVID. This report gives recommendations and examples for sustainable partnerships.	04/30/2020
Tool	UNHCR Clean Energy Challenge	Global	Energy	UNHCR Clean Energy Challenge is offering space to members to join the Challenge Action Group to connect with partners on funds, expertise and best practices for sustainable energy projects in settlements.	04/30/2020
Article/report	COVID-19 and the Displaced	Global	All	Refugees International's status report, challenges and recommendations for COVID-19 response in Africa, Asia and LAC	04/29/2020
Article/report	Kenya Restricts Movement Of 400,000 Refugees In Two Camps	Kenya	All	On Wednesday April 29, Kenya restricted movement in and out of Dadaab and Kakuma camps to counter COVID-19	04/29/2020
Article/report	COVID-19 has Kenyan refugee camp on edge	Kenya	All	Summary of preparation in Kakuma camp to avoid COVID-19 outbreak: e.g. mass food purchases, curfew, school closures, etc.	04/29/2020
Article/report	Fears in Uganda over coronavirus outbreak in refugee settlements	Uganda	All	Displaced persons in Uganda fear food and sanitation aid cuts, movement restrictions. Information is spread through community leaders on the radio or loudspeakers on vehicles.	04/29/2020
Article/report	Live blog: Refugees in the COVID-19 crisis	Global	All	UNHCR's global, regularly updated blog on COVID response stories in context of displaced persons	04/29/2020
Article/report	OPINION: Migration and COVID-19 in Uganda: The challenges of urban refugees	Uganda	All	COVID-19 has caused misinformation, difficulty for street vendor operation, and food security threats for displaced persons in Uganda	04/29/2020
Article/report	Refugees defy COVID-19 safety measures in Uganda	Uganda	All	Internal movement of displaced persons within settlements is challenging to hinder. Ugandan authorities are translating informational resources on COVID-19 for displaced persons.	04/29/2020
Article/report	SEforAll CEO on need for energy access during COVID-19	Global	Energy	Sustainable Energy for All's CEO makes the case for energy access during COVID-19: powering health clinics, maintain connections and ensure reliability of services	04/29/2020
Article/report	The role of mobile technology for humanitarian assistance in a COVID-19 world	Global	Digital tools	GSMA's insights on role of digital tools and lessons learned in humanitarian contexts: network resilience, emergency services, big	04/29/2020

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Article/report	Two refugees explain what COVID-19 means in their precarious world	Kenya	All		Interview of two displaced persons in Kakuma about COVID-19 impacts on refugee settlements	04/29/2020
Article/report	What African operators are doing to help during COVID-19 outbreak	Kenya	Digital tools		Safaricom and Airtel waive mobile money transfers during COVID-19.	04/29/2020
Funding opportunity	Energy Access Relief Fund	Global	Energy		Industry-wide funding effort for energy access companies, supported by Persistent, Acumen, responsAbility, GOGLA, Sunfunder, CDC and Shell Foundation.	04/29/2020
Funding opportunity	GET.invest COVID-19 window	Global	Energy		Funding window for hybrid/renewable energy projects in Sub-Saharan Africa or the Carribean. GET.invest is funded by the European Union, GIZ, Sida, MFA-NL and ADC.	04/29/2020
Funding opportunity	GOGLA Bridge	Global	Energy		News and opportunities on funding provided by GOGLA's partners: e.g. upcoming Power Africa grants and EquaLife Capital's Africa Venture Debt Relief Fund of $20 million.	04/29/2020
Guidance	Guidance Note - Connectivity for Refugees COVID-19	Global	Connectivity		UNHCR's recommendations and resources on connectivity; e.g. avoid use of crowded connected centres, explore options for low-tech connectivity, etc.	04/29/2020
Guidance	Learning Brief: VSLA and CARE Adaptations to COVID-19 and Past Crises	Africa	Digital tools		Examples of mitigating measures put in place by VSLAs in Sub-Saharan Africa and CARE: change meeting procedures, sharing health messages, refocusing finances and supporting community responses.	04/29/2020
Guidance	Preparedness, prevention and control of COVID-19 for refugees and migrants in non-camp settings	Global	All		WHO's guidance note for displaced persons including guiding principles, recommendations and references for service delivery	04/29/2020
Guidance	How to include marginalized and vulnerable people in risk communication and community engagement	Global	All		Multiple UN agencies' recommendations for including marginalized populations in communications and engagement during COVID-19: e.g. surveying and appropriate modification given COVID-19	04/29/2020
Resource center	Clean Cooking Alliance: COVID-19 Resources	Global	Energy		Clean Cooking Alliance's hub for articles, business advice, suggested project	04/29/2020

				management tools and funding opportunities for social impact organizations.	
Resource center	GOGLA COVID-19 Resource Center	Global	Energy	GOGLA (off-grid energy trade association) hub for articles, advocacy, funding and technical and assistance opportunities and business advice for off-grid energy providers.	04/29/2020
Resource center	NetHope COVID-19 Resource Center	Global	Connectivity	Connectivity topic resources provided for NetHope members	04/29/2020
Resource center	NextBillion COVID-19 Resource Center	Global	All	Articles, webinars, and funding opportunities for the social impact sector	04/29/2020
Resource center	Refugee Investment Network: COVID-19 Resources	Global	All	Refugee Investment Network's compiled articles and tools for entrepeneurs, investors and nonprofits working in the humanitarian space.	04/29/2020
Tool	COVID-19 Virtual Business Survival Bootcamp	Africa	All	African Management Institute is offering webinar-based bootcamps on business operations best practices during COVID-19, including risk assessment and cash flow projection	04/29/2020
Tool	Remote Survey Toolkit	Global	Digital tools	60decibels' guide for conducting phone-based surveys, technology options and implementation partners	04/29/2020
Tool	Uganda Solar Energy Association COVID-19 Survey	Uganda	Energy	Energy companies operating in Uganda are encouraged to complete this quick survey and consult with USEA for guidance	04/29/2020
Tool	COVID-19 Tools and Resources for Nonprofits	Global	All	Nonprofit Finance Fund's recommended tools, suggested operational practices and cash flow and scenario planning tools for non-profits.	04/29/2020