



Momentum for Change: Financing for Climate Friendly Investment

Leveraging Energy Tourism to Provide Clean Energy Sustainable Access to Himalayan Communities

India

In the Hindu Kush Region, there are more than 16 million people without access to basic energy mainly due to their geographic remoteness. [Global Himalayan Expedition](#) (GHE) is the one of the world's first organizations using the force of tourism coupled with technology to bring solar energy to these remote communities, as recognized by the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) and the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO).

GHE conducts "Impact Expeditions" to remote Himalayan villages and uses a portion of the expedition fee to fund the capital cost of the hardware, transportation, installation and training of village-scale solar micro-grids. The micro-grid infrastructure set up by GHE is owned and operated by the community.

Key facts

- To date, Global Himalayan Expedition has solar electrified more than 131 villages in 3 regions of India, directly impacting the lives of more than 60,000 villagers.
- More than 1,300 travellers from 60 different countries have been a part of these expeditions.
- Enabling livelihood through homestay tourism has generated over USD 114,000 in income for the villages, which represents a 45% increase in the annual household income.

More information

Digital assets are available for download at <http://bit.ly/2020-global-climate-action-awards>



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