

Donor country Denmark			
Project/programme title Energy Sector Support Programme			
Purpose Increase access to sustainable energy in rural areas			
Recipient country Nepal	Sector Energy	Total funding 191 Mill. DKK	Years in operation 1999-2007, 7 years
Description The Programme has assisted in developing sustainable energy solutions with micro-hydro installations (off-grid), solar PV home systems and energy efficient household cooking stoves. The support has been both in terms of subsidies and technical support. The programme in its first phase also succeeded to develop a renewable energy policy for Nepal. In total 1.5 million people benefitted from the assistance – despite the difficult political situation. The households equipped with improved cooking stoves have experienced significant improvement in health conditions in households equipped with improved cooking stoves as well as 30% reduction in requirement for firewood due to more efficient stoves. A new phase of support has been initiated in 2007 with support from Denmark, Norway and the government of Nepal with a total budget of approx. 300 Mill. DKK.			
Indicate factors that led to project's success Decentralised approach, working through locally based NGOs and other partners including private business. Combining subsidy packages, quality assurance system and capacity building.			
Technology transferred Micro hydro power plants, PV solar panels, quality assurance system. End-user ownership and maintenance responsibility.			
Impact on greenhouse gas emissions/sinks Reduction in use of firewood. Reduction in use of kerosene lamps.			