

Kenya-UK PACT

Terms of Reference: Clean Energy Transition

Grant value:

Project budget could range from £400,000-£1,500,000 with up to £500,000 per project per financial year (Apr – Mar). Higher project budgets may be considered on an exceptional basis depending on proposed activities and value for money against expected outcomes.

Project duration:

12 – 22 months. All projects are assumed to have a start date in May 2025. The projects must have a clear indication of the outputs and outcomes expected to be achieved in the first year, as well as in each subsequent year of implementation.

Deadline for submission of applications:

29 Jan 2025, 17:00 EAT/ 14:00 UTC

Apply through Call for Proposals web page:

www.ukpact.co.uk/kenya-country-fund-cleanenergytransition-call-for-proposals

The UK and Kenya have committed to work together to accelerate action on climate change while creating green jobs. To support this partnership, the UK Government is looking to extend its UK Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions (UK PACT) programme in Kenya with technical assistance and capacity-building projects supporting the clean energy sector.

This Call for Proposals aims to support activities which are strategically aligned to national priorities on climate change mitigation and key policy areas identified through consultations with government counterparts.

What is Kenya-UK PACT?

UK PACT (Partnering for Accelerated Climate Transitions) is a unique capacity-building programme. Jointly governed and funded by the UK Government's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero (DESNZ) through the UK's International Climate Finance, it works in partnership with countries with high emissions reduction potential to support them to implement and increase their ambitions for tackling climate change.

UK PACT forms a key part of the UK's technical assistance offer under the UK-Kenya Strategic Partnership which was agreed upon in 2020. This agreement outlines focus across 5 pillars – mutual prosperity, security and stability, sustainable development, climate change, and people to people. Pillar four consequently commits the UK and Kenya to demonstrate global leadership on climate and environmental issues by deploying expertise on climate finance, resilience and adaptation, renewable energy, biodiversity, and science and technology; creating green jobs; and facilitating peer learning.



What is UK PACT already funding?

UK PACT has been partnering with Kenya since July 2021 to support the acceleration of the clean energy transition and low-carbon economic development. Previous and ongoing UK PACT projects in Kenya include:

- Supporting development of data driven County energy plans for Narok and Makueni Counties;
- Supporting Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) to develop energy models linked to county-level needs for improved energy planning capabilities;
- Supporting development of the Kenyan Clean Transition Strategy and Kenyan National eCooking Strategy which has since been launched by the MoEP;
- Supporting development of a design document for the Kenya National Off-Grid Electrification Solar Home System Programme that will operationalise solar home system electricity targets.

Further information on previous and ongoing projects can be found on the [Kenya-UK PACT web page](#).





Why are we focusing on clean energy projects in Kenya?

Kenya has made substantial progress in expanding electricity access over the past decade, reaching about 75% of the population by 2022. However, significant challenges remain in ensuring reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy access for all Kenyans. The energy sector still heavily relies on fossil fuels and traditional biomass, contributing to both local pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. Climate change impacts are already affecting Kenya's energy infrastructure and generation capacity, particularly through droughts impacting hydropower resources and extreme weather events disrupting transmission systems. Additionally, limited access to clean cooking solutions continues to drive deforestation and indoor air pollution, disproportionately affecting women, girls and children's health.

However, Kenya has exceptional renewable energy potential - including geothermal, solar, wind and sustainable biomass resources. The government has set ambitious targets for transitioning to clean energy, aiming for 100% renewable electricity by 2030. Achieving this transition could create thousands of green jobs, improve energy security, reduce energy poverty, and help Kenya meet its climate commitments while supporting sustainable economic growth.

The clean energy transition in Kenya requires strengthened institutional capacity, enhanced technical expertise, improved planning frameworks, and innovative financing solutions. There are opportunities to accelerate progress in clean cooking technologies, integrated energy planning, and scaling up off-grid renewable and circular economy energy solutions.

Limited social inclusion of vulnerable communities and marginalised groups in the energy sector has led to significant disparities in energy access, particularly in rural and underserved areas. This results in elevated levels of energy poverty, where many households lack access to reliable electricity and clean cooking solutions. Female-headed households, youth, persons with disabilities, and remote communities face disproportionate barriers in accessing modern energy services, participating in energy-related economic opportunities, and benefiting from clean energy initiatives. These barriers include affordability constraints, limited technical skills, inadequate representation in decision-making, and insufficient tailoring of energy solutions to meet diverse community needs.

Funding priorities for this Call for Proposals

As a demand-led programme, the Kenya-UK PACT Country Fund aims to align its support with the Government of Kenya's existing plans and policies. Through consultation with the Government of Kenya, UK PACT has identified key opportunities in clean energy. We are looking to award grant funding for projects aimed at providing technical assistance and capacity-building to support this.

The main purpose is to support an equitable and inclusive transition of Kenya's energy sector toward sustainable and clean energy systems, providing increased access to reliable and affordable power for all communities, whilst reducing greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution currently driven by fossil fuels and traditional biomass use. This transition aims to enhance energy security, create green economic opportunities, improve public health outcomes through clean cooking solutions, and help Kenya achieve its climate commitments while ensuring no community is left behind in the shift to clean energy.

The following opportunities have been identified for funding within this call for proposals. These distinct projects have been identified as the targeted interventions for the receipt of funding. Each of these projects has a number of specific expected outputs and interventions. We welcome creativity, expansion and additional suggestions from the market, but ask that applicants ensure that their applications cover the stated interventions as a minimum to ensure eligibility of their proposals.

Thematic area: Clean cooking

- **Project 1:** Enhancement of local manufacturing and energy crop cultivation for clean cooking supply chains
- **Project 2:** Accelerating clean cooking adoption: A data-driven approach and capacity building

Thematic area: Integrated national energy planning

- **Project 3:** Technical support for integrated energy planning

Thematic area: Off grid solutions

- **Project 4:** Fostering clean energy entrepreneurship: A youth focused approach
- **Project 5:** Accelerating rural and urban electrification with innovative energy technologies

Terms of Reference for Project 1

Project 1: Enhancing local manufacturing and energy crop cultivation for clean cooking supply chains

Government counterpart: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP)

This project seeks to support the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP), Private Sector, and Clean Cooking Association of Kenya. The project will be funded by UK PACT in support of the MoEP's technical assistance requirements.

The British High Commission Nairobi is leading government engagement for this Call for Proposals. The proposed project is the result of intensive consultation with the Government of Kenya. To avoid confusion with government counterparts, we therefore do not encourage applicants to have direct engagement with government on this project during the application process or prior to receiving an award.

Thematic area:

Clean cooking

Project description:

Background

The Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy (KNCTS), which outlines the government's commitment to ensuring that 100% of Kenyan households have access to cleaner cooking solutions by 2028, is a pivotal roadmap. It identifies barriers to clean cooking adoption and proposes comprehensive approaches to overcome these challenges, including policy formulation, market development, public awareness campaigns, and financial incentives. The strategy was developed with the support of UK PACT, and officially launched in October 2024. Despite progress in clean cooking solutions, adoption rates remain low, particularly among female-headed households, low-income families, and rural communities. Women and girls are disproportionately affected by traditional cooking methods, facing both health impacts from indoor air pollution and time poverty from fuel collection. Additionally, women are underrepresented in the clean cooking value chain, from manufacturing to distribution and sales.

There is now a need to operationalise the strategy, presenting opportunities for UK PACT to further contribute towards the government's ambitions. The KNCTS highlights promotion of local manufacturing and production of clean cooking appliances as a key agenda point for the achievement of universal access to clean cooking in Kenya by 2028.

Aims and objectives

The project addresses critical gaps in local manufacturing and clean cooking supply chains by providing technical expertise and capacity building. By reducing emissions through clean cooking solutions, it drives sustainable supply chain development and creates economic opportunities.

The primary objective of the project is to strengthen the capacity of local manufacturers in the clean cooking sector to design, produce, and meet quality standards for clean cooking appliances that meet both domestic and international market demands. The project will stimulate market demand for clean cooking appliances and energy crops, while facilitating trade linkages to support the growth of the sector.

The project will take an explicitly inclusive approach, ensuring women, youth, and marginalised groups are integrated throughout the clean cooking value chain. This includes supporting women-owned manufacturing businesses, creating employment opportunities for youth, and ensuring clean cooking solutions are accessible and affordable for all communities, including persons with disabilities and low-income households.

Key activities

1. Conduct baseline studies on:

- Local manufacturers in the sector – including creating an inventory of local manufacturers in the sector, existing skills set, skills gaps (technical, financial, compliance and standards gaps etc.), as well as opportunities to enhance manufacturing processes, product quality and compliance with local and international standards.
- Local fuel production – to establish the current production, availability, accessibility and distribution networks of locally produced clean cooking fuels, as well as identify gaps, challenges, and opportunities in local fuel production for clean cooking. This will provide a baseline against which future interventions can be assessed.

2. Deliver hands-on training for local manufacturers on:

- Technical skills enhancement for clean cooking appliances design and production processes.
- Financing and business development including access to credit, carbon credits training and business skills training etc.
- International standards and market access including compliance training, regional and international market linkages etc.

3. Support local fuel production through:

- Promotion of efficient supply chain development by mapping and strengthening linkages with distributors and retailers.
- The launch of campaigns to raise awareness about the benefits of clean cooking technologies, including improved health, environmental sustainability, and cost savings.
- Working with governments, development organisations, and the private sector to create a conducive business environment for clean cooking technologies, including supporting favourable policies and incentives that promote market growth as well as reviewing and updating the Behaviour Change Communications Strategy.
- Conducting comprehensive market assessments to identify the demand for clean cooking appliances and energy crops.

Key outputs

- Local manufacturers gain the skills and knowledge required to produce high-quality, competitive clean cooking appliances.
- Enhanced local production capacity meets both domestic and international market requirements.
- Enhanced market demand for clean cooking appliances through comprehensive market understanding and targeted strategies.
- Strengthened market linkages between local producers, retailers, and international buyers, opening new trade opportunities.

Envisaged outcomes and impact:

The outputs are expected to lead to increased production and distribution of energy-efficient appliances, with particular focus on creating economic opportunities for women, youth and marginalised groups. The long-term impact envisioned is an inclusive clean cooking sector that provides economic opportunities through job creation and export earnings while ensuring equitable access to clean cooking solutions across all social groups.

Proposed duration:

18 - 22 months (assumed start in May 2025)

Useful resources:

- [Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy \(2024-2028\)](#).
- [Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy \(2024\)](#).
- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#).
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)

Terms of Reference for Project 2

Project 2: Accelerating clean cooking adoption: A data-driven approach and capacity building

Government counterpart: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) & County Governments

This project seeks to support the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP), and County Governments. The project will be funded by UK PACT in support of the MoEP's technical assistance requirements.

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Thematic area:

Clean cooking

Project description:

Background

A strong policy framework is essential for driving the transition to clean cooking solutions at the county level. Without a clear, coordinated, and inclusive policy and action plan that considers diverse needs and experiences, efforts to adopt clean cooking technologies can lack direction and effectiveness, particularly for women, persons with disabilities, and low-income households and other marginalised groups. Implementing robust, gender-responsive data collection initiatives will provide vital information on adoption patterns, differentiated user behaviours, health and environmental impacts, and socio-economic outcomes across different social groups. This data will be used to inform equitable policy decisions, improve existing strategies, and tailor interventions to local contexts and specific community needs.

Aims and objectives

The project objective is to strengthen inclusive policy frameworks, enhance gender-responsive and socially inclusive data-driven decision-making, and build the capacity of county governments and local stakeholders to implement clean cooking solutions effectively. The project supports stakeholders in reducing emissions, improving health outcomes particularly for women and children, and fostering inclusive economic opportunities for marginalised groups.

Key activities

Phase 1

- Design a standardised data collection framework for clean cooking at the county level.
- Conduct comprehensive cooking baseline studies at household level, institutional level, community and markets and county and policy level.

Phase 2 (based on findings from data collection in Phase 1)

- Training workshops for county officials on the benefits and technologies of clean cooking solutions, policy and regulatory frameworks for clean cooking, strategies for scaling clean cooking solutions, and financial mechanisms for promoting adoption of clean cooking solutions.
- Hands-on technical training for artisans and related community-based organisations (CBOs) on clean cooking technologies, including stove design, installation, maintenance, and repair for both small-scale and large-scale technologies.
- Catering for the specific needs of women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalised groups through tailored training programs, providing access to finance, and creating inclusive job opportunities.

Phase 3 (based on findings from data collection in Phase 1)

- Developing County Clean Cooking Transition Policies.
- Supporting the creation of implementation guidelines for clean cooking transition policies for County governments.

Key outputs

- Enhanced capacity of county governments to implement and monitor inclusive clean cooking solutions.
- A comprehensive, county-specific clean cooking policy that supports sustainable and inclusive adoption
- Evidence-based insights reflecting specific needs of women, youth, persons with disabilities and other marginalised groups, that inform policy, guide interventions, and improve program effectiveness.

Envisaged outcomes and impact:

The outputs are expected to lead to the adoption of inclusive County Clean Cooking Transition Policy and Action Plans and gender-responsive data management systems. The long-term impact envisioned is equitable access to and effective implementation of clean cooking solutions across all social groups in households, public institutions and county governments, with particular focus on improving outcomes for women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalised groups.

Proposed duration

18 - 22 months (assumed start in May 2025)

Useful resources

- [Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy \(2024-2028\)](#).
- [Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy \(2024\)](#).
- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#).
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)

Terms of Reference for Project 3

Project 3: Technical Support for Integrated Energy Planning

Government counterpart: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) & County Governments

This project seeks to support the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP), and County Governments. The project will be funded by UK PACT in support of the MoEP's technical assistance requirements.

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Thematic area:

Integrated national energy planning

Project description:

Background

In order to provide reliable and affordable energy for all, there has to be a paradigm shift from the traditional energy planning to adequately respond to the evolving global energy market, and the changing roles and responsibilities across the energy value chain. Section 5 of the Energy Act, 2019 (the Act) provides for the development of the Integrated National Energy Plan (INEP) as an energy sector inter-governmental document to guide on the short, medium and long-term energy requirements based on evolving economic, socio-political and technical issues. The objective of the INEP is to ensure a coherent and coordinated approach to meeting the country's energy needs.

Women, youth, persons with disabilities, and low-income households often face disproportionate barriers in accessing modern energy services. The INEP framework must incorporate these differentiated needs and experiences to ensure truly inclusive energy development.

The INEP framework sets out coherent and systematic guidelines to facilitate the development of energy plans by the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP), National Energy Service Providers and County Governments that will eventually feed into the development of INEP as envisioned in the Act.

Aims and objectives

The project objective is to strengthen institutional capacity for gender-responsive and socially inclusive sustainable energy planning by supporting the development of comprehensive county energy plans, policies, and implementation strategies. It enhances technical expertise through training in gender-responsive energy modelling tools and establishes inclusive data management systems that capture differentiated energy needs and usage patterns. By creating inclusive resource mobilisation plans and investment prospectuses, it equips counties to attract investments that benefit all community members, particularly marginalised groups.

Key activities

- Development of Comprehensive County Energy Plans (CEPs).
- Development of County Energy Policies.
- Formulation of Implementation Strategies, Resource Mobilisation Frameworks and Investment Prospectus.
- Capacity Building for County Energy Teams on various topics incl. Policy Formulation, Carbon Markets, Energy Modelling Tools, Budgeting, Project Implementation etc.

Key outputs

- Five comprehensive County Energy Plans.
- Formulation of CEP implementation strategies, resource mobilisation plans and investment prospectus.
- Well-trained County energy teams on various pertinent energy areas.

Envisaged outcomes and impact:

The outputs are expected to lead to establishment of inclusive policy frameworks for sustainable energy through gender-responsive County energy plans, policies, and implementation strategies. The long-term impact envisioned is increased investment in renewable energy and energy efficiency projects that benefit all community members, with particular focus on improving energy access and economic opportunities for women, youth, persons with disabilities, and other marginalised groups.

Proposed duration

18 - 22 months (assumed start in May 2025)

Useful resources

- [Integrated National Energy Planning Framework](#)
- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#)
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)

Terms of Reference for Project 4

Project 4: Fostering clean energy entrepreneurship: A youth focused approach

Government counterpart: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) & County Governments

This project seeks to support the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) and County Governments. The project will be funded by UK PACT in support of the MoEP's technical assistance requirements.

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Thematic area:

Off grid solutions

Project description:

Background

While traditional grid expansion might have limitations, Kenya is embracing off-grid and decentralised energy systems as a powerful alternative. The opportunity is particularly significant for young people, women, and marginalised groups who face disproportionate barriers in accessing both energy and economic opportunities. Off-grid energy solutions, like solar home systems and mini-grids, are the answer for millions living in underserved areas. These innovative approaches offer businesses and households a path out of the energy gap. Beyond income generation, off-grid energy empowers households by reducing energy expenditure.

Aims and objectives

The project objective is to drive renewable energy adoption while creating inclusive, sustainable job opportunities with a focus on youth, particularly young women and those from marginalised communities. The project will encourage innovation and the development of clean energy technologies while ensuring entrepreneurship opportunities are accessible to all, including persons with disabilities and those from underserved regions. By empowering diverse young people to become leaders in the clean energy revolution, the project aims to drive both environmental and socio-economic transformation.

Key activities

- Host workshops and seminars to introduce entrepreneurs to the basics of clean energy technologies, entrepreneurship principles, and sustainable business practices.
- Conduct Hands-on training for entrepreneurs to gain practical experience in installing, maintaining, and repairing renewable energy systems.
- Facilitate access to financing options for entrepreneurs, such as micro-loans, grants, and venture capital, to help them launch and scale their businesses.
- Create market linkages to connect entrepreneurs with potential customers, suppliers, and investors to expand their market reach and business opportunities.
- Support creation of a sustainability plan to ensure the long-term viability of the project and its beneficiaries, including securing ongoing funding and support.
- Assist entrepreneurs in developing comprehensive business plans for their clean energy ventures, covering market analysis, financial projections, and operational strategies.
- Develop a comprehensive curriculum for entrepreneurs that covers topics such as renewable energy technologies, business planning, financial management, marketing, and legal compliance.

Key outputs

- Sustainable and scalable clean energy solutions that address local energy needs.
- Increased investment in clean energy technologies and innovation.
- Development of a vibrant clean energy ecosystem, including entrepreneurs, investors, and service providers.

Envisaged outcomes and impact:

The outputs are expected to lead to increased access and uptake of affordable renewable energy solutions through inclusive innovation and financing. The long-term impact envisioned is enhanced local adoption of clean energy solutions and sustainable growth of an equitable renewable energy sector that creates opportunities for young people across all social groups, particularly women, persons with disabilities, and those from underserved communities.

Proposed duration

18 - 22 months (assumed start in May 2025)

Useful resources

- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#)
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)

Terms of Reference for Project 5

Project 5: Accelerating Rural and Urban electrification with innovative energy technologies

Government counterpart: Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) & County Governments

This project seeks to support the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum (MoEP) and County Governments. The project will be funded by UK PACT in support of the MoEP's technical assistance requirements.

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Thematic area:

Off grid solutions

Project description:

Background

While Kenya has made significant progress in electricity access, disparities persist across social groups and regions. Kenya transitioned from 71.1% urban electrification to 98% between 2012 and 2022. Rural electrification went from 27.5% to 65.6% between 2012 and 2022. The rural-urban electrification gap reflects broader inequalities, particularly affecting female-headed households, persons with disabilities, and low-income communities. These marginalised groups face multiple barriers including affordability constraints, limited infrastructure access, and exclusion from energy-related decision-making. Rapid urbanisation and population growth further compound these challenges, especially for informal settlements and remote rural communities. This presents opportunities for inclusive interventions that specifically address the needs of underserved populations while supporting Kenya's ambition of universal electricity access by 2030.

Aims and objectives

The project objective is to bridge energy access gaps in underserved areas through gender-responsive and socially inclusive approaches. It reduces reliance on fossil fuels while ensuring renewable energy adoption benefits all community members, particularly marginalised groups. The project recognises that transformative approaches must address both technical and social barriers to expand equitable energy access and improve livelihoods for all.

This project is designed to address the growing need for renewable energy solutions in off-grid areas and communities that lack reliable access to electricity. By providing workshops that focus on renewable energy technology, business model development, financial literacy, and access to micro-finance, the initiative equips key stakeholders with the essential skills to start and manage clean energy businesses. Research and case studies are critical to understanding the most effective approaches to renewable energy implementation, especially in off-grid areas where access to infrastructure and resources is limited.

Key activities

Component 1: National Government Support

- Capacity building for key national government institutions to support policy implementation and technical expertise in off-grid solutions including in:
- Energy auctions and Feed-in-Tariff (FiT) implementation – Target: EPRA, MoEP and KPLC
- Various off-grid energy matters, including but not limited to integration of off-grid systems, adoption of smart mini-grid technologies and strategies for managing energy curtailment – Target: EPRA, REREC, MoEP and KPLC

Component 2: County and community level support

- Conduct baseline studies to analyse the effectiveness and challenges of renewable energy adoption in local contexts.
- Organise and deliver workshops on renewable energy technologies, covering installation, operation, and maintenance.
- Provide training in business model development to enable participants to establish and sustain renewable energy businesses.
- Conduct financial literacy sessions, focusing on budgeting, financial management, and securing funding.
- Provide training and workshops to empower communities with technical skills in renewable energy technology.
- Analyse data to identify barriers to energy access for women and other marginalised groups.

Key outputs:

- Enhanced institutional capacity to implement energy auctions, Feed-in Tariff (FiT) policies, and other off-grid energy solutions through targeted training and capacity building for national institutions.
- Increased adoption of off-grid energy solutions in underserved areas.
- Strengthened financial systems supporting the sustainable growth of renewable energy businesses.
- Data-driven recommendations for improving energy access and addressing gender disparities.
- Development of comprehensive case studies and research reports on renewable energy systems.

Envisaged outcomes and impact:

The outputs are expected to lead to increased awareness and equitable access to reliable and affordable renewable energy in rural and urban areas. The long-term impact envisioned is inclusive adoption of innovative energy technologies that benefit all community members, with particular focus on improving energy access and economic opportunities for women, persons with disabilities, youth, and other marginalised groups.

Proposed duration

18 - 22 months (assumed start in May 2025)

Useful resources

- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#)
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)

Important things to consider in your application:



Gender equality, disability and social inclusion (GEDSI)

All proposals must consider accessibility and inclusivity as a key action area in creating a more democratic, equitable and just transition to reduced emissions. As a result, all projects are required to mainstream GEDSI within the projects stated above and ensure adequate expertise and resources are available throughout delivery to achieve this. Illustrative examples of potential activities include:

- Conducting a GEDSI analysis and systematically taking into account the differentiated needs, knowledge, experiences, and priorities of women, youth, and historically disadvantaged and other marginalised groups in all project activities.
- Contributing to improved evidence and policymaking to tackle energy poverty and increase energy security in Kenya.
- Conducting enhanced needs assessments and meaningfully engaging with civil society groups, including women's rights organisations and organisations of people with disabilities, to better understand energy and employment needs and opportunities.
- Ensuring that the development of a green economy is built on inclusive supply chains, removing barriers faced by small businesses, marginalised groups, and those working in sectors which may shrink over time (e.g., fossil fuels).
- Facilitating increased engagement of women, youth, poor households, people with disabilities, and historically disadvantaged and other marginalised groups in decision-making, public consultation, and participatory planning.
- Increasing the integration of GEDSI-considerations in policies, regulation, and planning processes and/or improved implementation of these.

We will score all projects using GEDSI selection criteria to ensure that projects seek to understand and address the needs and vulnerabilities of women and marginalised groups. All proposals are required to:

- Consider the key differences in the ways that local communities, youth, women, lower-income households, marginalised groups, and people with disabilities access and use energy and contribute to the Clean Energy Transition. Key issues may include those of affordability, accessibility, safety, and representation.
- Identify specific outputs that would address some of the issues faced and integrate these activities through the project.
- Ensure that the project's monitoring and results framework explicitly states how GEDSI outcomes will be achieved through the project's outputs.
- To reflect FCDO's commitment to the localisation of delivery, additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, women-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities.

Applicants are encouraged to review UK PACT's GEDSI Guidance when developing their proposals.



Budget and funding availability

Each proposal will be assessed independently. We will support projects with grants valued up to £500,000 per financial year (UK financial year, April – March). This value increases for projects longer than 12 months (i.e., the grant value for two years would be up to £1,000,000). Higher project budgets may be considered on an exceptional basis depending on proposed activities and value for money against expected outcomes. All projects are assumed to have a start date in May 2025. The projects must have a clear indication of the outputs and outcomes expected to be achieved in the first year, as well as in each subsequent year of implementation.

Proposals can be submitted for more than one project. However, separate applications should be prepared for each project.



Government engagement

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As a demand-led programme, the Kenya-UK PACT Country Fund aims to align its support with the Government of Kenya's existing plans and policies surrounding a clean energy transition. Applicants are advised to refer to these references, which include:

- [Kenya National Cooking Transition Strategy \(2024-2028\)](#)
- [Kenya National Electric Cooking Strategy \(2024\)](#)
- [Kenya Energy Transition and Investment Plan \(2023-2050\)](#)
- [Ministry of Energy and Petroleum](#)



What is the timeline for selection?

Stage	Date
1. Terms of Reference (ToR) and application process launched	13 Dec 2024
2. Deadline for submitting clarification questions	15 Jan 2025
3. Publication of answers to clarification questions will take place twice starting 4 weeks after the CfP is launched (taking into account closures over the Christmas and New Year holiday period). Consolidated clarifications will be published on the Kenya-UK PACT web page. Kindly note that clarification questions will not be answered by email.	8 January 2025 20 January 2025
4. Deadline for submission of application	29 Jan 2025
5. Applicants notified	Week of 17 Feb 2025
6. Due diligence, co-creation and grant signing	Feb-Apr 2025
7. Projects start	May 2025





Application guidance

Projects will be selected through a **one-stage** open and competitive Call for Proposals. Applicants should read the **Terms of Reference** and **Applicant Handbook** to understand what is required to submit a strong proposal for this call.

The following documents form your application pack, they must be downloaded and completed in English. You may then fill in the form linked on the CfP web page. **After** submitting this form, you will receive an email containing a link to upload your application pack.

- **Project proposal template** - please ensure that you populate the proposal template as fully as possible, to avoid submitting an incomplete application.
- **Budget and workplan template** - all proposals must include an inception phase of one month in the workplan, during which time any necessary engagements with the Government of South Africa will be carried out, deliverables confirmed and theory of change finalised. At the end of this period a revised workplan may be required.
- **Project Theory of Change form**
- **Project risk and issue register template**

Additional supporting documentation may be submitted, such as CVs of key staff.

What are the eligibility criteria?

	Eligibility criteria
Applicant	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• We invite all organisations with relevant experience in delivering technical assistance and capacity-building projects. This could be think-tanks, consultancies, academic institutions, community organisations, NGOs, professional associations, or any similar organisations that have the knowledge, skills and experience to deliver an eligible project.• Proposals from private sector entities are welcomed, noting however that profit cannot be funded through grant funding and projects must be submitted on a not-for-profit basis. Companies are encouraged to refer to the Applicant Handbook and Implementing Partner Handbook for clarity on eligible costs.• Government agencies and Government departments are not eligible to receive UK PACT funding, either as a lead organisation or partner in a consortium. This includes state-owned enterprises.• We encourage consortia to apply.

	Eligibility criteria
Project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Proposals can be submitted for more than one project, but a consortium cannot apply more than once to the same project.• Budgets must not include tangible assets or capital expenditure.
Application	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All applications must be coherent and legible.• All relevant sections must be completed.• Applications must be submitted in English.

What are the selection criteria?

Area	Heading	Criteria description	Weighting
Technical (70%)	Impact	The applicant clearly articulates how the project will specifically help the counterpart achieve and accelerate their goals of achieving carbon emissions reductions in relevant sectors. The applicant provides a clear impact pathway showing how their outputs will lead to the outcomes required for transformational change and identifies opportunities for replication / scaling up of activities.	15
	Project description, methodology and workplan	The applicant clearly articulates how the project responds to the terms of reference, plans to deliver the expected outputs and lays out a project plan which includes a description of the project, activities, workplan, and stakeholder engagement plan. The applicant provides a convincing rationale for the ability of the project to deliver outcomes.	25
	Gender equality, disability and social inclusion - GEDSI	The applicant clearly identifies how the project will seek to understand and address the needs and vulnerabilities of women and marginalised groups. The proposal has considered the key differences in the way that local communities, men, women, lower-income households, marginalised groups and people with disabilities are impacted by a just transition. The proposal has successfully mainstreamed GEDSI in their project and identified specific outputs that would lead to desired GEDSI outcomes.	15
	Knowledge, skills, experience, and team structure	<p>The proposed project team has relevant knowledge and experience in the subject area and has the skills in place to deliver the project. This includes knowledge, skills and experience in the specific thematic area the proposal responds to, technical assistance/capacity building, and public sector project implementation. The core skills, experience and knowledge required to deliver all elements of the project that have been outlined (including project management, monitoring and evaluation, and GEDSI mainstreaming) are covered and the team is well structured and available to mobilise quickly.</p> <p>To ensure effective knowledge transfer and capacity building, applicants must demonstrate a strong understanding of Kenyan priorities and delivery context, as well as bringing relevant expertise required.</p> <p>Additional consideration will be given to consortia which include local organisations, women-owned entities, youth-owned entities, and entities owned by people with disabilities.</p>	15

What are the selection criteria?

Area	Heading	Criteria description	Weighting
Project Management (15%)	Project management	The proposal outlines a clear plan for mobilising the project quickly and effectively. There are robust project management mechanisms to ensure activities stay on track and deliver project results. The applicant provides a clear plan for managing consortia where applicable.	10
		The applicant has clearly outlined the key risks associated with delivery with clear plans for mitigating these and an understanding of the likelihood and impact of each. This includes impacts on marginalised/indigenous groups and changing political and security contexts.	5
	Environmental sustainability	The applicant has outlined a robust approach to minimising any negative impact on the environment due to this project. For example, through minimising travel, tracking emissions, implementing environmental policies, carbon off-setting etc.	Y/N
Financial (15%)	Budget	The budget is clearly linked to the activities and outputs outlined, with appropriate allocation of time and resources, and costs that appear reasonable for the activities proposed, including sufficient allocation for project management, reporting and data collection to allow for close coordination with UK PACT.	10
	Value for money	The application provides confidence that the project will represent good value for money, including FCDO's Four Es (economy, efficiency, effectiveness, and equity). The Four Es are detailed in the Applicant Handbook.	5

How do we score each criterion?

Score	
5 (Excellent)	Demonstrates an expert understanding of the project and proposes excellent and accurate solutions which address all requirements, and which are innovative where appropriate. Responses are excellently tailored to the context in all aspects. The level of detail and quality of information provides the highest degree of confidence in the ability to deliver.
4 (Very Good)	Demonstrates a very good understanding of the topic relating to delivery of the project. Responses are relevantly tailored to the context in the majority of aspects and build very well on the solutions. There is sufficient detail and quality of information to give a strong level of confidence that they will deliver.
3 (Good)	Demonstrates a good understanding of the topic relating to the delivery of the project. Responses are reasonably tailored to the context for many of the aspects. There is a good level of detail and quality to give a good level of confidence that they will deliver.
2 (Satisfactory)	Demonstrates a satisfactory understanding of the topic relating to delivery of the project. Some appetite to tailor to context where required. Provides a limited level of detail and the quality of information provided gives only some level of confidence that they will be able to deliver satisfactorily.
1 (Unsatisfactory)	Demonstrates a poor understanding of the topic relating to delivery of the project. Poor tailoring to the context where this is required. Generally, an unsatisfactory and a low level of quality information and detail, leading to a low level of confidence that they will deliver.
0 (Fail)	Failure to address the material requirements of the project. No tailoring of responses to meet the context. No quality responses providing no confidence that they will deliver.



What to do if you have questions?

Applicants should read these terms of reference in conjunction with the Applicant Handbook for full details of how to apply. Further questions on the scope of this call for proposals can be addressed to: kenya@ukpact.co.uk.

Clarification questions will be accepted until **17:00 EAT (14:00 UTC) on 15 January 2025** and answers will be published on the Kenya-UK PACT Call for Proposals web page.

Relevant documents

- CfP Terms of Reference
- Project proposal template
- Budget and workplan template
- Project Theory of Change form
- Project risk and issue register template
- Applicant handbook
- UK PACT's GEDSI Guidance
- Risk management guide for applicants

These will be available on the Call for Proposals web page when you apply.

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