



The Global Plan of Action (GPA) for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement

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About EACREEE

- The East African Centre of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency (EACREEE) is an EAC regional platform for collaboration on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency initiatives.
- It is mandated by the EAC Council of Ministers to coordinate development of renewable energy and energy efficiency at regional level.
- It governed by a Board of Directors, which comprises representatives of energy ministries of each of the EAC Partner States.



Introduction to GPA

- Global Plan of Action for Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement (GPA) was presented at the High-level Political Forum on Sustainable Development in 2018.
 - Was developed through consultative process involving several stakeholders led by UNITAR, starting with the Berlin ‘Energy for Displaced People’ conference on 15–16 January 2018.
 - GPA is a non-binding framework that provides concrete actions for accelerated progress towards sustainable energy in situations of displacement.
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GPA Vision and Mission

- Vision: Every person affected by conflict or natural disaster has access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy services by 2030.
 - The mission of the GPA is to equip stakeholders with the capacity to mainstream sustainable energy solutions into programming and operations, with the goal of delivering improved protection, dignity and energy-related social, environmental and economic benefits in situations of displacement.
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GPA Objectives

- Foster an open and strategic dialogue and ensure actors are well coordinated to enhance humanitarian response on sustainable energy.
 - Mobilize and strengthen multi-stakeholder partnerships involving host governments, the private sector, humanitarian and development organizations, donors, financial institutions, civil society and academia.
 - Pool and generate awareness of existing resources, evidence, initiatives and ongoing efforts around sustainable energy in humanitarian settings.
 - Create a collaborative and inclusive framework for unified, multi-stakeholder action regarding improved energy access for displaced people.
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GPA Working Groups

- Planning and Coordination.
 - Policy, Advocacy and Host Country Resilience.
 - Innovative Finance.
 - Technical Expertise, Capacity Building and Training.
 - Data, Evidence, Monitoring and Reporting
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WG1 - Planning and Coordination

Challenges	Priority Recommendations
Energy is not a formal priority in humanitarian assistance	<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Formally recognize sustainable energy access as a priority within the humanitarian system.II. Foster ‘bottom-up’ collaborations and engagement on energy and environment interventions between displaced people, host community members, local experts and energy product/ service providers.III. Build energy activities into other humanitarian assistance priorities.



WG2 - Policy, Advocacy and Host-Country Resilience

Challenges	Priority Recommendations
<p>Displaced people are often not included in national or international energy access agendas</p>	<p>I. Bring displaced people into the SDG 7 agenda and the Global Tracking Framework with a clear link to the response and resilience agenda</p> <p>II. Encourage and support the design and implementation of response and resilience plans, including attention to energy priorities and energy linkages with other priorities such as housing, water supply, environment, food security and health</p> <p>III. Foster national-level dialogue to enable successful sustainable energy-access interventions at the country level. Provide examples of how clean energy investment and self-reliance create a virtuous circle of beneficial change priorities.</p>



WG3 - Innovative Finance

Challenges	Priority Recommendations
Energy in displacement settings is under-funded	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="700 368 2443 758">I. Conduct further data, mapping and research on the different types of projects or parts of the value chain that require financing, the instruments that would be best suited to each, and how they can be developed through discussions with different stakeholders<li data-bbox="700 782 2443 1096">II. Hold discussions with donors to identify potential sources of funding to test out new financing instruments, with an emphasis of coordinating investment approaches and exploring more innovative financing options<li data-bbox="700 1120 2443 1329">III. Design a financing facility or financial instruments that could be used to support energy investments in displacement settings



WG4 - Technical Expertise & Capacity Building

Challenges	Priority Recommendations
Expertise and capacity to implement humanitarian energy solutions is limited	<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Build in-house capacity of staff at the field and international level to plan for multi-year interventions and energy strategies and to implement projectsII. Develop tailored training packages according to stakeholders' capacity needsIII. Create or adopt a common repository to exchange knowledge, discuss issues and receive support from peers and experts



WG5 - Data, Evidence, Monitoring and Reporting

Challenges	Priority Recommendations
Expertise and capacity to implement humanitarian energy solutions is limited	<ol style="list-style-type: none">I. Integrate energy indicators into planning and assessment tools for the humanitarian sector, in collaboration with Working Area I.II. Harmonize and standardize the types and forms of data collected to enable comparison and to facilitate effective monitoring and evaluationIII. Design and deliver of holistic monitoring, evaluation and learning tools for humanitarian energy programmes, with ways to share data and best practices between the humanitarian, development and private sectors



Capacity Building Activities under GPA

- Humanitarian Energy webinar series
[https://energypedia.info/wiki/Webinar Series: Sustainable Energy in Humanitarian Settings#tab=1st Webinar](https://energypedia.info/wiki/Webinar_Series:_Sustainable_Energy_in_Humanitarian_Settings#tab=1st_Webinar)
- Humanitarian Energy Conference, 31 Jul – 1 Aug, 2019 Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.
- EAC Regional Training Workshop on Sustainable Energy Solutions in Situations of Displacement, 11-15 November 2019, Kampala, Uganda. <https://www.eacreee.org/event/eac-regional-training-workshop-sustainable-energy-solutions-situations-displacement-save-date>



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