



Advancing Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency

The Partnership: Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP)

The Goal: Expand the market for renewable energy and energy-efficient technologies to improve access to sustainable energy services for the poor and reduce greenhouse-gas emissions.

The Result: Since 2004, more than 44 countries have invested in renewable energy and energy efficiency through more than 100 projects. Most recently, seven South African cities adopted financial models that allowed them to fund improvements in energy efficiency for their municipal water supply systems. In India, four street-lighting projects across the state of Madhya Pradesh resulted in energy savings of 30-40 percent.

How they did it: The Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Partnership (REEEP), a global public-private partnership, relies on a bottom-up approach to structure policy and regulatory initiatives for clean energy and facilitate financing for energy projects.

In South Africa, with co-funding from the U.S. Agency for International Development, the partnership organized roundtable forums to bring together financial partners, local governments and non-governmental organizations. REEEP also wrote and distributed case studies to South African cities and water utilities and developed financial models addressing the legal and financial barriers to the development of energy-efficient municipal water projects. In India, with co-funding from Asian Electronics and the energy service company Central Discom, REEEP supported the development of a sustainable financing mechanism for the implementation of energy-efficient street-lighting projects.

Outlook: REEEP aims to replicate the financing model developed for energy-efficient water supply systems in South Africa in other parts of the region that are struggling with energy shortages and poor delivery of urban water services. In India, REEEP expects that awareness of how to reduce power consumption for street lighting will spread from Madhya Pradesh to other states across India and to other countries.

Background: REEEP was conceived at the Johannesburg World Summit on Sustainable Development in August 2002 and was developed via an intensive consultation process with a wide range of stakeholders at the national and regional levels. In June 2004, REEEP was formally established as a legal entity in Austria with the status of an international non-governmental organization.

REEEP currently has more than 200 partners, including 32 governments. Eight regional secretariats help identify needs and deliver policy and finance solutions via more than 50 on-the-ground projects each year.

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