



**Nexus Energy - Water - Food Security  
EDF11 programmes**

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## **European Development Fund 11 (2014 – 2020)**

- **NIP 11th EDF focus on water, energy and governance**
- **Water and energy play critical role in economic development and in raising living standards in Lesotho**
- **Climate change, water resources and energy impact on agriculture, biodiversity, wetlands and erosion**
- **Governance is important, e.g. sector data generation for monitoring and results-based budgeting & management**
- **Linkages between water, energy and food security: integrated approach EU Co-operation with Government**



## Energy in Lesotho

- **Lesotho: considerable energy deficit, electricity accounts only for +/- 5% in energy mix**
- **Country generates 72 MW from hydropower (Muela) and requires 150 MW in peak periods**
- **Lesotho imports > 70 MW, mainly Mozambique (29% of peak demand) and SA (20%)**
- **2016 Census: 36% h.h. = grid connected (67% in urban; 12% in peri-urban - 21% rural areas - 2% SHS)**
- **Industry biggest electricity consumer (39%) followed by domestic sector (34%)**
- **Huge potential for generation Renewable Energy**



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**Erosion is a natural phenomenon; however  
disproportional erosion is not!**

### **Main Sources of erosion:**

- **Unsustainable agricultural production methods**
- **Overgrazing: too much livestock and also inappropriate grazing patterns?**
- **Mining of woody biomass from erosion-prone hills**

**All threatening **energy** – water – food security nexus**



## Mining of Woody bio-mass





## Erosion is threatening Lesotho's 'Water Tower'

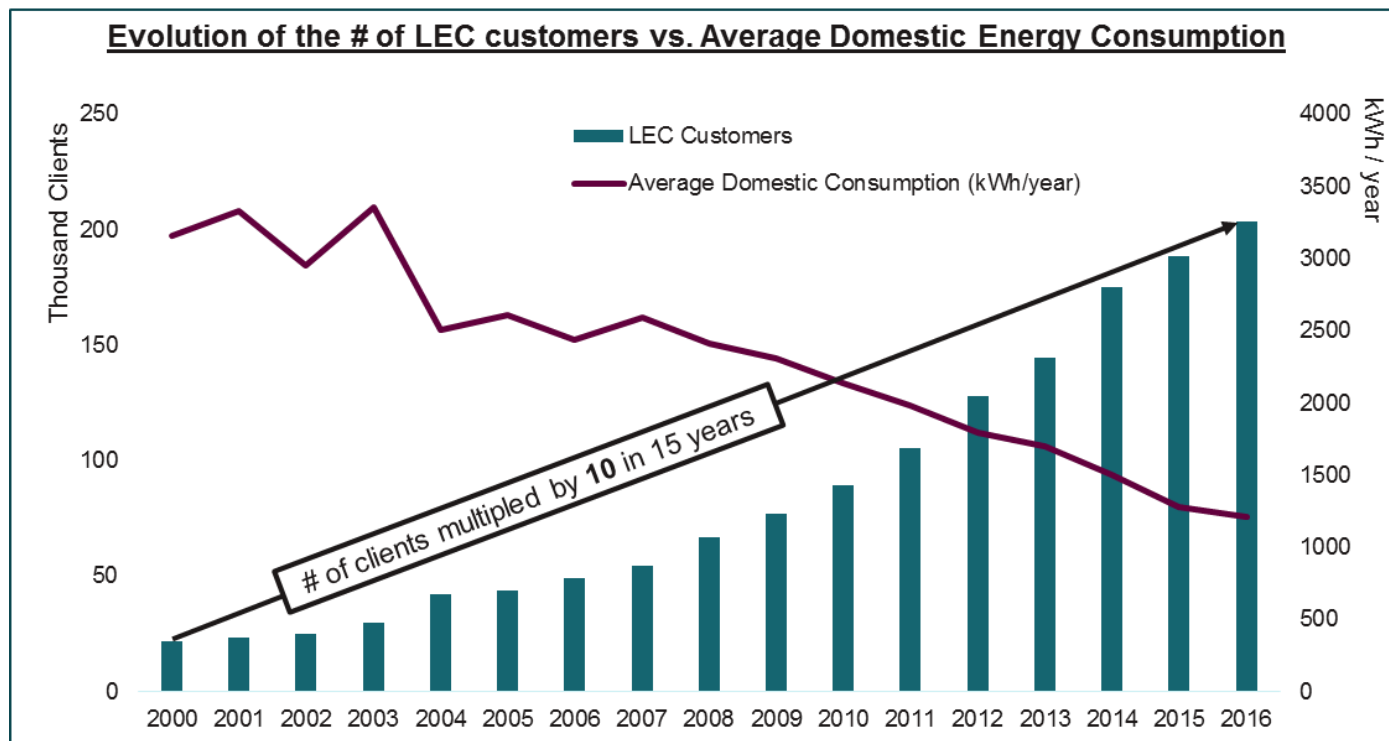
**Countrywide Integrated Catchment Management / Sustainable Land Management approach is the answer:**

- **Improved agricultural production - adding value**
- **Safeguarding Water Tower - maintaining retention capacity of e.g. wetlands (and water quality!)**
- **Securing water needs of LS, SA, NAM and BW**
- **Maintaining potential for **hydro power** - mitigating GHG emissions in region**
- **Contributing to energy – water – food security nexus**

**ICM programme - EDF 11 under preparation**



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## Future in Lesotho will be Off-Grid Electrification:

### Energy access based on off-grid solutions presents several advantages:

- Off-grid solutions request smaller investment: with less money reaching more;
- More donor interest and Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) to develop country's economy;
- Reducing new Grid Extensions has positive impact on sustainability of whole energy sector.

### Lesotho:

- Huge potential for off-grid energy solutions in Lesotho;
- By 2030 market size for off-grid will be around 1,65 M people (or 70% of population);
- Topography of country and scattered population result in need to adopt different technologies for different areas of country.



## EDF 11 Call for Proposals Energy

Energy efficient household devices, distribution, after-sales structures and Mini-grids for exploring economic growth potential in rural areas

- **Global objective** of call for proposals is enabling conditions for full scale access in rural areas to basic energy options
- Enabling conditions for such access in rural areas are reflected in the specific objectives
- The **specific objectives** of this call for proposals are:
  1. Commercialise access to improved energy household devices in pilot areas as improved cooking stoves, Solar Home Systems and other innovative technologies, including **after-sale structures** for such devices;
  2. Show that **mini-grid projects** in rural areas are possible in areas with economic growth potential through e.g. emerging small rural enterprises;
  3. Address **logistical challenges** in developing sustainable energy products and service businesses (delivery models – financing).



## Target groups – Final Beneficiaries and Conditions

### Target groups / final beneficiaries under this call are:

- Rural households and rural small enterprises in need of access to energy, through e.g. mini-grids and a range of renewable energy and energy efficient household appliances

### Solutions offered should be:

- *Where relevant:* be combating erosion and be in support of food security, emphasising response to climate change (energy efficiency, clean energy etc.) and nexus energy-water-food security in Lesotho

### No Market Distortion through Pilot Projects:

- Call is not a subsidy on energy solution / product on offer
- Focus is on 'service' support, investment in infrastructure in its broadest sense; after-sales structures – services centres – credit schemes;
- Create enabling environment for large up-scaling in future – sustainability key



- **Expected Results can be, but not limited to:**

- Increased access to modern energy services in Lesotho;
- Reduction in use of biomass in households;
- More conducive environment for private sector in off-grid energy sector;
- Increased access to innovative financial mechanisms for Renewable Energy;
- Greater awareness and knowledge of RE products and services;
- Improved after-sales service options;
- Sustainable commercial market for RE;
- Reduced household energy costs;
- Improved access to education, health services;
- etc.

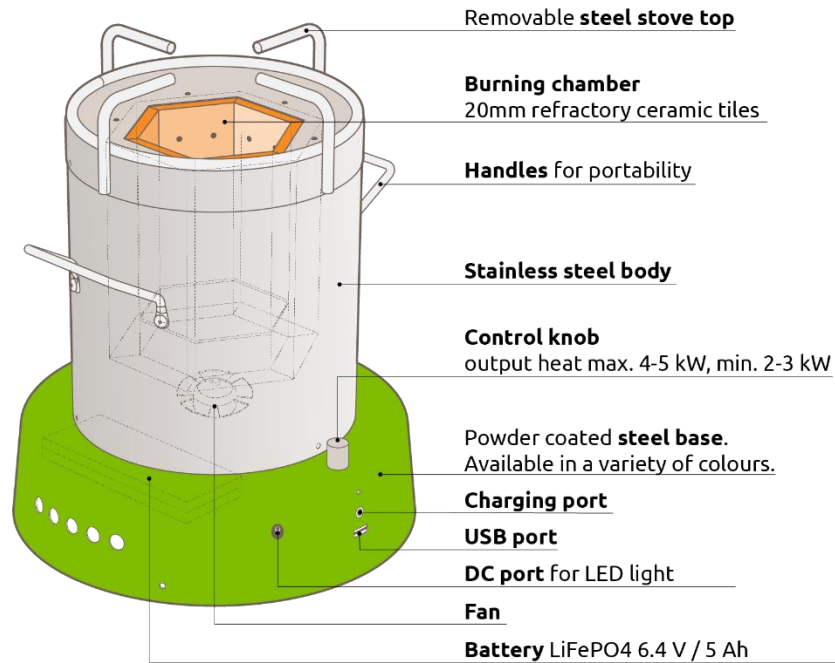
# Improved Woodstoves – Solar Lights Lesotho



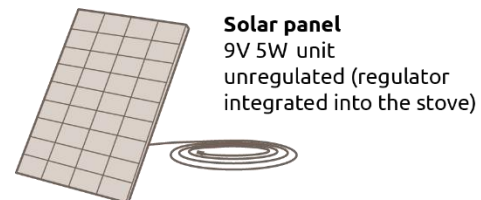
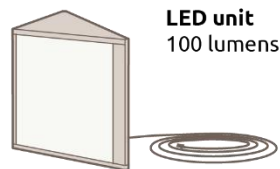
## Efficient Fuel Wood Stoves



# Improved Woodstoves – ACE Lesotho



## OPTIONAL





# Solar Home Systems – MOSCET Lesotho



## 3kW Hybrid Solar Power System at Education Resource Centre



# Energy Hubs – Solar Turtle



**Ultra secure solar kiosk for community electrification with special focus on schools – community centres**





# Energy Hubs – Solar Kiosk

## **SOLARKIOSK E-HUBB:**

- Designed to adapt to energy demands of community;
- At night, E-HUBB is powered by energy stored in its battery pack, ensuring continuous operation;
- E-HUBB unit becomes social and economic centre of community.





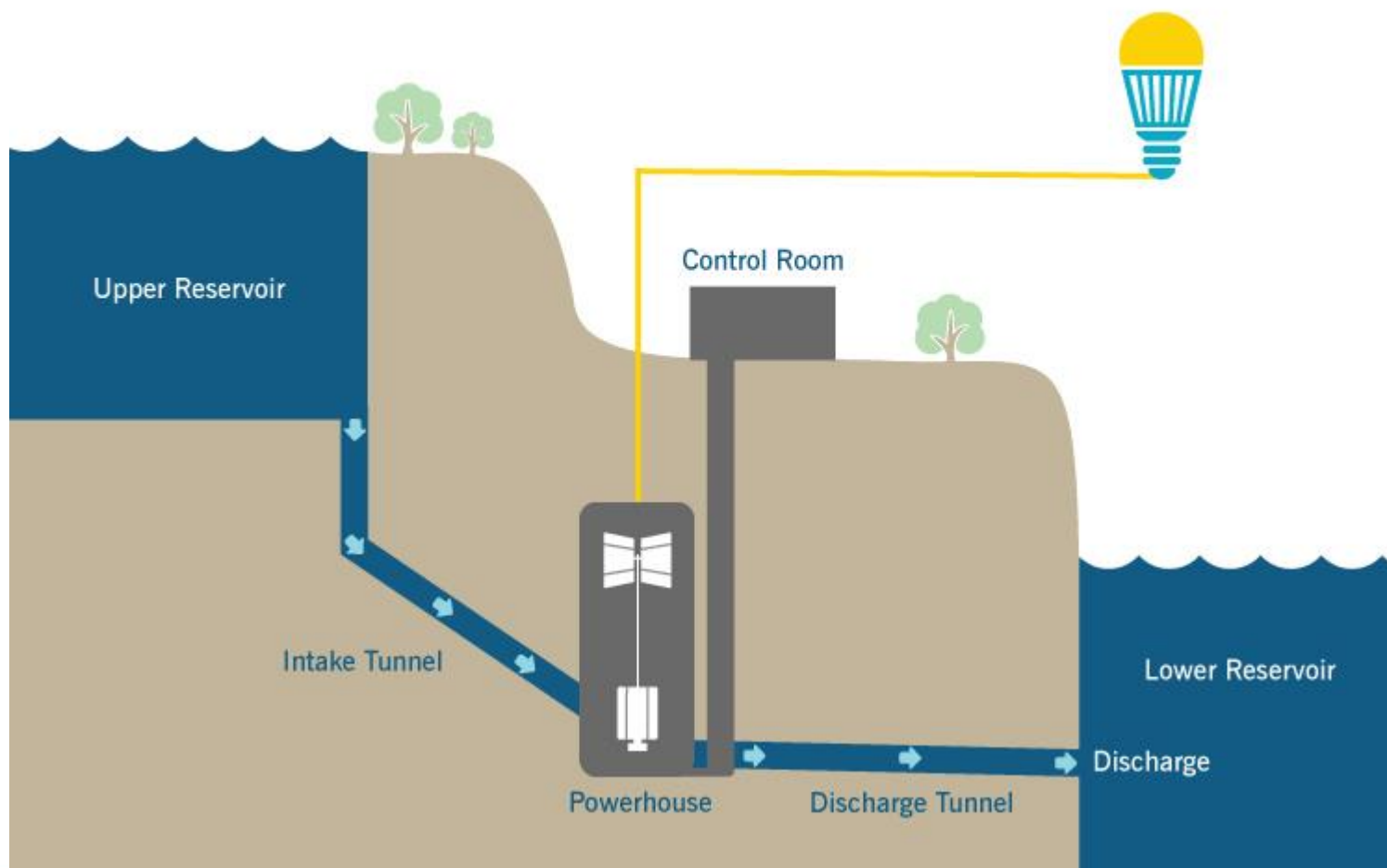
## **Kobong Pumped Storage - Electricity**

- **Lesotho has huge potential wind, hydro, solar energy**
- **On hydro: study for 1,000 MW of climate neutral energy to cover for peak demands in region**
- **Lesotho demand is only 150 MW (of which half imported), demand by 2030 will be 300 MW**
- **Energy for input from e.g. nearby windfarm?**
- **So far South Africa has shown little interest.....**
- **Unless SA buys power project will not be feasible (awaiting future price increases on carbon emission?)**

**Should South Africa / region be more receptive to possibilities of clean Energy from Lesotho?**



## How Do Pumped-Storage Hydro Plants Work?





**Thank you for your Attention!**

**Kea Leboha!**