



**Women and energy project  
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# Description of the project:

The project comes as an intervention to address massive deforestation in the country to provide fuel for a growing population. It is estimated that up to 100,000 Ha of forest cover are lost every year to the production of energy for households. The preparation of this proposal is designed in the pre-existing context where KCCA has developed a Kampala Climate Change Action Strategy that provides a road map on how to make Kampala resilient to the impacts of climate change.

Women play a major role in the energy value chain since they are the end users of its products. In line with the project objectives, the project will empower women through affordable loans and enterprise training to participate in the production and distribution of briquettes and in the distribution of ethanol and the corresponding stoves.

Up to 70% of the project funds will be used as a low cost financing for women. The action will include the following interventions: Expanding the production capacity of briquettes in the city, introduction of ethanol as a fuel for households in the city, introduction of ethanol stoves to city residents, training of women in enterprise management and manufacture of briquettes, availing cheap affordable financing to women to enable them set up distribution networks of the sustainable energy sources and to establish small briquette production units.

# Description of the project contd

KCCA has identified two key partners for the proposed action namely Kakira Sugar Factory because of their existing capacity to manufacture technical ethanol and their planned program to rollout the use of technical ethanol as alternative fuel for cooking to charcoal. KCCA would like to partner with this institution in the distribution of cooking stoves and the technical ethanol through a network of well-organized and closely monitored women groups.

In Addition Centenary Bank has also been identified as a partner because of its vast experience in managing development funds. Centenary bank has been managing a revolving youth fund on behalf of KCCA amounting USD 95,000 since 2012. Over the last five years, USD 6,322,728 has been disbursed to 8,397 youths at an interest rate of 10% per annum compared to the average 28% per annum being charged by commercial banks.

# Description of the project contd

- The objectives of this action are intended to achieve the following: replacement of charcoal and fuel wood by briquettes and ethanol, manufacture and standardization of the raw material to be used in briquettes manufacture, provision of affordable credit to participating women entrepreneur, building of women capacity to operate viable enterprises, improved incomes of poor households, regulation and control of the distribution of charcoal and fuel wood in the city, contribution to the solid waste management, contribution to the reduction of deforestation, contribution to environment management and mitigation of the impacts of climate change.

# Description of the project contd

The objectives defined in this action are in line with the guidelines of the call which emphasizes building of capacity of women to participate in a sustainable energy sector through the creation of job opportunities. Sustainable energy is a potential growth area and KCCA will develop enterprise models that promote inclusive participation of women in sustainable energy value chains based on the success achieved by its programs that support enterprises involved manufacture of alternative energy products.