# STATUS OF RURAL ELECTRIFICATION SITUATION IN GHANA

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## Rural Electrification Background

1. National Electrification Scheme (NES) policy to extend the reach of reliable electricity supply to all parts of the country over a 30-year period from 1990 to 2020 launched in 1989.

#### **NES** objectives:

- ✓ Increasing socio-economic development, create wealth & alleviate poverty, especially in the rural areas.
- ✓ Improve standard of living, especially in the rural areas.
- ✓ Trigger evolution of small-to-medium scale industries in rural areas.
- ✓ Create job opportunities in rural areas to curb rural-urban migration.
- 2. Rural Electrification Master Plan developed on Rural Electrification Using Renewable Energy Resources in Ghana (2005)

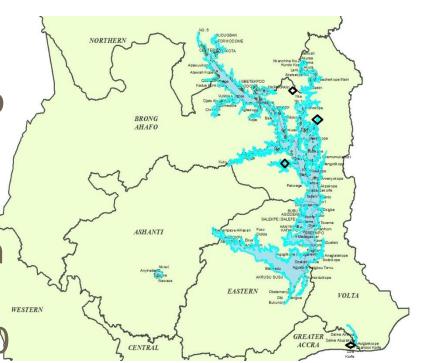
#### 3. Strategy

- ✓ Grid Extension
- ✓ Off-grid RE Initiative (Stand Alone RE & Mini-grids)
- ✓ Self-help Electrification (SHEP 1, 2,3 & 4)
- ✓ Increasing generation capacity inclusive of utility-scale RE initiatives

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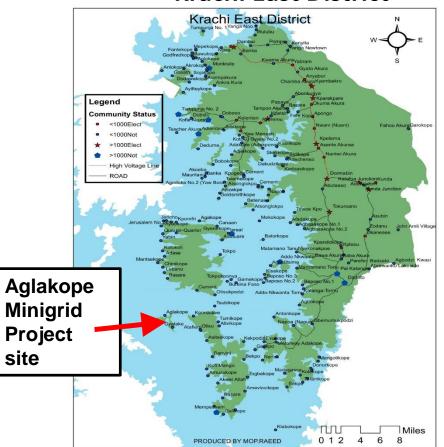
Over 200 islands and more than 2000 communities in 23 districts along the Volta lake not likely be hooked to the national grid by 2020.

and therefore require decentralized electrification options to achieve the goal of universal access by 2020



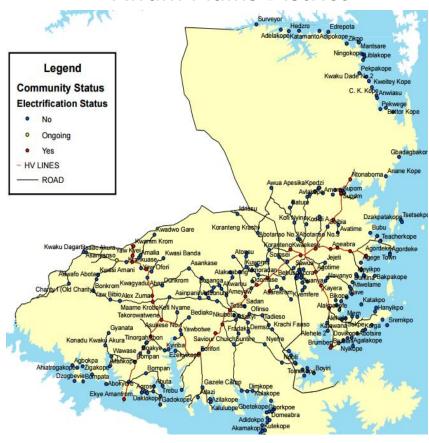
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#### **Krachi East District**



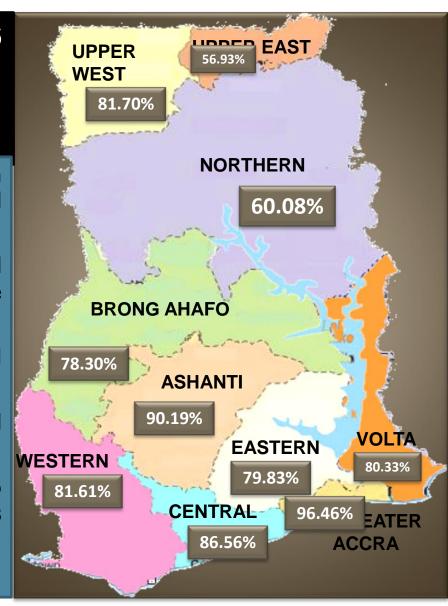
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#### **Afram Plains District**



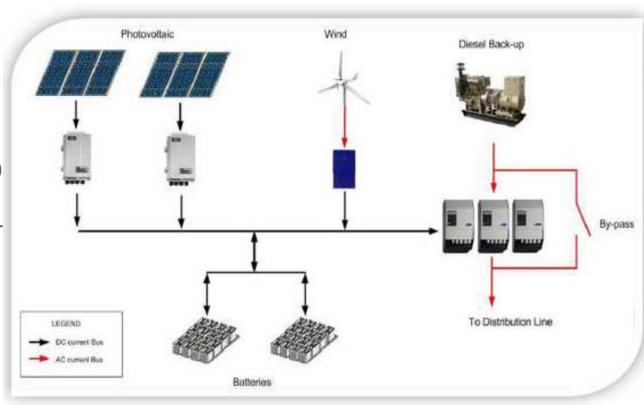
## **Status of Electrification**

- ✓ National access rate in June 2016 is 82.34% (23% at start of NES in 1990)
- ✓ Rural access stands at 42%
- ✓ Over 2,700 solar systems installed in clinics and basic schools in remote off-grid communities.
- ✓ A total 70,000 solar lanterns distributed with 70% subsidy to replace kerosene lanterns.
- √ Five (5) RE-based mini-grids installed and energised at the cost of US\$2.5m
- √ 38MW (grid and off-grid) RE installed capacity realized
- ✓ GIS-based planning system developed to accelerate attainment of universal access target by 2020



## Pilot Mini – Grid Electrification Project

- Solar PV array
  - 25-54KWp
- Wind Generator
  - 2x5.5KWp
- Battery
  - 2Vx3,500/4,200 Ah
- Diesel/biofuel backup generator
  - 30KVA
- Invertor
  - 6x48KVA





## Investments and Way Forward

- Achieve Universal Access by 2020.
- \$230m Ghana SREP Investment Plan
  - 4 projects under SREP

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- 55 Mini-Grid & 38,000 SHS
- 15 000 Net-metering

<b>Potential Projects</b>	Capacity (MW)/Units	
✓ Technical Assistance		
✓ 20-30MW ut	✓ 20-30MW utility scale Solar/wind Project	
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Utility-scale wind

150-300

>100,000

**Status** 

3 projects realized.

Nearly 15,000 SHS installed Action plan in place with timelines

Utility-scale solar 100-250 22.5MW developed Small-Medium HP 150-300 Feasibility studies completed for 108MW Biomass & W2E 100 Biomass resource assessment underway **RE-Mini-grids** 60 5 mini-grids developed Solar lantern 2 million units 68,000 units distributed Off-grid RE 40,000 units

## Investments and Way Forward

- SECO Expressed Support installation of 3 Additional mini grids
- USAID Support Mini-grid electrification of Afram Plains District
- General Electric (GE) Mini-grid electrification in the PRU District

#### **Financing Plans**

Public Private Partnership Arrangements

Multilateral & Bilateral Sources from Development Partners

Public Sector – Budgets & Concessional Loan Facilities

National Electrification Levy (electricity consumers)

Renewable Energy Fund

Internally Generated Funds