

Africa Mini-grid Developers Association

Overview, Financing & Policy Recommendation

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Utility Realities in Africa

- Sub-Saharan governments contribute less than 25% of their power sector spending – **the rest is donor subsidies**
- As of 2016, only 2 countries in Africa fully recovering their operational and capital costs
- As of 2016, 19 countries in Africa are able to cover operation costs. Only 4 were also covering half or more of capital costs
- These gaps prevent power sectors from delivering reliable electricity, let alone expand supply adequately

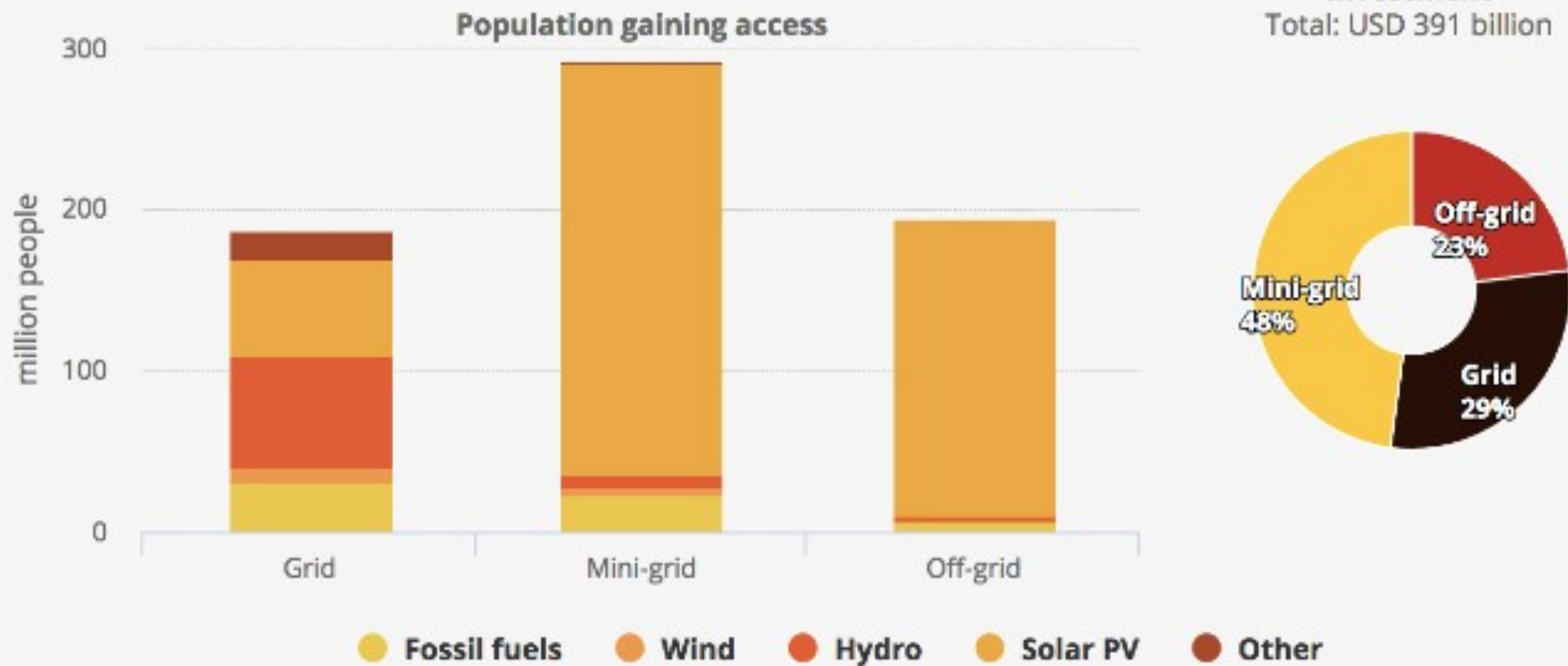
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Mini-Grid Pipeline Potential in Africa

Providing electricity to all by 2030



Energy Access Outlook 2017, IEA

Scaled Deployment of MG's Across Africa (Main-Grid Parity)

IMPACT

Project Level
Concessional Debt

Fast Approval Process in
all AMDA Countries &
Framework for Profitable
MG's

Transparency on
Performance and
Challenges - Improved
Decision Making Process

OUTCOMES

Scaled up MG
Deployment

Adaptation of Policy
Priorities

Sector Information

OUTPUTS

FUNDING

RBF Financing
Private Sector Equity
Development financiers

POLICY

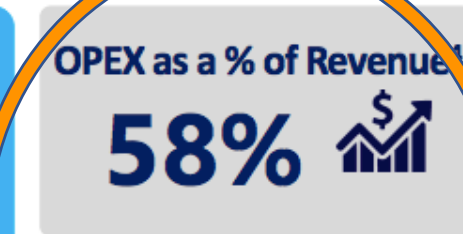
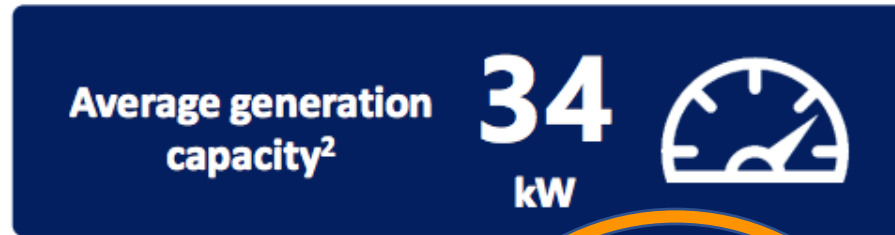
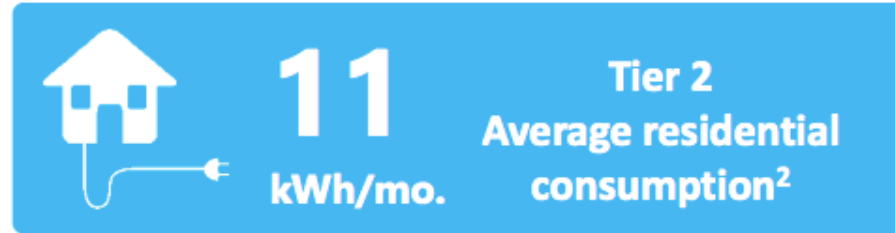
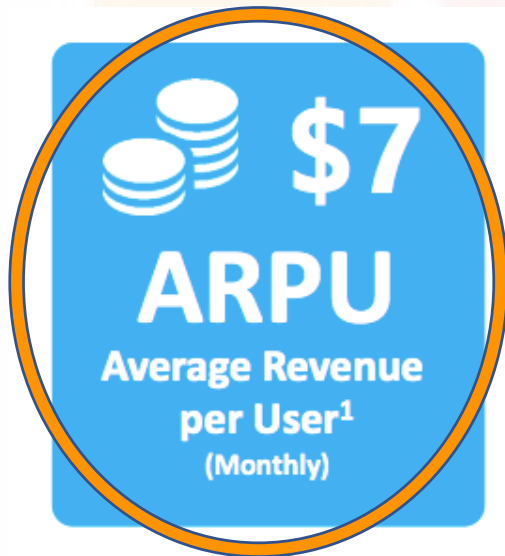
- Policy Makers
- Donor community
- Other Stakeholders

DATA

Revenue
Connections Power
Cost

AMDA
INPUTS

Summer 2018 IFC Global Mini-Grid Data



- Average revenue per user is only \$84 – this is why utilities have avoided rural areas to date.
- Promoting local socio-economic growth requires more OPEX, and higher quality service than utilities provide.

¹ Includes the sole Hydro DESCO in the sample (\$7 ARPU and \$920 AIPU)

² Excludes the sole Hydro DESCO in the sample, which is an outlier for average residential consumption and generation capacity

³ Excludes 2 Outliers

(one hydro DESCO & one PV with higher connections)

⁴ Only 13 respondents

Project-level public support for mini-grids in rural TZ and KE (2011-PRESENT)

Donor Support	ACP	EEP	UNCDF	Undisclosed	Equity	TOTAL CAPEX
Amount Provided to date	\$ 350,000	\$925,000	\$124,000.00	\$40,000	\$7,760,000	\$9,200,000

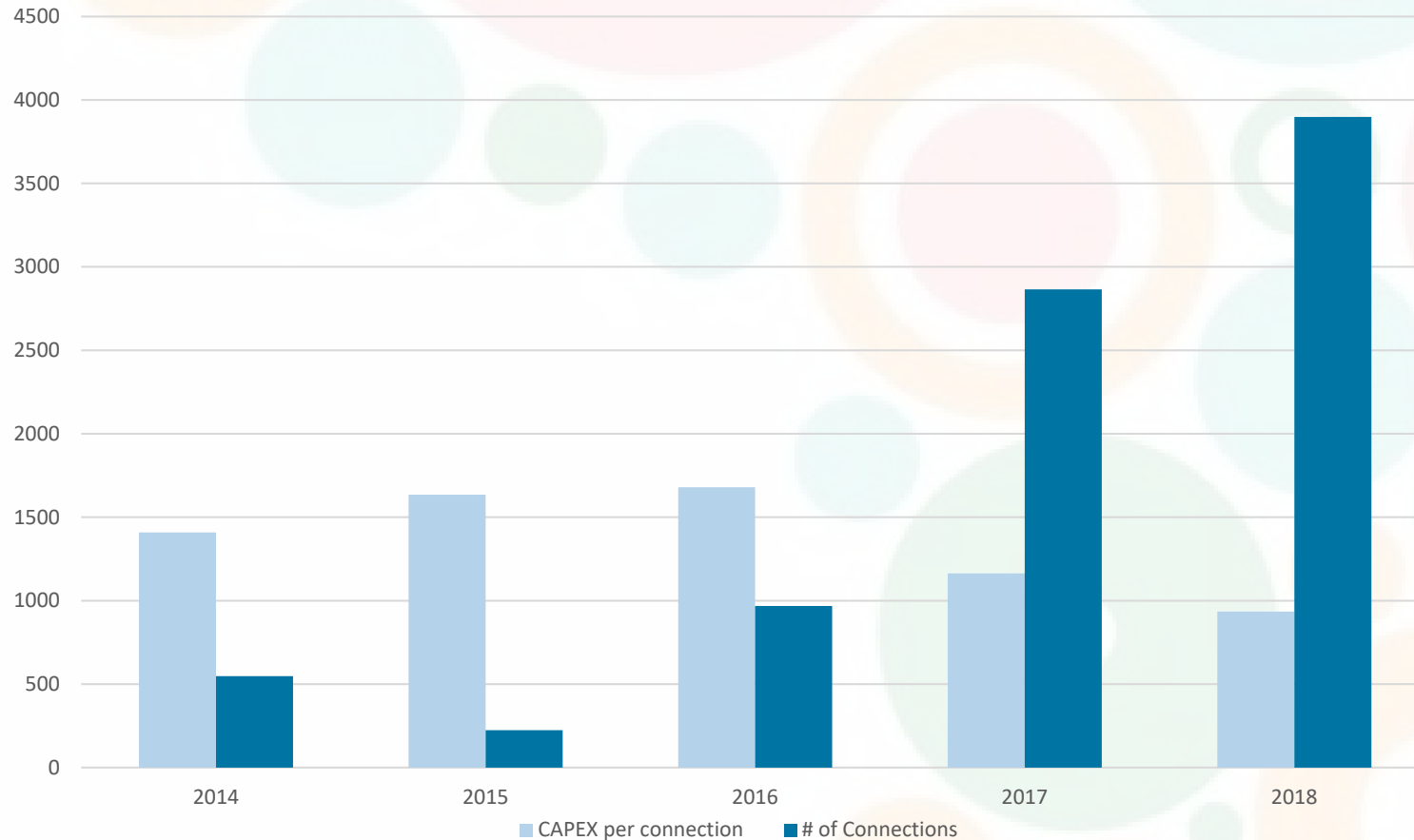
This represents only **14% of total project-level funding** for mini-grids in two of the most well understood and donor supported markets in Africa

*Total CAPEX costs are for Solar PV & Bio Gas only

** Includes Project data for Engie, PowerGen, Ensol, SteamaCo, RVE.Sol, Jumeme, Rafiki Power (excludes Powerhive)



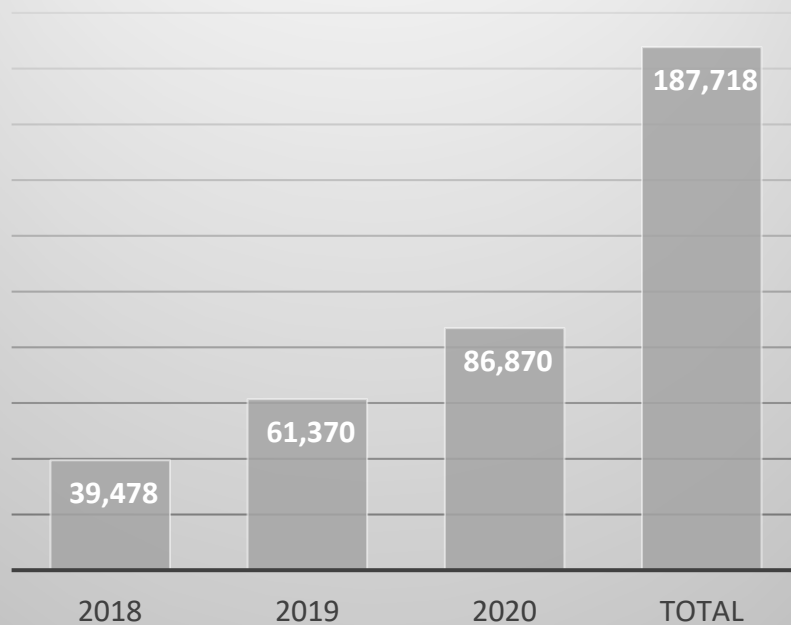
Minigrid costs are reducing as the sector scales



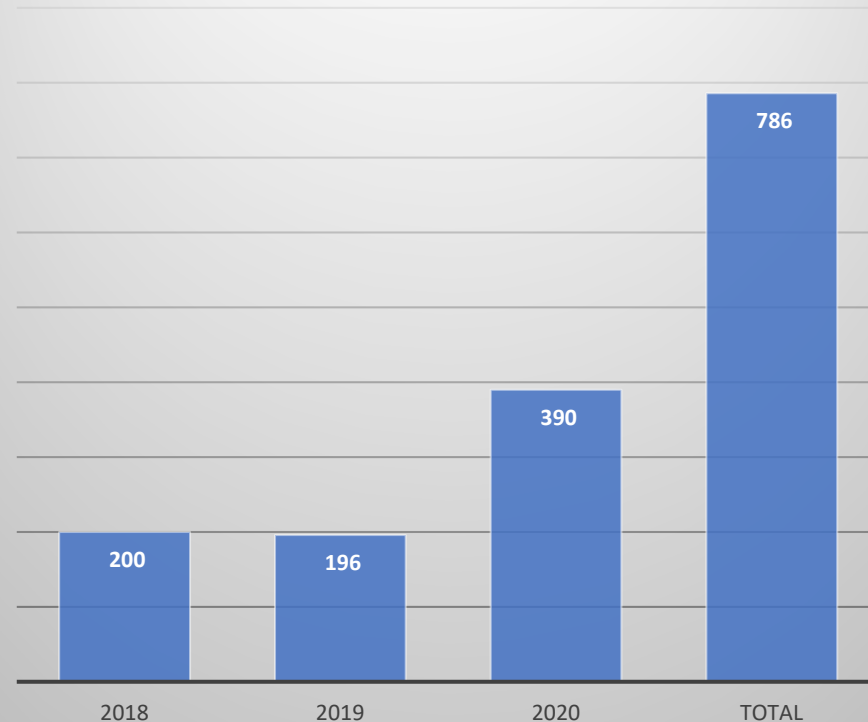
- Significant cost reduction as # of connections increase
- 2017 – Cost per Connection \$1163
- **2018 – Cost per Connection \$934**
- **2020 – Estimated Cost per connection – \$600-\$700**

Kenya and Tanzania - AMDA Pipeline

Estimated Number of Connections



Number of Sites under development



If finance for AMDA's existing pipeline comes through, we are on track to connect **1,000,000 people** by the end of 2020.

REA in Tanzania currently connects **50,000 people per annum (150,000 out to 2020)**.

KENYA & TANZANIA Financing Gap

