

Renewable Energy: Powering Equality for a Green Recovery

Why Cambodia

- The agriculture sector is highly vulnerable to climate change due to its dependence on a rain fed system.
- Time spent on unpaid care and domestic work has increased since COVID-19, while willingness to invest in renewable energy equipment has decreased as communities save cash for essential needs.
- While renewables-powered technologies can greatly benefit women farmers, families may struggle to afford them.
- Gender norms limit women's ability to grow their network, give them less access to information and new technology and promotes male bias in decision-making.



39%
of all women
are employed
in this sector to
sustain their
livelihoods.



EmPowered Solutions

- The inclusion of renewable energy and women economic empowerment in 2 provincial investment plans allows access to more funding for women-led renewable energy entrepreneurship programmes.
- Women are given the opportunity to access to solar technologies and run businesses selling energy efficient and renewable energy products and services.
- Women entrepreneurs are trained on financial literacy, business development, and renewable energy for the of use solar energy involving different types of livelihoods.
- A dedicated credit line with a nationalized bank can provide affordable financing to women entrepreneurs for setting up renewable energy-based microenterprises.

Progress in Numbers

- 75 women have been trained to run renewable energy-based enterprises.
- Approximately USD 120,000 of funding is available from the EmPower Fund for women to use in their renewable energy-based enterprises.

USD 60,000

generated as co-funding from sources other than EmPower for implementing renewable energy and women entrepreneurship projects.