

# Renewable Energy: Powering Equality for a Green Recovery



## Why Viet Nam

- Women farmers, especially those from marginalized groups, miss out on the benefits of renewable energy technologies because their voice in decision-making is limited.
- Most jobs related to science, technology, engineering and math are traditionally seen as suitable only for men so women are significantly underrepresented.
- Renewable energy is not being maximized for creating livelihoods and developing enterprises due to the lack of awareness on how it can be applied for this purpose.
- Time spent on unpaid care and domestic work has increased significantly since COVID-19, while overall sales of renewable energy products have decreased as communities save cash for essential needs.



**87%**  
of rural women  
reported less  
income since  
COVID-19.



## EmPowered Solutions

- By creating a special category in the Vietnam Women's Union Start-up Programme, renewable energy is promoted as a tool for women's entrepreneurship.
- Women's groups and women entrepreneurs including those from ethnic minorities gained access to renewable energy and were trained to use them for different types of livelihoods.
- Providing guidance to local institutions including women's organizations enabled them to scale up their implementation of women-led renewable energy programmes.
- A dedicated revolving fund with the Vietnam Women's Union and other financing institution has been created to support renewable energy enterprises of women entrepreneurs.

## Progress in Numbers

- 15 women-led enterprises are being supported to use renewable energy and will have access to funding from EmPower.
- 400 women are being trained on enhancing climate resilient livelihood activities through renewable energy.
- Approximately USD 100,000 can be accessed by women entrepreneurs for their renewable energy-based enterprises.

## Over 100 women

are engaged in harnessing solar energy for drying a variety of products such as noodles, mushrooms, and bamboo.