

The ACP-EU Energy Facility

"I am proud to be part of my community's change from harmful ways of light and cooking to sustainable ones".

Hamilton Macheso, a micro-solar dealer, explains his experience of the EU-funded Msamala project.



EU Partners

EU partners in the Msamala Sustainable Energy Project include:

- Concern Universal
- Balaka District Assembly

Facts & Figures

- The Msamala Sustainable Energy Project has a budget of €2,400,000
- The implementation period runs over five years 2008–2012
- The project has 180,000 beneficiaries.



**EU Delegation to
the Republic of
Malawi**

What is the ACP-EU energy facility?

- Energy is critical for almost all human activity and **access to modern energy services** is a prerequisite for poverty alleviation and social and economic development. Nearly two billion people in developing countries lack access to reliable and modern energy services of a high quality.
- Recognising the importance of improving access for the poor, the European Union (EU) and its Member States launched the EU energy initiative for poverty eradication and sustainable development at the World Summit on Sustainable Development in Johannesburg in 2002.
- On 24 June 2005 the **ACP-EU Council** approved the creation of an Energy Facility with a total fund amount of €220 million. The Energy Facility will increase access to modern energy services for people in Africa, the Caribbean and the Pacific (ACP).
- The ACP-EU Energy Facility is a funding mechanism that will make it possible to use the leverage effect of development aid resources to attract funding from other sources.
- On 4 November 2009, the EU announced the launch of a **second phase** of the ACP-EU Energy Facility under the 10th European Development Fund (EDF) for the period 2009–2013. Following a first successful implementation phase, the EU and the ACP Group of States agreed to set aside €200 million to continue activities to improve access to sustainable and affordable energy services for the poor while contributing to the fight against climate change by focusing on renewable energy solutions and energy efficiency measures.

The ACP-EU energy facility in Malawi

- In Malawi, a proposal was approved and a grant contract signed on 20 December 2008 with Concern Universal for the project **Msamala Sustainable Energy**.
- The project's objective is to contribute to the eradication of extreme poverty and hunger of poor rural people in Malawi's Balaka district.

MDG 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger
MDG 7: Ensure environmental sustainability

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The Msamala Sustainable Energy Project

What are we aiming to achieve?

The Msamala Sustainable Energy project:

- Aims to improve sustainable access to and use of **fuel wood energy** for 61 per cent of the population of the Traditional Authority Msamala, as well as solar lightning impacting on about 5,000 students and 50 teachers.
- Targets rural poor subsistence-farming households in 321 communities in Msamala with a total population of roughly 180,000.
- Has a budget of €2,400,000.

Activities

The activities of the Msamala Sustainable Energy project include the following:

- Increased community and district-government capacity to manage energy resource, with at least one active natural resource management committee per village-development committee,
- Increased adoption of energy-efficient technologies by households and community institutions,
- Increased variety of sustainable and economically viable businesses, and increased number of business men and women accessing loans from financial institutions, and
- Increased collaboration between institutions and communities on energy issues, with 90 per cent of primary schools having environmental clubs, health centres with multipurpose woodlots and a district-level civil society network established.

The project's conclusion date is 19 December 2012.



“All members of our stove-production group are subsistence farmers that had to supplement income with petty trading such as selling firewood and charcoal before. We were damaging our own village. Now we only make energy-saving stoves and sale for supplemental income. Although I have sold cotton at a loss this year, I have made MK 7,500 in 3 months from stoves. It is a much better bussiness”.

Effnesi Galeta from Manjanja Village Sub TA Chanthunya is a member of the Umodzi Stove Production Group, which is part of the EU-funded the Msamala project.