

Project Developer
Songa Energy

Songa Energy develops run-of-river hydropower projects in Burundi, focusing primarily on 1-10 MW grid-connected hydropower plants and large mini-grids.



Total Project Budget
EUR 3 761 640

EEP Africa Financing
EUR 500 000

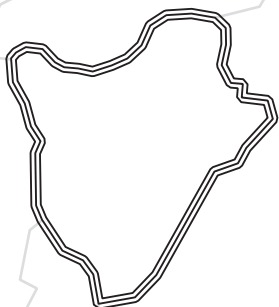
Type
Pilot project
Mini-grid connected

Project Code
BUR14243



Sector
Hydropower

Location
Burundi



RUN-OF-RIVER HYDROPOWER IN RURAL BURUNDI

This project will support the construction of the first independent power producer (IPP) hydropower plant in Burundi. The 1.1 MW run-of-the-river grid-connected plant will be built on the Ruvyironza River in the centre of an unelectrified part of Gitega Province. The project is being developed in close collaboration with the national energy utility, government officials at all levels, and the local communities. This is the first of several hydropower projects that Songa Energy intends to implement in Burundi. EEP Africa financing will help de-risk the overall investment and support the development of a connected mini-grid to electrify local communities.



Outcome and Impact

The project will create over 100 jobs and bring electricity to more than 20,000 rural residents in south-central Burundi. The hydropower plant will produce 6.5 GWh of renewable electricity annually, which will mitigate 3,200 tons of CO_{2e} emissions. By providing power to the local area through a connected mini-grid, as well as to the national grid, the project will significantly improve economic development and productivity in the region.

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