

Modern Cooking Facility for Africa

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Background

- The **Modern Cooking Facility for Africa (MCFA)** was launched in November 2021
- EUR 31.9 million initial funding from **Sweden; European Union** has joined the Zambia country programme with EUR 12.5 million
- **Nefco manages the programme** but will outsource specific functions (technical assistance and results verification) to qualified service providers
- Programme website: www.moderncooking.africa

Overview

- The Modern Cooking Facility for Africa (MCFA) **accelerates access to modern cooking solutions** to end-customers in the project countries
- **Project countries in Sub-Saharan Africa:** Democratic Republic of the Congo, Kenya, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe
- MCFA incentivises private companies (cooking service providers) for the provision of clean cooking services provided with **higher tier 4-5 cookstoves and tier 3+ gasifier stoves** and associated with sustainable fuels: electricity, biogas, bioethanol, pellets/briquettes, solar thermal
- **Contributes e.g. to SDG 7 – affordable and clean energy**
- Significant positive impacts on climate, biodiversity, gender equality and health
- Notable carbon finance opportunities through technical assistance

First MCFA Call for Proposals (MCFA1)

- 30.8 MEUR of financial incentives available to cooking service providers, 30% can be disbursed upfront as non-reimbursable catalytic grant, rest as pure RBF
- Special incentives for PAYGO operations, stove use monitoring and integrated tool and fuel model
- 2-stage process: **Pre-Qualification stage** launched on 20 April 2022. **Final Application stage** launched on 19 September 2022 and completed in February 2023. Highest-ranking applications undergoing Due Diligence at the moment.
- **Second Call for Proposals (MCFA2)** is expected to be launched in the autumn 2023

Available funding under country programmes

COUNTRY PROGRAMME	AVAILABLE FUNDING (EUR MILLION)	INDICATIVE INDIVIDUAL CONTRACT SIZE (EUR MILLION)	NUMBER OF EXPECTED CONTRACTS
DRC	3.4	0.7-2.0	2-3
Kenya	3.4	0.7-2.0	2-3
Mozambique	3.4	0.7-2.0	2-3
Tanzania	3.4	0.7-2.0	2-3
Zambia	13.8	0.7-3.0	4-6
Zimbabwe	3.4	0.7-2.0	2-3
TOTAL	EUR 30.8 MILLION		

Eligible technologies and fuels in the first Call

	ELIGIBLE	NON-ELIGIBLE
STOVE TECHNOLOGIES	Tier 4-5: Electric Bioethanol Biogas Solar thermal / photovoltaic Tier 3+: Gasifier	Tier 1-2: Improved Cookstoves (ICS)
FUELS	Green electricity Grid electricity Bioethanol Sustainable biogas Bio-LPG Sustainable briquettes or pellets	Charcoal Traditional biomass LPG, other fossil fuels New generation capacity based on fossil fuels

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