# INTEGRATING GENDER CONSIDERATION INTO ENERGY INTERVENTIONS IN AFGHANISTAN

## AFGHANISTAN ENERGY STUDY

# OUTLINE OF THE REPORT

- Afghanistan socioeconomic, gender and energy sector overview

- Overview of energy-gender linkages (direct linkages such as time savings, health hazards, women's empowerment, and indirect linkages such as gender-based violence, literacy, etc.).

- Integrating gender aspects in to energy sector interventions to improve project results

| Grid electrification in rural Afghanistan | Off-grid electrification in rural Afghanistan | Energy efficiency | Energy pricing policies |
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| • Financing mechanisms<br>• Income-generating opportunities<br>• Bill collection process<br>• Resettlement and compensation<br>• Gender-based violence | • Business models<br>• Operation and maintenance strategies<br>• Employment opportunities<br>• Awareness and information campaigns | • Financing mechanisms<br>• Institutional capacity<br>• Consumer behavioural change | • Delivery mechanisms<br>• Awareness and information campaigns<br>• Alternative payment methods (PAYG, remote payment) |

# ENERGY EFFICIENCY

- **Energy efficiency initiatives aim to:**
  - Reduce high initial cost of energy efficiency interventions
  - Improve institutional capacity regarding energy efficiency interventions
  - Drive behavioural change

- **Gender aspects should be included** into financing mechanisms, awareness campaigns (demonstrating cost savings and co-benefits), consumer behavioural change initiatives, and institutional capacity

- **To finalize this section, any information on the following aspects is welcome:**
  - Energy efficiency issues/challenges in Afghanistan
  - Energy efficiency data in Afghanistan (e.g. initial cost, technologies available, etc.)
  - Institutional capacity (e.g. policies, departments, etc.)
  - Past, current or planned energy efficiency interventions in Afghanistan (including financing mechanisms, awareness campaigns, etc.)