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National Energy Access Policies and Plans: Government-Led Efforts



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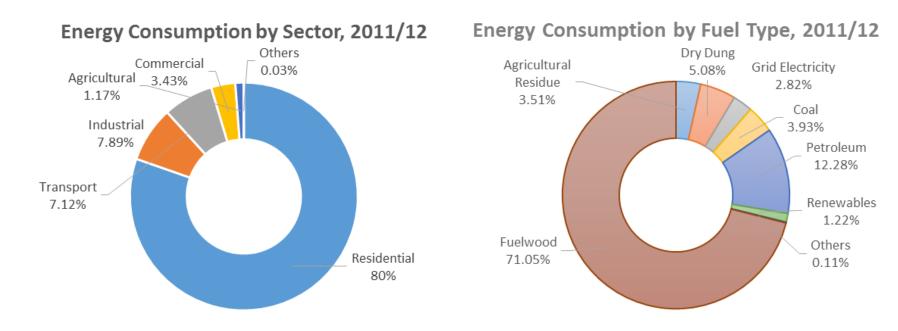
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Country Background

- Population ~ 28.5 million (81% in rural areas)
- Total households ~ 5.66 million

Energy situation

Total consumption ~ 376.3 million GJ



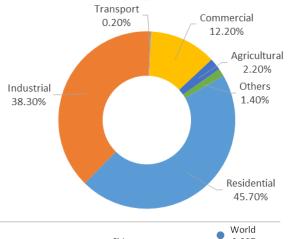
Source: Energy Data Sheet. WECS, 2014

Electrification Status

Source	Capacity (MW)
Small, medium and large hydro	762.03
Mini/micro/pico hydro	37.78
Thermal plants	53
Solar PV systems	7.45
Total	860.26

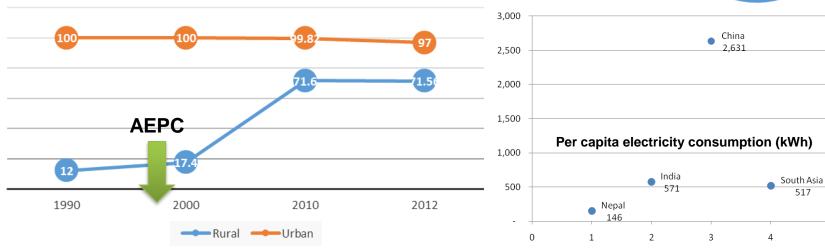
76.3% of population have access to electricity - unreliable





2,807

Access to electricity, historical trend



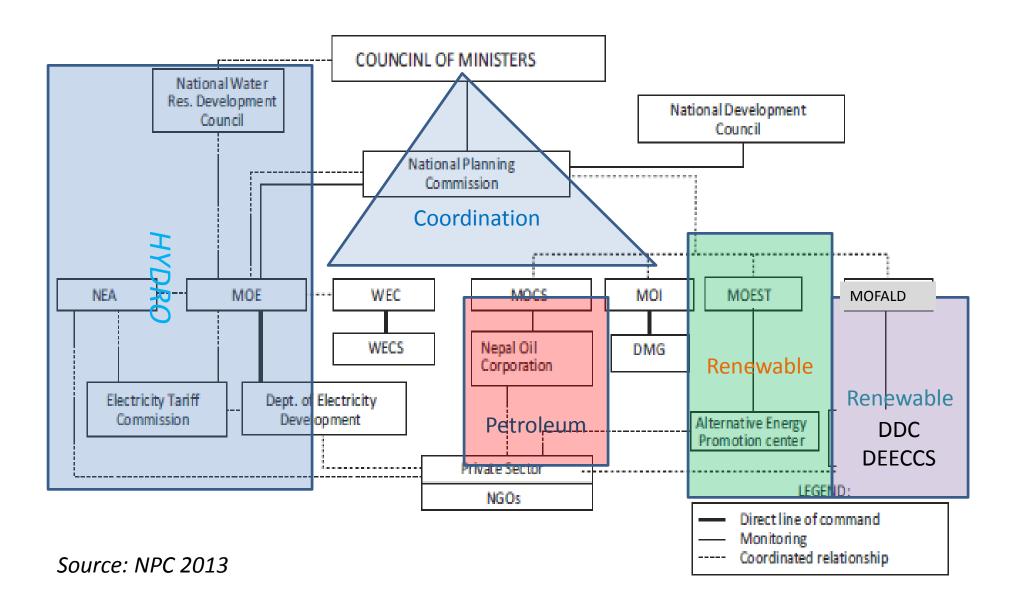
Government Priorities on RE

- "Clean Cooking Solutions for All by 2017 (CCS4ALL)" mission: announced in Jan 2013 & incorporated in 13th plan (2013/14 - 2015/16)
- "Every household in Nepal to be made indoor air pollution free bright household in 3 years (CCLS4ALL)": announced through GoN Policy & Program for FY 2014/15
- High RE targets in 14th Plan (2016/17 2018/19) and in GoN Policy & Program 2016/17 & Budget for FY 2016/17
- RE for addressing power crisis and waste management (W2E)
- Close linkage with GoN goal to graduate from least developed to developing country by 2022

National Energy Targets

- Energy access targets
 - commitment to meeting SDG-7 to provide affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all
 - By 2030,
 - 99% of households with access to electricity
 - Only 10% households using firewood for cooking
 - Generation of at least 10,000 MW electricity
 - Decreasing energy intensity of GDP by 0.8% per annum
- Renewable energy targets
 - RE for combating energy crisis (urban solar, solar street lighting)
 - Clean cooking and lighting solutions to all by 2017
 - By 2020,
 - Increase share of renewable energy from lowly less than 1% to 10% of total energy supply
 - Increase access to electricity from alternative energy sources from 10% to 30%
 - Invest USD 1,076 million (government revenue, support from development partners, loan financing from financial institutions and private equity) in renewable energy

Energy Sector Institutional Overview

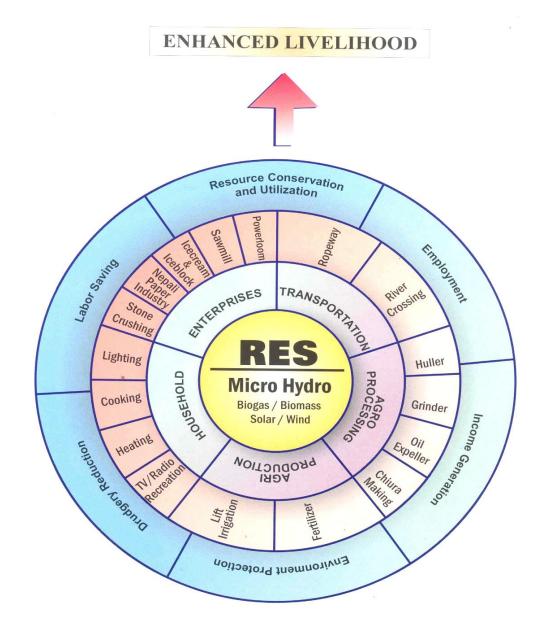


Alternative Energy Promotion Centre

- **AEPC** established in November 3, 1996
- National Executing Agency Renewable energy programmes and projects.
- Government Institution under Ministry of Population and Environment - semi autonomous status.
- Mandate: policy and plan formulation, resource mobilisation, technical support, M & E, quality assurance and coordination in promotion of RETs.
- **Objective**: Improving people's livelihoods and protecting environment through RET promotion

Institutional and Policy Frameworks

RE Vision



Working Principle

Strategy

- Development of larger hydro
 - Grid extension
 - Private sector involvement
- Promotion of RETs
 - Grid connection
 - Scaling up of technology
 - Sustainability

For

- Energy mix
- Energy security
- Socio-economic growth

Complementarity Approach

Policy Direction for RE Promotion

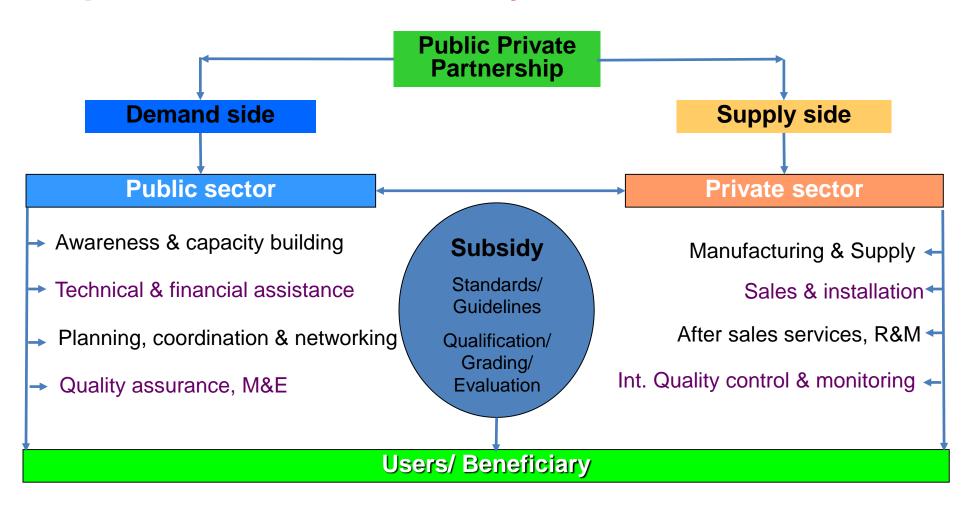
- Financing energy services not only energy products
- Eventually replacing subsidy with credit
- Increase private sector investment
- Bring professionalism into the sector for operating and managing the RE systems
- Up-scaling of technology
- Promotion of 'most economic' Best Available Technology (BAT)
- Improve utilization of RE systems
- Mini-grid and grid connection

Existing and Future Policies in RE

- Rural Energy Policy, 2006
- Renewable Energy Subsidy Policy, 2016
- RE Subsidy Delivery Mechanism, 2017
- Additional Support to Micro Hydro Policy, 2014
- Financial Act, 2015 exemption of VAT & Custom Duty in RE equipments/materials
- RE Act including FIT (in the process)
- Establishment & operation of Central RE Fund
- Concept of Smart City
- Environmental Friendly Local Governance

Institutional and Policy Frameworks

Implementation Modality



Energy Finance for Sustainable Impact

Energy User

- Local Savings Group
- Government Subsidy
- Loan
- Retailer Finance Scheme

Energy Provider

- Concessional Loans
- Market-rate Loans
- Equity
- Result Based Financing/ Business Model Innovation

Financial Institutions

- Grants
- Concessional Loans
- Credit Guarantees

National Government

- Grants & Loans from Development Finance Institutions
- Domestic Taxes

Creating Enablers for Financing Energy Access

Aggregating & Channeling diverse government & donor funds for Renewable

Combining Finance with Market-Building efforts through support in Policy & Planning

A Specific fund to channel
Grants and Loans for
Small-scale renewable energy via
Commercial banks and Microfinance institutions

Providing Finance support for Energy Users through Grants, Loans and Individual contributions

Financing Strategy

Central Renewable Energy Fund (CREF)

Financial Intermediation Lending Policy

Funds provided by Government and Development Partners

Apex Financial Institution

Second-tier Financial Institutions Project Borrowers (Mix of loan and subsidy)

Market-based, demand driven, private sector focused institutional lending

Increased outreach, efficiency and stability of financial systems

Well-defined eligibility criteria

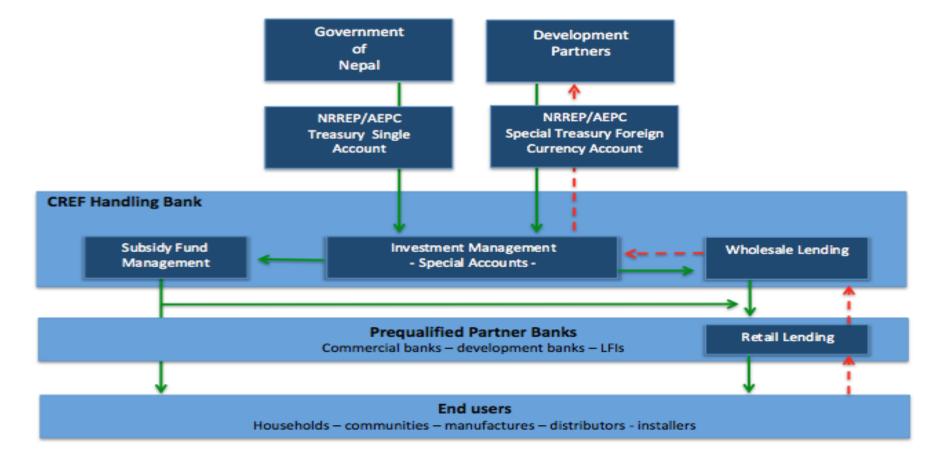
Well-defined risk management systems

Better Policy dialogue

Financing Strategy

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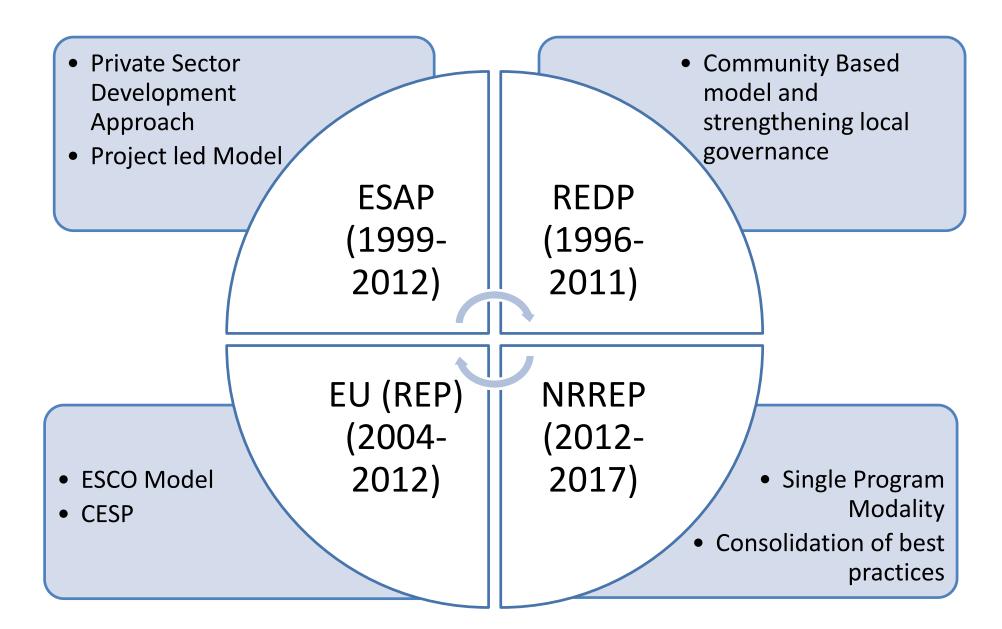
Fund Flow Mechanism



AEPC-LED Initiatives & Leads

- SEforAll Access component led by Ministry of Population and Environment (MoPE) with AEPC with member secretary
- Recommendation for Global Climate Fund accreditation by Government of Nepal
- Promotes Public-Private-Partnership
- Innovative Initiatives
 - Reverse Auctioning,
 - Best Available Technology
 - Incentive to Energy Services

Modality of Major Programs



New Initiative and Approach

- Sector wide approach (swap)
- Single Programme Modality under GoN Leadership
- Starting date: 16 July 2012
- Duration: 5 years
- Budget: USD 171 Million
- Support from multiple DPs
- Three components:
 - i. CREF (subsidy & credit)
 - ii. TS (technical, cross cutting & logistics)
 - iii.PEU

















Achievements in RE sector

In the last 20 Years of AEPC,
Renewable Energy Mix
Growth
1500 %

3.6 Million
Households

8 CDM Projects registered in UNFCCC

USD 1.2 Million CERs Generated

USD 6.7 Million Revenue Generated till date



Thank You!

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