

Siddharth Goel, Senior Policy Advisor, International Institute for Sustainable Development





Recent Publications







4CE OLIMATE







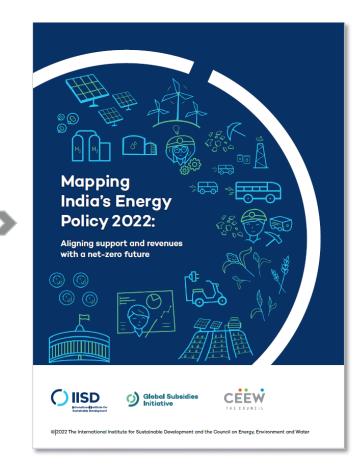




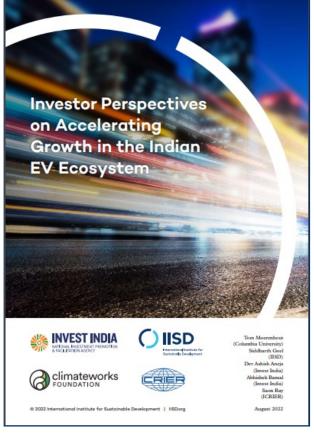


@ 2023 International Institute for Sustainable Development | IISD.org

March 2023



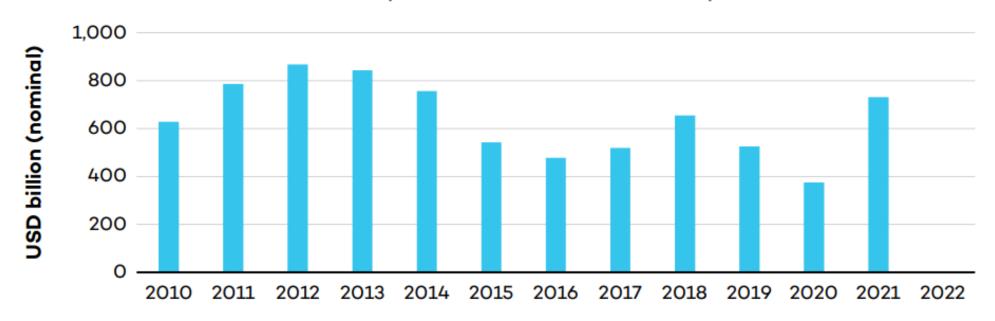






Fossil fuel subsidies misaligned with climate & RE goals

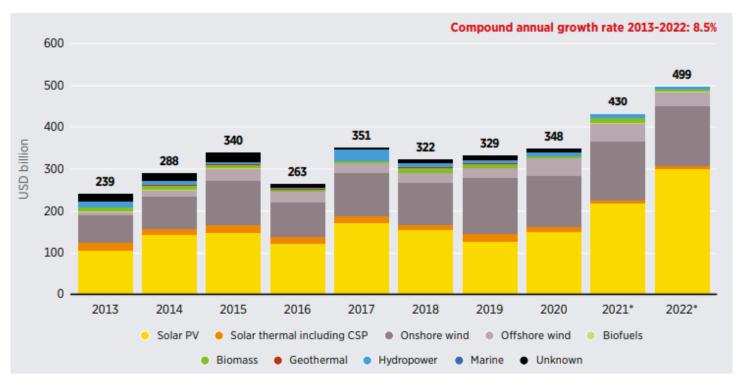
Global fossil fuel subsidy estimates and Brent crude prices (2010-2022)



Source: Fossil Fuel Subsidy Tracker (2022)

• Renewable energy subsidies were significantly lower (USD 167 billion) in 2017 (IRENA, 2022)

Government support can plug clean energy investment gap



Source: Climate Policy Initiative (2022)

• Investment is less than one-third needed each year until 2030 under the IRENA's 1.5°C scenario (IRENA, 2023)



India

Aligning support and revenues with a net-zero future for India

Scope		Support		Revenue	Externalities
	Subsidies	SOE Investments	Lending by PFIs		
What is it?	Government policies that confer a financial benefit on energy producers, consumers, or both	Capital investments in energy by majority government-owned energy sector companies	Lending to energy projects by majority government-owned financial institutions	Tax and non-tax revenue from consumption and production of energy	Costs or benefits that are imposed on others and are not reflected in the prices charged
Fossil vs. clean energy	4X (FY22)	11X (FY 14-20)	3x	-	-
Total value	USD 30 billion (FY22)	USD 20 billion (FY22)	USD 18 billion (FY22)	USD 120 billion (FY22)	USD 200-500 billion (FY22)

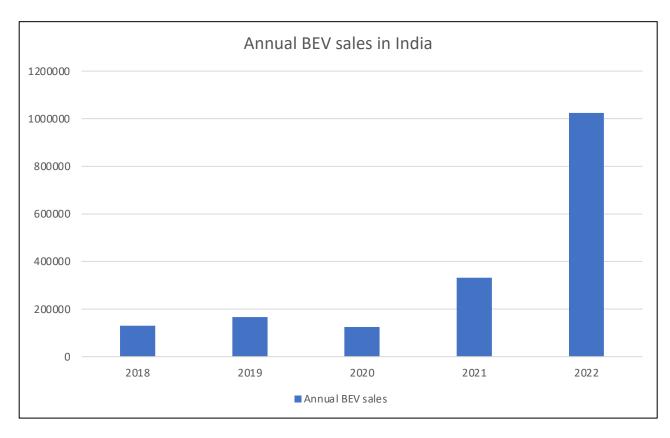
India needs an additional US\$ 300 billion investment to reach its 500 GW renewable energy target by 2030



Consumer incentive policies key in driving EV deployment

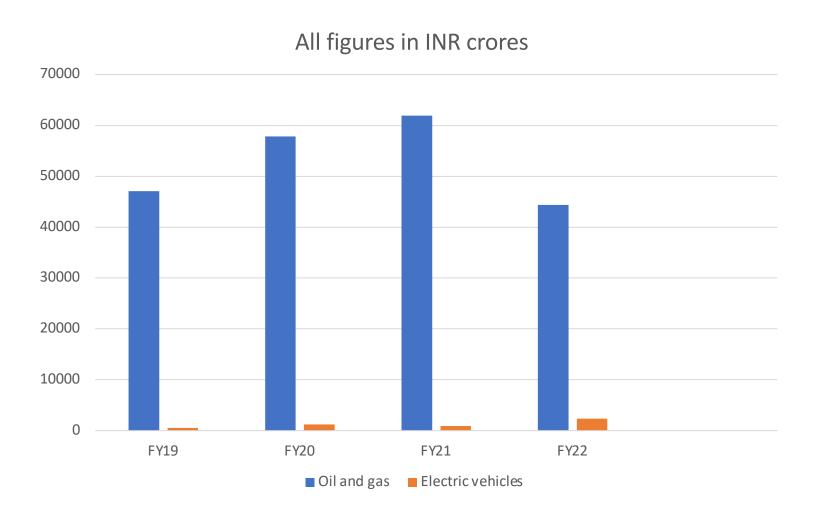
- Purchasing incentives under the FAME-II scheme have been successful in incentivizing demand
- Focused on e-commercial vehicles, 3w, and 2w (which represent 75% of the country's vehicle fleet)
- Helped boost sales in combination with state-level incentives and preferential tax treatment
- Imminent expiry of the scheme in 2024 is concerning to investors, creating regulatory uncertainty

200% growth of annual BEV sales in 2022



Source: Authors based on data from Vahan dashboard

Oil and gas vs electric vehicle subsidies in India



Source: Laan et al., IISD, 2022

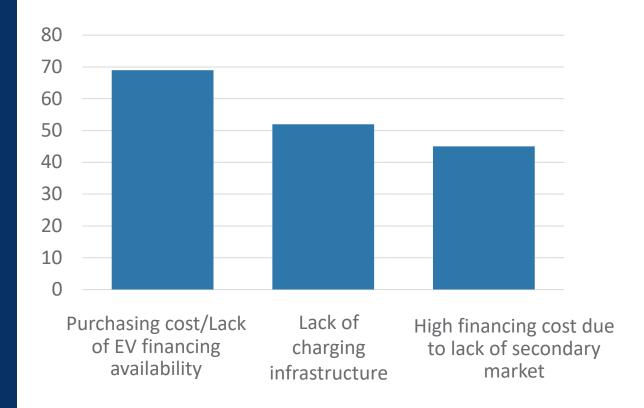
Financing and charging infraremain major barriers

• Investors highlight financing and charging infrastructure as the foremost consumer demand barriers for EV adoption

Role for government support

- 1) Financing Need for loan guarantee mechanisms for banks, role of state-owned banks in promoting lending
- 2) Charging Infrastructure Need for direct govt. subsidies, provision of public lands at concessional rates, strengthening the electricity grid

What are the three most frequently cited consumer demand barriers to upscaling EV investment in India?



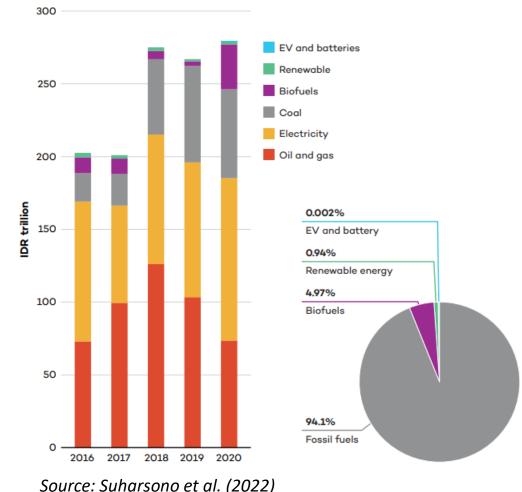
Source: Moerenhout et al. (2022)

Subsidies PSUs PFIs Revenues Externalities

Indonesia

Aligning support with Indonesia's climate commitments

- Renewable energy received less than 1% of all support provided to the energy sector over the past 6 years
- Need for increased government support to achieve Indonesia's target of a 23% renewable mix by 2025 and 31% by 2050 (Indonesia National Energy General Plan {RUEN})
- USD 37 billion in cumulative investment is required to meet Indonesia's renewable energy targets by 2025 (Pribadi, 2019)



Indonesia

Reform of fossil fuel subsidies could supplement JET-P resources

- Need to mobilize domestic capital in addition to global commitments to meet the country's investment requirements
- Fossil fuel subsidy reform and strategic taxation could raise up to IDR 166 trillion (USD 11.5 billion) annually which can support clean energy investments (Sumarno and Sanchez (2021))
- FFSR savings could be used to support investments in smart grids, incentivizing an energy efficiency market and financing energy access initiatives
- SOEs can be important change agents PT PLN, PT Pertamina and other energy SOEs can diversify their business models



Policy Recommendations

1. Increased transparency and impact evaluation of energy support measures



- a) Governments should adhere to their reporting requirements on fossil fuel subsidies under SDG indicator 12.c.1
- b) Removal of vague language such as "inefficient" subsidies in international agreements

2. Shift support from fossil fuels towards clean energy in a socially responsible manner



- a) Ensure that FF subsidies are reformed in a gradual manner while protecting socially vulnerable groups
- b) Accelerate support measures for clean energy to align with climate and clean energy targets

3. Use government support strategically to accelerate clean energy deployment



- a) Fiscal and non-fiscal support measures should focus on lowering prices of emerging tech (battery storage, green hydrogen).
- b) Support should also aim to accelerate the maturity of key technologies (solar PV, wind, EVs) and create ecoystems of change

