



Pillar 3: Sustainable Energy

Access to basic, clean and modern energy is critical to sustainable, equitable development. Therefore, under our 2017-20 strategy, United Purpose will work to:

1. Increase access to modern energy services

Our initiatives will contribute towards the Sustainable Energy for All agenda, and in particular, increasing access to modern energy services. UP will build our position as a leading implementer by continuing to develop innovative projects that meet the needs of the communities we work with and serve. While our primary focus will be at the household level, we will also work to improve energy access at institutions (school and health centres) and for productive uses. United Purpose will continue to advocate for energy access for those trapped in energy poverty. Recognising the inherent link between energy supply and access, we will address the driving causes of deforestation to ensure that there is continuous, sustainable supply of biomass. Participatory forest management will be promoted to ensure forest areas are protected and equitably accessed by their users.

2. Enhance markets for sustainable energy

UP believes that rural value chains are fundamental for economic development. We will therefore design interventions that are income-generating and support broader market development. To kick-start commercial energy markets that create strong links between local

production and consumers, we will continue our incorporation of energy into the National Social Support Programme, by scaling up our successful pilots of mainstreaming stoves into the Social Cash Transfer and Public Works programmes. This will create demand for energy products, while also increasing the number of promoters on the ground, building stronger energy value chains.

3. Develop innovative carbon finance models

Addressing energy access requires innovative solutions, particularly with regard to financing. United Purpose will therefore develop our own carbon finance and reinvestment models, which we will make available to other organisations in Malawi. Revenues generated will be reinvested back to increasing rural energy access and ensuring water point functionality. Our Sustainable Energy Management Unit (SEMU) will act as a focal point for UP's energy work globally and will identify strategic partnerships to maximise our impact.

Some of our achievements over the last five years:

- National Cookstove Steering Committee Secretariat
- 110,000 cleaner cookstoves in households
- 10,000 solar lamps in use by households
- 254,511 carbon credits generated