

ENHANCING ENERGY POSITIVE PRACTICES FOR RESILIENT ECOSYSTEMS AND SUSTAINABLE LIVELIHOODS

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📍 Mt Elgon Landscape, Districts of Kween, Mbale and Bukwo, **Uganda**

Estimated budget : 3,7M €

Sectors : Biomass energy, forestry & agriculture



Context

The Mt. Elgon ecosystem is a critical transboundary landscape spanning Eastern Uganda and Western Kenya, supporting over 4 million people. Designated as a UNESCO Man and Biosphere Reserve and Important Bird Area (IBA), it serves as a major water catchment for Lakes Victoria, Turkana and Kyoga. However, over 94% of households depend on biomass energy for cooking, driving severe deforestation, land degradation and biodiversity loss. The reliance on fuelwood extracted from the National Park generates conflicts with wildlife authorities, reduced school enrolment (especially for girls), food insecurity, health risks from smoke, and child labour in charcoal production. The dominant three-stone cooking method is highly inefficient, compounding the pressure on forest resources.



Objectives

- To provide accessible and affordable access to efficient sources of energy
- To promote improved access and adoption of alternative sources of energy to reduce dependence and reliance on biomass energy
- To influence and strengthen policies, legislation, and institutional capacity to promote sustainable production and utilization of renewable energy



Institutions : Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development (Uganda), District Local Governments (Kween, Mbale, Bukwo), Uganda Wildlife Authority (UWA)

Local actors: 3,000 households (~24,000 people), schools, faith-based institutions, women and youth groups, Community-Based Organizations (CBOs), Benet Lobby Group

Partners : AFD, WWF, IUCN, EF

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