

	health education and research	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	
	Migration @ (methodology for tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Reduction of Inequalities @ (methodology for marker and tagging under development)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Covid-19	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
BUDGET INFORMATION				
12. Amounts concerned	Budget line(s) (article, item): BGUE-B2023-14.020121-C1-INTPA: EUR 10 000 000 Total estimated cost: EUR 50 000 000 ¹ Total amount of EU budget contribution: EUR 10 000 000 The contribution is for an amount of EUR 10 000 000 from the general budget of the European Union for 2023, subject to the availability of appropriations for the respective financial years following the adoption of the relevant annual budget, or as provided for in the system of provisional twelfths.			
MANAGEMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION				
13. Type of financing	This contribution to the Regional Blending Platform shall be implemented in indirect management by the entities indicated in the annex to this Action Document, in accordance with the Regional Blending Platform’s award procedure.			

1.2 Summary of the Action

Despite the enormous potential for the deployment of renewable energy sources in the country and a current generation capacity surplus exceeding 500MW, over 20 million Ugandans (45% of the total population) lack access to clean and affordable energy. The action's specific objective is therefore to contribute to increasing the number of people and businesses using sustainable, clean and affordable energy services in the country, in particular in rural areas with an attention for women. By doing so, the action is expected to enable conditions for sustainable economic growth and employment in Uganda (general objective). Energy is central to both the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and is a prerequisite to the realisation of human rights for all people, including with an impact on the right to education and health. The action will aim to address problems such as the lack of investment in the transmission and distribution network as well as the limited access to finances for deployment of decentralized solutions in a cost-effective manner. To attain the objectives, the action will support a combination of grid extension to rural and peri-urban areas nationwide, last mile connection and provision of off-grid solutions in hard to reach areas, in particular in several islands of the Lake Victoria. The action is expected to provide around 50 000 new connections benefiting around 250 000 people. A thousand (1000) Micro, Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (MSMEs), together with some 110 social institutions such as health centres and schools, are also due to benefit from access to reliable and sustainable electricity. This will improve the lives of the whole population, reaching in particular groups in more vulnerable situations.

By increasing access to energy in rural areas the action is expected to sustain the creation of business opportunities and jobs, increase productivity in key value chain sectors and improve the quality of social services delivery such as health and education. Better access to energy will also contribute to building more resilient communities in rural

¹ Includes an estimated contribution of EUR 40 million from a Lead Finance Institution