



Call for small-scale renewable electricity projects in Mali (restricted to Bougouni, Koulikoro and Sikasso regions), Myanmar and Nepal – DL for concept papers on January 20, 2019

Siemenpuu Foundation and EKOenergy Climate Fund call for project proposals to establish renewable electricity installations aiming at alleviation of energy poverty and social inequality in rural areas in Mali, Myanmar and Nepal. Siemenpuu and EKOenergy are looking for 2-3 projects to be financed in 2019. We are looking for projects in the range of 30.000 to 60.000 euros, lasting maximum for two years.

Specific criteria:

- Renewable electricity projects: Solar and wind installations preferred. Systems using micro or pico hydro are acceptable if there is no negative impact on river ecosystems. Let us know how and how much your project contributes to extra renewable electricity generation.
- Applicant: registered local civil society organisation in Mali, Myanmar or Nepal, with capacity for renewable electricity installations.
- In Mali, the projects can be implemented in Bougouni, Koulikoro or Sikasso regions

Some general requirements for funding support (see more below in the concept paper form):

- Communities are involved in the definition, design and implementation of activities
- Reliable bookkeeping and project auditing according to national laws and given guidelines
- Minimum of 10 % of self-financing (either cash, voluntary work and/or donated goods)

To present your tentative project plan, please fill in the concept paper form available at Siemenpuu's website (<https://www.siemenuu.org/en/news/siemenuu-ekoenergy-re-project-call-2019>) and send it by email to: info (at) siemenuu.org

Deadline for submission of concept papers is 20 January 2019. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to prepare full applications during February-March 2019. Funding decisions will be made in April-May 2019. Funded projects need to follow the financial administration and reporting guidelines of Siemenpuu Foundation.

Siemenpuu - Foundation for Social Movements' Cooperation sr (Siemenpuu Foundation) is a Finland-based registered foundation, founded by 15 Finnish NGOs and foundations working on environment and development issues. Siemenpuu Foundation provides support to environmental work by civil societies in the global South. In its Climate and Energy Justice -funding scheme Siemenpuu promotes socially and ecologically sustainable energy and related advocacy work mainly in Myanmar and the Mekong Region, and few other selected Least Developed Countries (LDCs). Siemenpuu operates mainly with funds from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs. www.siemenpuu.org/en

EKOenergy is a network of environmental not-for-profit organisations promoting sustainable renewable energy. The network manages the EKOenergy label, the only international label for renewable electricity. For each MWh of EKOenergy-certified electricity, at least €0.10 goes to EKOenergy's Climate Fund. www.ekoenergy.org

This is a second joint call by Siemenpuu Foundation and EKOenergy. With the first call, three projects were selected to be funded in 2018, two in Nepal and one in Myanmar.