

Scaling Up Renewable Energy in Low Income Countries (SREP)



Stocktaking Review of SREP Monitoring and Reporting System

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SREP M&R Stocktaking Review

Objective:

The stocktaking exercise was devised to **review the effectiveness, relevance and utility** of the SREP M&R system.

Scope

The review assessed the effectiveness and usefulness of:

- SREP M&R system design and guidance, particularly the suitability of indicators and toolkit and arrangements for data collection and reporting
- SREP M&R system implementation, including the overall reporting process, data collection, pilot country engagement, quality assurance aspects

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Phase 1 Research and analysis

- Review of SREP policies, strategies, and guidance documents
- Review of similar relevant indicators / toolkits (ESMAP/ RISE, SDG7).
- Portfolio analysis of indicators and data collected through the MDB results frameworks

Phase 2 Interviews

- In-depth Interviews with key stakeholders (recipient countries, MDBs focal points, TTLs and donors)

Phase 3 Validation

- Validation workshop in April
- SREP SC meeting June 2018 for approval

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9 Main Findings:

- Greater attention is needed to **capture information at early stages of project implementation**, such as the project progress and results information collected by MDBs.
- **Enabling environment** projects do not fit well in the current set of SREP core and co-benefit indicators as these projects do not expect to provide access to energy.
- Co-Benefit Indicator 1 on **finance leveraged** is essential to understand the level of additional finance.

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9 main findings:

- **Capacity** is a very useful indicator to know the potential energy generation of a project. **Indirect capacity** is well suited for ‘upstream’ renewable energy projects, such as exploratory geothermal or transmission lines for mini-grids. **Direct capacity** is well suited for projects with the direct aim of generating renewable energy.
- Aggregating **energy access data** with the current indicators is challenging because of the different units used (number of people, businesses

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9 main findings:

- Core indicator 2 on energy access is formulated in a way that does not consider **other energy services** supported by SREP, such as improved cookstoves.
- **Distinction between direct and indirect beneficiaries** would be useful to understand the difference between those directly benefitting from energy access or transmission and those indirectly from, for example, enabling environment projects.

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9 main findings:

- **Some requirements** set out in the SREP M&R system are **not fully met** (e.g. the requirement to engage with recipient countries and share results presented in the annual SREP M&R results reports).
- The **gender impact indicator** is required at project/program completion or at mid-term review. Guidance provided in the toolkit under Co-benefit Indicator 2 lacks clarity.

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3 main recommendations:

- 1. Request MDBs to share information** with the CIF Administrative Unit on more granular progress of SREP projects and programs utilizing their already-existing reporting systems and their projects results frameworks to bridge the gap of intermediary results.
- 2. Update SREP core indicators and co-benefit indicators** to better reflect the portfolio and results (overview table in executive summary).
- 3. Further adjustments and clarifications** to the guidance in the SREP M&R toolkit and to the definitions for some of the indicators will enhance the clarity and effectiveness of the system.

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Next steps

- Presentation at the June 2018 SREP Sub-Committee meeting for approval.
- Adjustment of SREP M&R toolkit.
- Use revised M&R system in upcoming reporting exercise starting now - this June.
- Generating much richer results reporting for next TFC meetings in January.

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Thank you!