

Improving Energy Access in Indigenous Communities in Myanmar



Project duration: 11 months

Photo: POINT

In 2025, EKOenergy granted €40,000 to support a project by the NGO POINT (Promotion of Indigenous and Nature Together). The same project also received €20,000 from the Siemepuu Foundation. With this financial help, POINT provided solar panels and solar-powered lighting to Indigenous communities in Myanmar, improving access to reliable electricity in areas where it is often limited or unavailable.

Communities in the Kachin, Gheba, and Danu regions of northern Myanmar were facing numerous challenges due to energy poverty. The lack of reliable access to electricity negatively affected daily life, limiting safety because of poor lighting in homes and public spaces, and increasing vulnerability to crime and violence.

In addition, the absence of energy severely hindered communication, preventing people from accessing essential information, leading to significant isolation. Education was also impacted: schools with inadequate lighting and without digital tools offered fewer learning opportunities for both children and adults.

With EKOenergy's support, new solar-powered systems are addressing these issues through a combination of infrastructure development and community empowerment. Two solar installations were deployed in IDP (Internally Displaced Persons) camps in Kachin State, providing electricity for lighting, fans, and phone charging. In addition, 150 portable solar devices were provided to volunteer teachers and communities in nine Gheba Karen villages, and another 150 devices were supplied to vulnerable households in three Danu communities.

These interventions were complemented by the establishment of local committees responsible for management and maintenance, working closely with trained technicians and POINT to ensure smooth and effective implementation. Thanks to the project, living conditions and educational opportunities improved for over 540 households, benefiting around 7,083 individuals across IDP camps in Kachin, Gheba Karen villages in Karen State, and vulnerable households in Danu communities in Southern Shan State.

Additionally, the project placed strong emphasis on participation: training sessions were conducted, alongside awareness-raising activities about renewable energy and Indigenous rights. Communities actively participated in monitoring and evaluation, strengthening local ownership, while women, who formed the majority of participants, gained greater self-confidence and leadership skills through the training. As a result, this project contributed to the realisation of many Sustainable Development Goals.

We thank our project partners for their dedication and hard work. A special thanks also to all sellers and users of EKOenergy-labelled energy, your support makes impactful projects like this possible.

EKOenergy's Climate Fund



Focus on energy poverty and multiple Sustainable Development Goals



New projects annually in low- and middle-income countries



Projects run and monitored by trusted NGOs



Selected through a transparent process



In 2025, EKOenergy approved grants for 16 new projects



All EKOenergy users contribute 0.10 € / MWh to the Climate Fund

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Energy with the EKOenergy ecolabel fulfils additional [sustainability criteria](#). Through our ecolabel we also raise money for our Climate Fund, which is used to finance [new renewable energy](#) projects in low- and middle-income countries.

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EKOenergy users include large international businesses such as Microsoft, SAP, Pampers, Mercedes-Benz, SCHOTT and the Iliad Group, as well as cities, public organisations and individual households.



Sustainability criteria: additional value for our planet

	EKOenergy	Other renewable energy	Grid mix
Recommended by environmental organisations	✓	?	-
Extra criteria to minimise the impact of energy production on nature. For example, hydropower installations with fish passes and wind turbines outside important bird areas	✓	?	-
Renewable energy tracked by EACs, such as GOs and I-RECs (In line with Greenhouse Gas Protocol Scope 2 Guidance)	✓	✓	-
Contributes to renewable energy projects in developing countries, advancing the realisation of multiple Sustainable Development Goals	✓	-	-
Available and recognised worldwide	✓	-	-
Supports the promotion of a transition to renewable energy worldwide	✓	-	-

Endorsed by global standards

EKOenergy is recommended by many international environmental standards such as CDP, the Greenhouse Gas Protocol, Greenkey for hotels and LEED-certification for buildings.

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"Ecolabels are a way for companies to do more with their purchases. EKOenergy, mentioned by the GHG Protocol Scope 2 Guidance, is such an option: it is a mark of quality which comes on top of tracking certificates."

"EKOenergy represents the best available option for the sustainable and additional consumption of renewable electricity within Europe."

