

Solar energy for Malinese Villages



In 2019, EKOenergy's Climate Fund granted 13,000€ to the Malinese NGO Amapil for the installation of solar PV panels on two maternity wards and 26,000€ to NGO Terre Douce d'Afrique for the installation of PV street lamps. Both these grants to support solar energy in Mali are part of our cooperation with the Siemenpuu Foundation.

Picture: Amapil

EKOenergy's Climate Fund has joined strength with the Siemenpuu Foundation to bring our support directly to local organisations in areas affected by energy poverty. The Siemenpuu Foundation has a longstanding experience with supporting grassroots organisations in developing countries, particularly civil movements and NGOs which promote environmental protection, human rights, social justice, the preservation of biological and cultural diversity and democratisation.

Many Malinese NGOs responded to the joint call for projects announced by EKOenergy and Siemenpuu in 2019, of which two were selected for financing this year.

One of the selected projects, implemented by AMAPIL, involves installing photovoltaic panels on the maternity wards of Tamani Soba and Ourala villages in the rural municipality of Nossombougou, southern Mali. The maternity wards now have water heater kits and electricity connection, as a result of which they can now use solar refrigerators to store vaccines and other medicines. The local committee in charge of the management of the clinics also received training regarding the use and maintenance of the equipment.

The second project is implemented by Terre Douce d'Afrique in the central village of Pimpérna. They installed six photovoltaic street lamps, each equipped with charging points. Thanks to the charging points, the villagers no longer have to travel to another village to recharge their electronic devices, such as mobile phones. The street lights also make the villagers' lives easier, by reducing the risk of stepping on snakes at night for example. The project also involves training and aims at promoting start-ups, especially by women and young people.

The Siemenpuu Foundation carefully monitors the implementation and outcome of the projects. Apart from formal reporting, a regular email exchange was also carried out between them and the local organisations during all stages of the implementation. The involvement of grassroots organizations is key for ensuring the quality and continuity of the projects.

Thanks to the consumers of EKOenergy-labelled energy for joining forces with us and the Siemenpuu Foundation. Together we will keep on contributing to the empowerment of local Malinese organisations and bring solar energy to rural areas suffering circumstantial disadvantage.

Our Climate Fund



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