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GENDER AND SOCIAL INCLUSION IN THE OFF-GRID SECTOR

What measures should we take to support vulnerable population segments are affected by lack of electricity access in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic?





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Webinar Speakers



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Agenda

- Discuss gender and social inclusion issues in off-grid solar (OGS)
- Interrogate gender and social inclusion issues in the context of COVID-19
- Explore how to integrate a gender and social inclusion lens in OGS from the perspectives of different players (government, private sector (solar companies), financiers, NGOs, donors, among others)
- Share selected experiences from the Southern African Region





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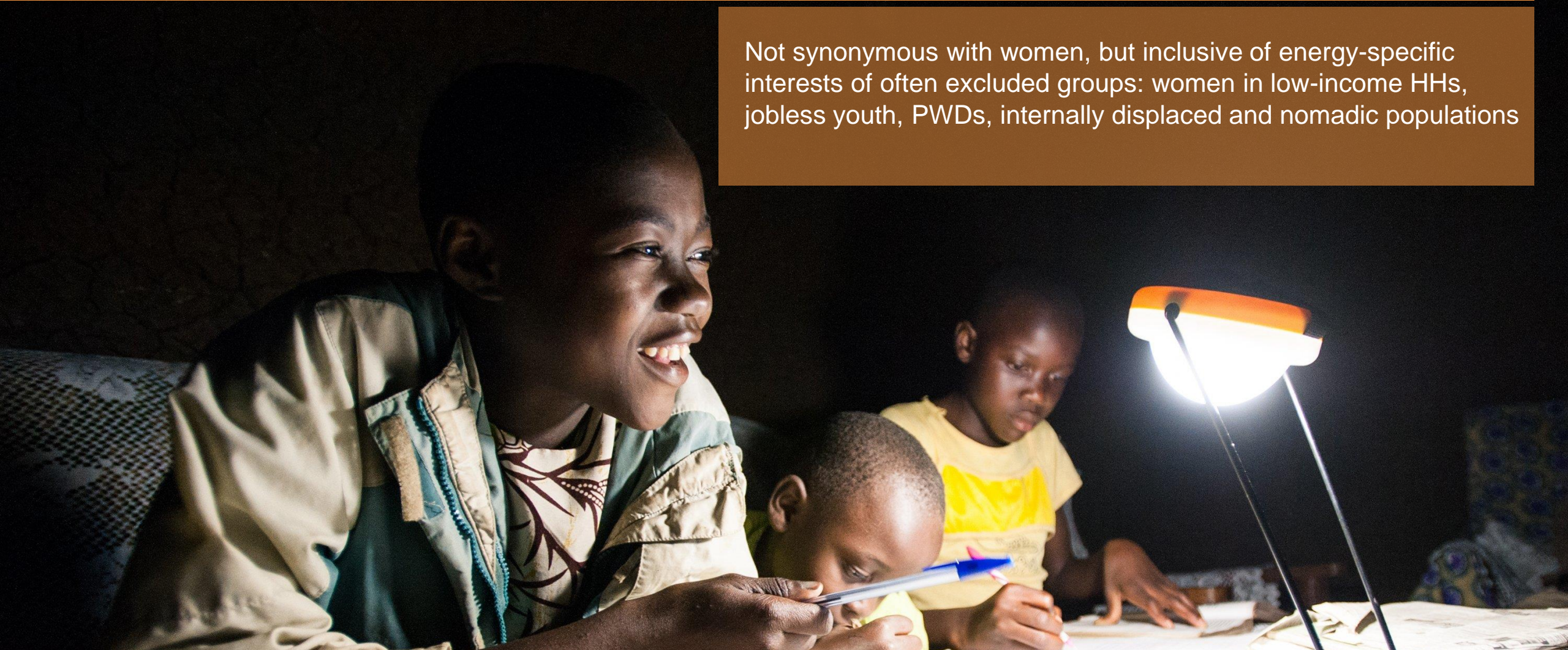


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Our Understanding Of GESI Within ACE Technical Assistance Facility

Not synonymous with women, but inclusive of energy-specific interests of often excluded groups: women in low-income HHs, jobless youth, PWDs, internally displaced and nomadic populations



Gender and Social Inclusion in the ACE – Technical Assistance Facility

Purpose of Webinar – draw attention to the following;

- Myriad of gender and inclusion disparities in energy access – [see GESI Handbook link](#)
- Existence of success stories of 'what's works for GESI in OGS' – [other speakers in this webinar](#)
- Coffey - prioritized GESI in ACE-TAF in all programmatic interventions now taking off in all 14 target countries
- Knowledge management is core to scaling up strategies that work for GESI.
- Series of three webinars (Western, Southern, Eastern Africa) providing a platform for region-specific sharing

COVID-19 impacts on GESI –perspectives on energy

- Health sector: **delays in supplies** negatively impact productivity
- **Reduced family incomes** with the economic meltdown stretching energy affordability
- **Increased demand for energy:** families at home. Appreciating governments' policy not to disconnect utility bills defaulters
- Reduced access to financing & business credit – now more compounded for the vulnerable
- Increased GBV and sexual offences with the 'stay home' restrictions – requiring greater access to uninterrupted energy



Government	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. setting policy agendaII. availing gender-, age-, disability-disaggregated data to other players,III. social protection and energy safety nets to 'leave no one behind' (SDG 7)IV. tariff exemptions?
Private Sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. GESI in the OGS supply chains (manufacturing, distribution, sales, recruitment/pay)II. Innovative financing for vulnerableIII. GESI concerns included in the agenda of solar associationsIV. Pushing for access to OGS products in remote regions
Investors & Donors	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Low-cost loans and conditional grants to support access to OGS in remote regions,II. GESI-TA to companiesIII. Incentives to companies posting positive GESI indicatorsIV. explore partnership with governments on social protection for extremely vulnerable
Non Profits (NGO's, CBO's)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">I. Greater efficiencies in energy access via social protectionII. advocacy on GESI-responsive policiesIII. capacity development for vulnerable groups in solar entrepreneurship



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