







# Call for Application

# Liberia Solar Home System Results-Based Financing (LSHS-RBF) Project

The Rural and Renewable Energy (RREA) with funding from the World Bank under the Liberia Electricity Sector Strengthening and Access Project (LESSAP), and Energizing Development (EnDev) together with BRAC Liberia, with funding from the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs (DGIS), are pleased to announce a Call for Application for the Liberia Solar Home Systems Results-Based Financing (LSHS-RBF) program. The LSHS-RBF aims to provide access to affordable and improved energy services in existing and underserved markets across Liberia through stand-alone SHS.

### **Project Overview:**

The LSHS-RBF is a joint market-based, results-based financing (RBF) project providing incentives for the distribution of solar home systems (SHS) in Liberia. Under the LSHS-RBF, RREA and EnDev through BRAC Liberia will pilot both indirect subsidies (IS) - incentivizing operational costs borne by off-grid companies - and direct subsidies (DS) to reduce endconsumer prices for the most vulnerable households, directly. This joint implementation approach helps overcome the affordability gap, accelerate electricity access for lowincome households, and support the development of the OGS market in Liberia to ensure long-term sustainability.

The call for interested companies starts on 8th December 2023. Applications are assessed on a rolling basis until May 31, 2024. Please note: Funding will be allocated on a firstcome-first-serve basis and therefore early applications are strongly encouraged.

The programme will run from December 2023 until June 2025 for the Direct Subsidy and up until December 2026 for the Indirect Subsidy.

Targeted Beneficiaries and Estimated Impact: The LSHS-RBF program aims to reach vulnerable households in underserved and remote off-grid areas of Liberia. The program is expected to reach up to 37,000 people through Direct Subsidies (DS) (piloting in Gbarpolu and Grand Cape Mount counties) and up to 78,000 people through Indirect Subsidies (IS) throughout Liberia.

### **Eligibility Criteria:**









Organizations seeking participation in the LSHS-RBF must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- 1. **Legal Registration:** Applicants must possess up-to-date registration status with one of the following entities:
  - Liberia Business Registry for Businesses
  - Cooperative Development Agency for Cooperatives.
  - Ministry of Finance and Development Planning for NGOs.
- 2. Bank Account: Applicants must have an active corporate account with any local commercial bank.
- **3. Fiscal Compliance:** Applicants are required to be registered and compliant to the Liberia Revenue Authority (LRA) and the National Social Security and Welfare Corporation (NASSCORP).
- **4. Labor and environmental practices:** Applicants must ensure that they are not and have never been involved in:
  - Production or activities associated with forced labor.
  - Production or activities involving child labor.
  - Cross-border trade in waste and waste products, unless compliant with the Basel Convention and underlying regulations.
- **5. Conflict of Interest:** Applicants must not have direct or co-ownership relationships with employees of BRAC Liberia, GIZ, Energising Development (EnDev), Rural and Renewable Energy Agency (RREA), the World Bank, the Independent Verification Agent (IVA), or any other entities directly associated with the institutions managing the funds.

#### Interested? Find out more and apply:

Interested parties are invited to request for the full LSHS-RBF - Call for Applications (CfA) documents by emailing <a href="mailto:apply.rbf@brac.net">apply.rbf@brac.net</a>.

Late submissions will not be considered. The selection process will involve a thorough review of proposals based on technical merit, financial viability, and the company's capacity to achieve program objectives.