



## emPOWER healthcare in Uganda



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## Saving lives with small scale solar in the Ugandan Albertine Rift.

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**Environmental Alert** in Partnership with **Südwind** is implementing the project Powering Health Centers in Uganda (PHCU) with support from the **Federal Ministry of the Republic of Austria**.

The project is expected to last for 18 months and aims at supporting health centers (HCs) in hard-to-reach areas and refugees' settlements in Uganda – within the Albertine rift – that are faced with energy access limitation, that compromise effective delivery of health services to some of the hardest hit communities by COVID 19. By installing new capacity **the Health Centers will dramatically increase their operations thereby servicing 75 % more patients**. At the same time the project will engage with stakeholders like duty bearers and CSOs on local, national and international level, raise awareness and implement several different trainings.

### About Environmental Alert

For more than 30 years Environmental Alert (EA) has been working to **improve livelihoods in Uganda** through several interventions in sustainable agriculture, environment and natural resources management. Currently EA's operations are in 20 districts across the Uganda. EA undertakes **structured service delivery** mobilizing communities and facilitating development of their skills, approaches and furthermore, this interaction generates experiences, lessons and facts which inform EA's **issue-based advocacy agenda** at the community, local, national and international levels.

In the field of renewable energy Environmental Alert successfully implemented The **Clean Energy Project** (2016-2020) in partnership with World Wide Fund for Nature – Uganda Country Office (WWF-UCO) and other civil society organizations (CSOs) under the **Renewable Energy CSO Network (RECSO)**, a Network hosted at Environmental Alert and private sector to facilitate access to **off-grid Renewable Energy Technologies (RETs) to rural households** in the Albertine Rift region. Under the project, linkages between RET companies and civil society organizations (CSOs) have been created to facilitate last mile delivery of RETs.

## The Health Centres

This project will support four health centers over the project span of 18 months: Two within the first 9 months and two within the second half of the project. The first two identified health centers are:

Name	Location	Main target population
Maisuka Health Centre 3	Subcounty: Bwamiramira District: Kibaale	Ugandan Host Communities
Kasonga Health Center 2	Sub county: Kyangwali District: Kikuube	Refugee Communities
Mahango health centre 3	Mahango sub county Kasese District	Uganda host/hard to reach area
Mpara Health centre 3	Mpara town council Kyegegwa district	Refugee communities

*„When it comes to night hours, we have to work with a torch which puts the life of the patient as well as ours at risk. Firstly, you can't work as fast as emergencies require and secondly you are at risk of pricking yourself with a needle and infecting yourself with HIV and other diseases. Hence, the lack of power can directly lead to the harm of medical personnel and death of patients.*

*Fiona Kyaligonza, Medical Officer at Kasonga HC III*



### Project goal and outcomes

The **projects' overarching goal** is to contribute to the achievement of the Ugandan Strategies on Energy and Health and therefore to the achievement of SDGs 7, 3, 10 and 13. This goal is in line with SE4Alls current initiative which aims to accelerate health facility electrification in Sub-Saharan Africa.

The **expected outcomes** are:

Outcomes (Oc)	Indicators
<b>Oc1</b> Improved access to reliable and sustainable energy and associated health service delivery by health centers in refugee settlements and hard to reach areas in the Albertine Rift	75 % more patients have access to improved health services at the respective HCs
<b>Oc2</b> Vulnerable groups in refugee settlements and hard to reach areas in the Albertine Rift supported to recover from impacts of COVID-19 pandemic impacts through community-based health systems	Number of people reached directly and supported (2000) and indirectly (1200000)

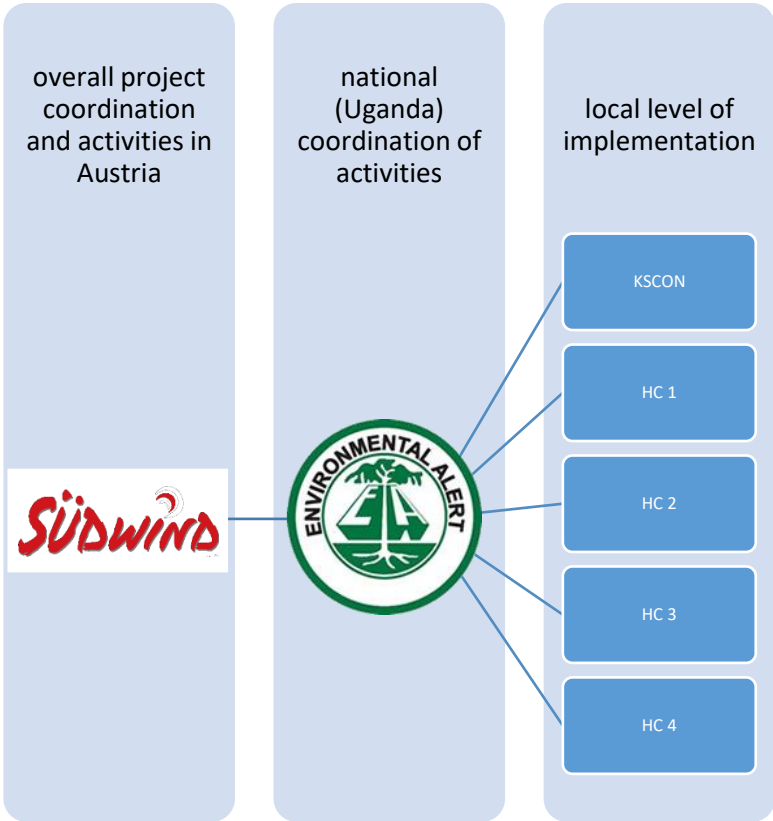
<p><b>Oc3</b> Increased capacities and networks of the Ugandan NGO to advocate for and promote issues of the energy/health nexus</p>	<p>Number of new, direct links to international development and private sector partners established (50).</p>
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### Project consortium

**Südwind:** Overall project leader and coordinator responsible for reporting to the development partner. Furthermore, will lead conceptualization and implementation of engagements at the international levels and also provide required technical backstopping to Environmental Alert.

**Environmental Alert:** Project lead for activities implementation at the national level, but also create linkages and coordination with the local implementing partners. Furthermore, will provide technical support to the local implementing partners. Responsible for consolidation of reports from local implementing partners and subsequent submission to SW for final consolidation before submission to the development partners.

**KCSON:** EA will subcontract KCSON for the conceptualization and implementation of activities at the local level including mobilization and coordination at the local levels. Furthermore, KCSON will prepare and submit related technical and financial reports to EA for consolidation.



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