

MISSION 300

#PoweringAfrica

Connecting
300 Million People
to Electricity by 2030



The Challenge



Reliable, affordable, and sustainable energy is foundational to economic transformation, public service delivery, and job creation. Yet nearly 600 million people in Africa—85% of the world's unelectrified population—still lack electricity, and population growth continues to outpace new connections.

Vision for Impact



Mission 300 aims to connect 300 million people in Africa to electricity by 2030.



About half of households can be connected through expanded power grids, while the rest will gain access through off-grid solutions like mini-grids and solar home systems.



A partnership between the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank, with support from The Rockefeller Foundation, Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet, and Sustainable Energy for All, Mission 300 translates commitments into implementation through national energy compacts, economy-wide reforms, investment programs, technical assistance, and private-sector mobilization.



Mission 300 has been endorsed by 48 countries and the African Union, establishing a continent-wide commitment, with 30 countries launching National Energy Compacts so far.

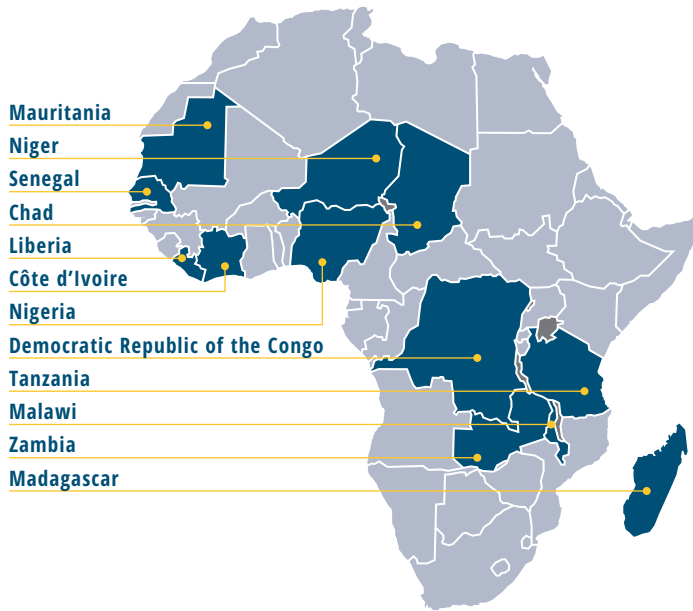


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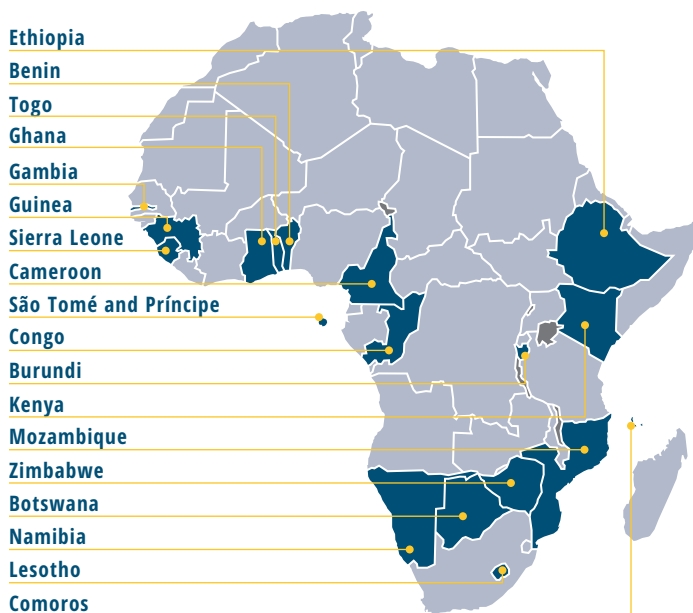
To date, Mission 300 has:

1. Connected **around 44 million people** to electricity, with a pipeline of tens of millions more by the end of 2026.
2. Committed **\$50 billion in development finance**—including large-scale, below-market-rate financing from the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank—reinforced by catalytic capital, guarantees, and mobilized private investment.
3. Advanced new tools to reduce investment risk for the private sector. **Project Zafiri**, the initiative's permanent capital fund, will invest patient equity in decentralized renewable energy (DRE) companies across sub-Saharan Africa. Backed by an initial \$300 million capitalization by 2026 by the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank, Zafiri is expected to scale up to \$1 billion to reach 30 million people over its lifetime. Zafiri's other founding partners include The Rockefeller Foundation, Nordic Development Fund, Trade Development Bank, First Rand Group, ESMAP and MacArthur Foundation.

COMPACT COHORT I



COMPACT COHORT II



To date, Mission 300 has:

- Supported **30 countries** to launch National Energy Compacts that define targets, reforms, and investment priorities to accelerate access to affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy by 2030. **11 additional countries** are expected to present their National Energy Compacts in 2026.
- Established funding for technical support to **14 Compact Delivery and Monitoring Units (CDMUs)** with more to come in countries that signed compacts. CDMUs are teams of experts – often locals – who coordinate implementation, monitor results, and align support to speed up the rate of connections in each country and implement the compacts.
- Supported the launch of the **Mission 300 Fellowship** which enabled the placement of **13 talented, mid-career fellows** to support Mission 300 implementation, including the establishment of CDMUs and strengthening coordination, compact implementation, and progress monitoring where CDMUs are already operational.
- Created the **Mission 300 Expert Roster** to provide on-demand, highly specialized support to CDMUs for energy access reform and delivery.
- Organized the **Mission 300 Donor and Partners Coordination Group (DPCG)**, a collaborative platform convened by the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank to align and coordinate partner contributions in support of Mission 300. The DPCG brings together roughly 35 bilateral and multilateral donors, development finance institutions, philanthropic partners, and technical organizations to ensure resources reach the countries and communities that need them most, mobilizing around **\$7 billion** in commitments from the Asian Infrastructure Bank, the French Development Agency, the Islamic Development Bank, and the OPEC Fund.
- Spurred greater investment across Africa with the \$500 million **DRE Africa Platform** unveiled by Africa50, the Nigeria Sovereign Investment Authority, Sustainable Energy for All, and the International Solar Alliance to finance distributed renewable energy projects across Africa and to catalyze local currency financing.

