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SOGREA Investment Support Window New Mini-Grid Development Sites Announcement

The Sierra Leone Off grid Renewable Energy Acceleration (SOGREA) initiative funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by UNOPS with its host entity, Sustainable Energy for All (SEForALL), in partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone, is pleased to announce that a list of [324 potential green mini-grid \(GMG\) sites](#), with complete geo-spatial attributes generated through the Sierra Leone National Online Digital Electrification (NODE) platform is now available for use by eligible mini-grid developers participating under the SOGREA Investment Support Window for New Green Mini-Grids.

This publication forms part of the Government of Sierra Leone's commitment to accelerate rural electrification through private-sector led deployment of new Green Mini-Grids (GMGs). The SOGREA directly supports the Government of Sierra Leone's Medium-Term National Development Plan for 2024 - 2030 and contributes to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The initiative provides investment support incentives to unlock private sector financing towards achieving universal energy access by 2040 as set out in the Energy Transition and Green Growth Plan for Sierra Leone

Purpose of the Published Site List

The [list](#) of 324 sites is published to provide developers with a transparent reference point for identifying communities where new green mini-grid projects may be viable. Developers are encouraged to review the list of sites, identify locations that align with their commercial and technical strategies, and independently undertake pre-project development activities which includes feasibility assessments, field visits and energy audits, and validation of geospatial and demographic data. Sites that meets developers' criteria may subsequently be presented to the Ministry of Energy for endorsement prior to submission during the Site-Specific Application stage of the SOGREA initiative.

Ground truthing of 120 Sites and Agricultural Clusters

A total of 120 potential GMG sites have been selected for SOGREA supported Ground truthing exercise aimed at verifying demographic, technical, and economic characteristics necessary for mini-grid deployment. This exercise is expected to be completed by March 2026 and the data from the ground truthing exercise will be published and made available to all applicants.

The SOGREA initiative has further identified four agricultural cluster hubs sites requiring dedicated mini-grid electrification to support the Government's Feed Salone initiative. These clusters hubs are included in the published dataset. Developers are encouraged to review and validate the cluster hubs information and assess opportunities to develop new green mini-grids that can strengthen agricultural productivity, processing, storage, and value-addition.



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About the SOGREA Investment Support Window (New Green Mini Grids)

The Investment Support Window is administered through the Universal Energy Facility (UEF). SOGREA will provide milestone-triggered financial incentives to private sector developers exclusively for the development of new green mini-Grids. These incentives are designed to catalyse private investment, promote renewable energy technologies and digitalisation, and strengthen governance and financing across Sierra Leone's renewable energy sector.

For questions or further clarification regarding the published sites or the SOGREA Investment Support Window, developers may contact:

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Find list of sites here: [SOGREA Mini Grid Site List](#)