



**SHINE**  
GENDER - JUST  
CLIMATE SOLUTIONS  
THROUGH ENERGY ACCESS

**SHINE** ENVISIONS A WORLD WHERE WOMEN-LED, COMMUNITY-DRIVEN, DECENTRALIZED RENEWABLE-ENERGY INITIATIVES UNLOCK CLIMATE SOLUTIONS AND ADDRESS INEQUALITY AND SHIFT POWER.

## PEOPLE AND THE PLANET FACE 3 URGENT THREATS

- 1 CLIMATE CHANGE
- 2 GENDER INEQUALITY
- 3 ENERGY POVERTY

These problems are deeply interconnected—yet many changemakers, activists, investors, and donors operate in silos rather than working together at the nexus of climate, gender justice, and energy.

*That's where SHINE comes in.*

IN AFRICA, THE NEED TO TACKLE THE CLIMATE, GENDER JUSTICE, AND ENERGY POVERTY NEXUS IS **DESPERATELY URGENT.**

**ALL AFRICAN COUNTRIES ARE HIGHLY VULNERABLE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.**

**This vulnerability is intensified as a result of 49 of 54 countries having the highest levels of gender inequality, 84 percent of households lacking access to electricity and 900 million people without access to clean cooking fuels and technologies.**

*These statistics stand to deteriorate as populations grow rapidly.*

## THE CLIMATE - GENDER - ENERGY ACCESS NEXUS

Fragmentation within and between the climate, energy, and gender justice sectors dilutes the impact of existing funding efforts to change the status quo and fails to leverage the experience of women leaders, gender-climate advocacy networks, and available funding.

**SHINE evolves and amplifies the innovations and impacts of gender and development efforts** by building bridges with climate and energy access stakeholders, funders, and investors, and by implementing a concrete set of projects that center climate resilience, gender equality, **and** energy access. In so doing, **SHINE fosters economic development and improved wellbeing while promoting women's rights.**

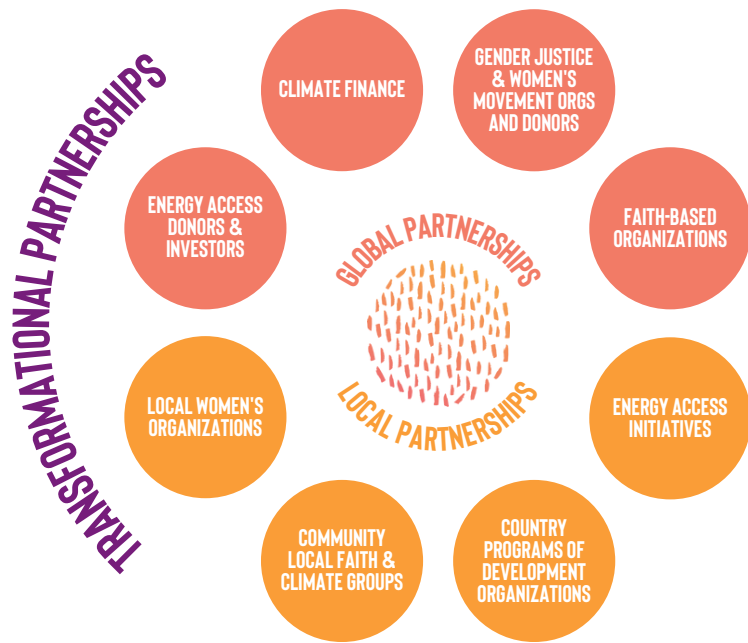
*Women experience disproportionate burdens and insecurity because of lack of energy access—from the time it takes to pump and transport water to the lack of safety in streets and markets without lighting—and are the most impacted by climate-induced disasters.*

*Climate vulnerability, intensified through gender inequalities, is addressed through locally-driven renewable energy solutions. Yet climate finance is a weak source of funding for energy access and does not factor in gender or women's agency.*



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**SHINE** WILL ANCHOR ITS OPERATIONS ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT, WHERE ITS COUNTRY PROGRAMS, ACTIVE COHORT, AND COMMUNITIES OF PRACTICE WILL **TACKLE THE CHALLENGES COLLECTIVELY.**



## SHINE PROACTIVELY BUILDS PARTNERSHIPS AT THE GLOBAL AND COMMUNITY LEVEL, ELEVATING GROUND-TRUTHED INSIGHT TO LEVERAGE NEW RESOURCES AND ACCELERATE POSITIVE IMPACTS.

Bringing together multi-sector knowledge, innovation, and constituencies, SHINE works to pivot from a top-down, technical approach to an inclusive, accessible path that puts power in people's hands to implement a Gender Just Energy Transition. From solar power for water pumping, refrigeration, and health facilities to solar lighting in households, marketplaces, and schools, SHINE's collaborative approach starts by listening to people in energy poor communities about their needs and structuring solutions collectively.

**SHINE mobilizes financial resources for innovative approaches that address the climate, gender inequality, and energy poverty nexus and grows new communities of practice among investors, advocates, and community leaders.**

SHINE influences the global narrative to create a holistic approach to leveraging energy access as a catalyst for change within the climate and gender justice sectors, with clear language and metrics.

SHINE activates the nexus for local communities and drives new resources and support for energy access initiatives.

**SHINE'S EFFORTS EXEMPLIFY HOW DECENTRALIZED RENEWABLE ENERGY EMPOWERS WOMEN, IMPROVES WELLBEING, ENSURES HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INCREASES CLIMATE RESILIENCY IN RURAL AND MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES.**

## SHINE ON THE GROUND

- Implementing a **locally-led, multi-stakeholder, and participatory approach**, SHINE shifts from a "top-down" technology-driven model to one that builds on the power of local women's leadership, experience, and knowledge.
- SHINE is designing its **first country project in Malawi**, where decentralized renewable energy solutions will address the communities' **energy and climate adaptation needs**, with efforts following in Zimbabwe and Uganda.
- SHINE has launched its first cohort of 18 enterprises that meet the "SHINE Way" - **women-led, community engaged, and serving the marginalized and hardest-to-reach through decentralized renewable energy**. SHINE supports the Cohort with peer-to-peer learning, cross-sector communication tools, and funding facilitation.
- The Cohort is both a community of practice and a source of on-the-ground evidence validating the climate-gender-energy nexus. **Operating across 16 countries** and delivering impacts today, the Cohort requires increased capital to scale its impacts in addressing climate vulnerability, energy poverty, and gender inequality.

**Join the growing SHINE network in pursuit of gender just climate and energy solutions led by and for women. Contact us today.**

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