

Solar Sister: Training Women as Last-Mile Clean-Energy Entrepreneurs in East and West Africa

Gender Equality · Good practice · Uganda

Quality score: 74/100

Evidence strength: Descriptive / self-reported

Summary

Since piloting in rural Uganda in 2010, Solar Sister has trained women as door-to-door clean-energy sellers; an independent 2016 ICRW study found ~2,000 entrepreneurs in Uganda, Nigeria and Tanzania had reached over 370,000 people with solar and cookstove products.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Transferability / replicability	2/3
Impact on gender equality	1/1
Effectiveness	1/1
Efficiency	0/1
Evaluated outcomes	1/1
Sustainability	1/1
Achievement / evidence	1/1
Gender-mainstreaming embedding	1/1
Curator validation	0/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

[C-NAPSE web research](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Solar Sister](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[ICRW impact assessment findings](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[IEA - Seven Women Entrepreneurs of Solar Energy](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

[Solar Sister - origin story](#) — accessed 2026-07-11

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