

PARTICIPATING PROACTIVELY IN THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO REDUCE CARBON EMISSIONS, PROVIDE CLEAN POWER SOURCES IN REGIONS WHERE THEY ARE NOT AVAILABLE AND CONTRIBUTE TO POVERTY ALLEVIATION.

NEXTEnergy FOUNDATION OVERVIEW

- As the founding sponsor of the NextEnergy Foundation (“NEF”), NextEnergy Capital Group (“NEC”) donates 5% of its net profits to the Foundation annually.
- NEF has supported, and is currently supporting, initiatives across Europe, Africa, South Asia and North and South America, contributing £374,388 in grants to date to renewable energy projects and sustainable development initiatives.

BELOW IS A SUMMARY OF THE CURRENT ACTIVE PROJECTS AND THOSE SUPPORTED SINCE JUNE 2020, RANKED IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER

EMPOWER MALAWI

In 2019, NEF’s renewed support for Empower Malawi contributed to the installation of solar lighting systems in 1/3 of the primary schools in the Nkhata Bay District, increasing access to education for over 26,462 students. A new commitment made in November 2020 is now supporting Empower Malawi’s vision of installing solar lighting systems on 100% of the primary schools in the Nkhata Bay District. With NEF’s support, 140/193 schools will be installed. Since December 2020, systems have already been installed on 51 new schools which, due to the large number of children in each classroom, will expose 22,326 students to solar energy for the first time. For more information on Empower Malawi, visit <https://www.empowermalawi.org/>

GIVEPOWER

NEF partnered with GivePower for the first time in May 2020 to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic in Nepal. NEF is continuing its partnership with GivePower and contributing to the installation of a solar water farm (SWF) in the Cabo de la Vela community, La Guajira, Colombia. The system will provide potable water for 2,500 people every day for 20 years. Key impacts envisaged for the SWF are related to the environment, health and female empowerment. For more information on Givepower, visit <https://givepower.org/>



GivePower: Example of the solar water farm which will be installed in La Guajira, Colombia.

ISTITUTO OIKOS

Istituto Oikos (“Oikos”) is a non-profit organisation which exists to safeguard biodiversity and to promote the widespread adoption of more sustainable lifestyles. In November 2019, Oikos began a three-year project to strengthen the WASH services in the Region of Manyara, Tanzania. The intervention aims to guarantee and increase the equitable access and economically sustainable water schemes in rural villages across the Districts of Kiteto and Simanjiro. NextEnergy Foundation will be replacing two diesel water pumps with solar-powered water pumps in the rural villages of Ilkishbour and Ndedo in the Kiteto District. Approximately 9,300 people are expected to benefit from the project, and the installation of the solar pumps will be completed in June 2021. For more information on Oikos, visit <https://www.istituto-oikos.org/>

MAKOMBORERO

NEF has supported Makomborero since 2017. The two students which NEF is supporting from 2019–2021 are Bradley Chinhara, an aspiring Mechanical or Electrical Engineer, and Winnie Mauto, an aspiring Neurosurgeon. In September 2020, the Makomborero students undertook the Jerusalem challenge – watch their video [here](#) which is sure to bring a smile to your face! In addition, Winnie was recently awarded the Maths and Biology prizes at her school this year. Well done! For more information on Makomborero, visit <https://www.makomborero.info/>

NEW WEBSITE

The new NEF website is now live! Please do take the time to visit the website, which will be regularly revised with project updates. Do also continue to keep an eye out for the regular updates posted on the Foundation Teams Channel.

<https://www.nextenergyfoundation.org/>

NPOWER POP-UP FUEL BANK

Since 2017, NEF has provided fuel vouchers during the Christmas period to individuals and families across the UK. With the grants made in December 2019 and January 2020, 1470 people in total benefited from a warm home, of whom 741 were children. For more information, visit <https://www.npower.com/about-npower/fuel-bank/>

RENEWABLE WORLD

Renewable World is a charity whose aim is to tackle poverty and generate long-lasting social change using renewable energy. In February 2020, NEF embarked on a new partnership with Renewable World to expand their Clean Energy for Improved Health project to the Basipani Community Health Unit and the Khanikhola Community Health Unit in the Surkhet District of Nepal. As the health posts will be equipped with new energy-enabled services, including apparatus to treat indoor pollution-related illnesses, the intervention will also aid in the response to COVID-19. For more information on Renewable World, visit <https://renewable-world.org/>



Renewable World: Khanikhola Community Health Unit, located in the Surkhet District of Nepal and serves 600 households.

NEXTENERGY FOUNDATION'S RESPONSE TO COVID-19

- Since March 2020, NEF has committed £138,500 in grants to organisations and projects responding to the socio-economic impacts of COVID-19, both in the UK and overseas.

GIVEPOWER

GivePower is a non-profit organisation which provides solar energy solutions to the developing regions which need them most. NEF has partnered with GivePower and is collaborating with the National Innovation Center Nepal to locally design and fabricate solar powered portable medical ventilators to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on GivePower, please visit <https://givepower.org/>

FINCA INTERNATIONAL

NEF has been working with FINCA International on two projects. The first has supported BrightLife, a social enterprise which provides first time clean energy to poor and low-income households in Uganda, to resume its operations following the

national lockdown and to get back on track to meeting its target of providing 80,000 Ugandans with first-time access to clean energy in 2020. The second project has jumpstarted the livelihoods of 160 FINCA Impact Finance female clients in Jordan and Afghanistan, helping them to rebuild their businesses following the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on FINCA, please visit <https://finca.org/>



FINCA Impact Finance: One of FINCA Impact Finance's female clients in Jordan.

OPEN KITCHENS

Open Kitchens is a national food solution that brings together restaurants and their communities to fund, produce & deliver free meals to those in need. NEF supported Open Kitchen's Holiday Hunger Programme in Nottingham between July and August 2020. With our support, 10,000 meals were prepared throughout the summer holidays for children on free school meals during term-time. Alongside the distribution of these meals, Open Kitchens ran some activity days in conjunction with Nottingham Forest Community Trust and The Greenwood Academies Trust for 500 children. For more information on Open Kitchens, visit <https://openkitchens.co.uk/>



Open Kitchens: Meals prepared by one of Nottingham's restaurants for the Holiday Hunger Programme. The meals were distributed in recyclable plastic containers.

PADDINGTON ACADEMY

Paddington Academy is a co-educational secondary school in inner West London. A grant from NEF enabled the school to purchase and distribute 52 laptops to students struggling to follow online lessons during the height of the UK lockdown. The donation significantly contributed to improving the engagement of students with their online learning and submission of work. For example, in May 2020, 28% of Year 9 students were completing and submitting over 90% of their assignments. This increased to 65% by July 2020. For more information on Paddington Academy, please visit <https://www.paddington-academy.org/>



Paddington Academy: 52 laptops were donated by NEF to ensure that students could carry out their studies effectively from home.

SOLACE WOMEN'S AID

Solace Women's Aid works to prevent violence and abuse towards women and girls, and to provide services to meet the needs of domestic abuse survivors. NEF supported Solace's Emergency Appeal to ensure that no woman was forced to choose between COVID-19 and domestic abuse. Some of the work achieved through the Emergency Appeal includes providing bed spaces for 175 women and 78 children, and financially supporting 180 women to find temporary accommodation and buy basic food supplies. Overall, 4951 adults and 561 children were supported by Solace Women's Aid in the first 6 months of the pandemic. For more information on Solace Women's Aid and the Emergency Appeal, please visit <https://www.solacewomensaid.org/>

SOLAR AID

In April 2020, Solar Aid launched the Moment of Sunshine Appeal fund to respond to COVID-19 in Zambia and Malawi. As one of the first supporters of the Appeal in Zambia, NEF has been instrumental in boosting the fund's impact from the outset. Our grant contributed to reaching rural clinics and quarantine sites across 10 provinces with 3,726 solar products, including solar home systems, solar torches, and portable solar lights. Instead in Malawi, the grant helped SolarAid to install 500 solar home systems across eight rural health facilities, and 200 solar light radios, allowing healthcare workers to receive up-to-date information about the virus and the Ministry of Health's guidelines. For more information on SolarAid, please visit <https://solar-aid.org/>

NEXTEnergy CAPITAL 2020 CHRISTMAS DONATIONS

- NEC donated 50% of the budgets originally set aside for the 2020 Christmas festivities in the London (UK), Hyderabad (India) and Milan (Italy) offices to support marginalised elderly, vulnerable children and struggling families over the holiday season.
- NEF also continued its response to the COVID-19 pandemic along the same vein. Together, NEF and NEC committed £43,600 to initiatives in the UK, India and Italy.

UNITED KINGDOM: OPEN KITCHENS

The NEC London office Christmas grant is being utilised to distribute food parcels to children and marginalised elderly across Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Cambridgeshire, Huntingdonshire, Bedfordshire and Northamptonshire. Together with NEF's additional support, approximately 1,535 food parcels will be delivered. For more information on Open Kitchens, visit <https://openkitchens.co.uk/>

UNITED KINGDOM: THE AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION

The Akshaya Patra Foundation ("TAPF") is an NGO originally established to eliminate classroom hunger in India. Since March 2020, TAPF has cooked and distributed over 100,000 hot those in need across Greater London. With NEF's support, an additional 6,600 meals are being distributed. For more information on TAPF, visit <https://www.akshayapatra.org/>

INDIA: THE AKSHAYA PATRA FOUNDATION

TAPF's Midday Meal Scheme serves hot, vegetarian meals to 1.8 million children across India every school day. With the closure of schools, Happiness Boxes are now being provided instead, with dry rations for one month for the entire family, plus school and hygiene supplies. With NEC India office Christmas grant and additional support from NEF, 1,666 Happiness Boxes will be distributed in the coming months.

ITALY: ASSOCIAZIONE LA ROTONDA

La Rotonda works to promote social initiatives across the most marginalised communities in Milan. The NEC Milan office Christmas grant was utilised to distribute over 80 food parcels to individuals and families in the Municipality of Baranzate over the holiday season. For more information on Associazione La Rotonda, visit <https://www.larotonda.org/>

ITALY: FONDAZIONE FRANCESCA RAVA

Fondazione Francesca Rava ("FFR") estimates that in the Lombardy Region of Italy alone, 31,000 children (1.9%) cannot follow their lessons from home because of a lack of access to a computer, laptop or tablet. As such, NEF has reignited its partnership with FFR to support their SOScuola project; a grant has been made to donate 20 laptops to this extent. For more information, visit <https://francescaravafoundation.wordpress.com/>

ITALY: INTRECCI COOPERATIVA SOCIALE

Intrecci works to support the inclusion and emancipation of the marginalised and socially disadvantaged within society. Intrecci has set up several Solidarity Emporiums across Milan. These are food shops where vulnerable individuals and families can shop using pre-paid cards. From January 2021, NEF will top-up a number of pre-paid cards every month for 6 months. The recipients are currently being identified by local community help centres. For more information, visit <https://www.coopintrecci.it/>