

Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capability for the Hindu Kush Himalaya (REEECH)

Working towards expanding the adoption of green energy solutions by communities and enterprises in the Hindu Kush Himalaya

Background

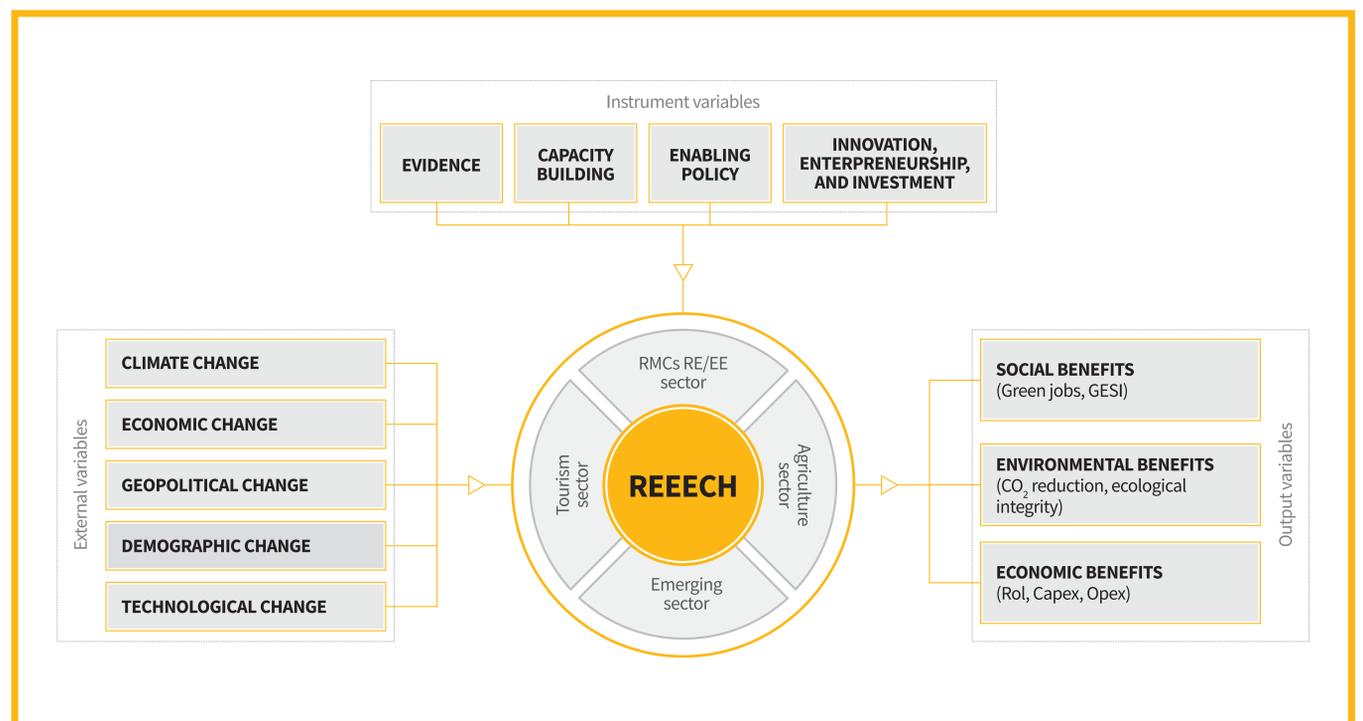
Nearly 370 million people in the HKH region do not have access to electricity, with close to 1.8 billion people relying on traditional, polluting biomass fuels for energy. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Capability for the Hindu Kush Himalaya (REEECH) is the first centre with a mountain focus that functions as a regional hub and think tank under the Global Network of Regional Sustainable Energy Centres (GN-SEC) to accelerate universal energy access in the HKH region, and place mountain energy issues on the global sustainable development and climate agenda.

REEECH provides coordination mechanisms to foster South-South cooperation for improved access to decentralized sustainable energy solutions for HKH communities, and actively promotes the scaling up of climate resilient sustainable energy markets, industries, and innovation customized for off-grid mountain areas of the HKH.

Working approach

REEECH's approach to bringing energy market transformation internalizes mountain specificities such as inaccessibility, fragility, marginality, and diversity; supports development of business models that recognize the influence of climate change, and change in geopolitics, demographics, economy, and technology; and orients itself to deliver social, environment and economic benefits to mountain communities.

REEECH's mode of strategic engagement with RMCs hinges on creating evidence, influencing policy making processes, building capacity at the strategic level, promoting entrepreneurship, supporting innovations and investments, and building contextualized ecosystem appropriate for the receiving country.



Thematic areas



KNOWLEDGE MANAGEMENT AND AWARENESS

Increased availability and accessibility of mountain specific energy data, knowledge and awareness for informed decision making which consider gender and social inclusion issues



POLICY DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

Develop and support implementation of gender sensitive energy policy framework to promote RE&EE investments in HKH region



CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT

Enhanced capacity of energy service providers and users for effective and sustainable management of renewable energy, energy efficiency, and climate change mitigation



PROMOTION OF INVESTMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP, AND INNOVATION

Promote investment and renewable energy and efficient energy business opportunities for local companies and industries in the region