

EDF'S INITIATIVES TO PROMOTE ACCESS TO ENERGY IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES' RURAL AREAS

As an international player, EDF recognizes its responsibility for access to energy in developing countries. EDF has therefore developed a sustainable electrification model based on a local Rural Electrification Services Company (RESCO). The model consists of:

- A local operator, financially profitable,
- The use of appropriate technologies and management methods: photovoltaic kits, mini-grids, prepayment meters, etc.,
- The sale of diversified services: lighting, electricity, gas, improved wood stoves, etc.,
- Financial support for the investment to make the services affordable for the local population.

Since 1999, more than 500,000 people gained access to electricity with an objective of one million people within five next years, throughout programmes to be developed in Africa and South-East Asia.

