



# Socio-economic benefits of renewable energy deployment

Overcoming Critical Bottlenecks to Accelerate Renewable Energy Deployment in ASEAN+6 Countries

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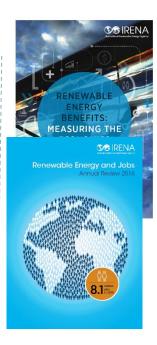


# **IRENA's** efforts to bridge the knowledge gap









Just released

...and others coming



**STRENA** 

Renewable

STATUS, PROSPECTS & POLICIES

BIOFUELS AND GRID-CONNECTED **ELECTRICITY GENERATION** 

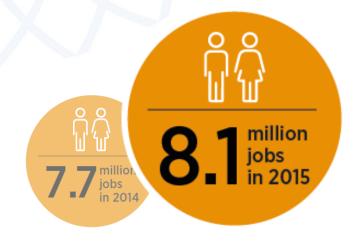
Jobs Sidebar in the Global Status Report

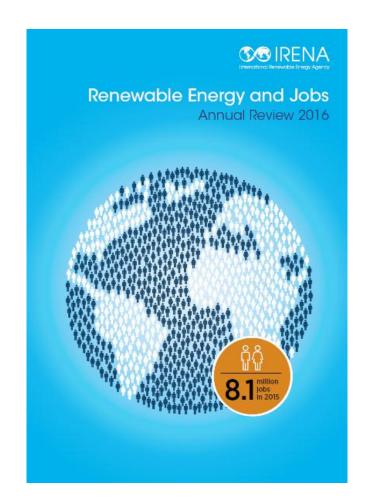
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# Renewable energy and jobs: Annual Review 2016



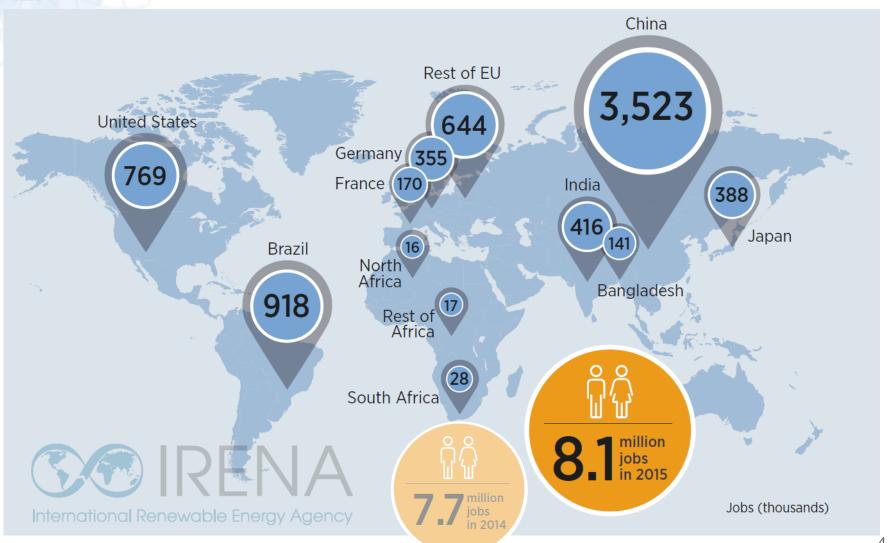






# **Renewable Energy Jobs**

**Employment in Selected Countries** 

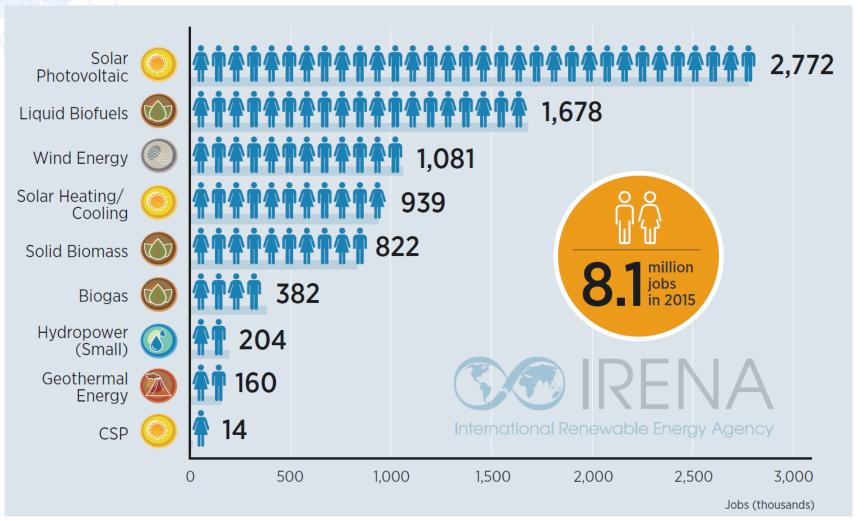






# **Renewable Energy Jobs**

Employment by technology



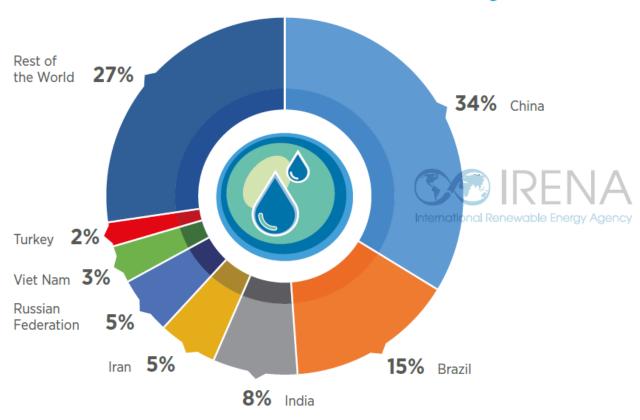




# **Technology Focus**

## Renewable Energy Jobs – Large Hydropower

# >1.3 million jobs

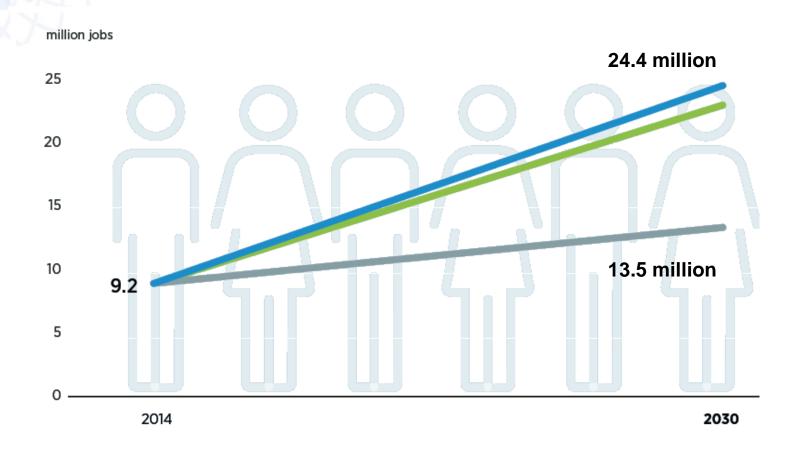








# Renewable energy will create more jobs

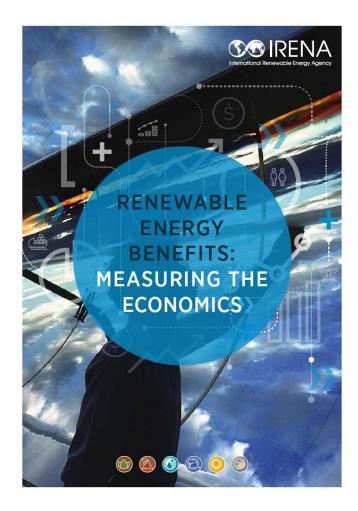


The renewable energy sector could support up to 24 million jobs in 2030





# Renewable Energy Benefits: Measuring the economics









# Renewable energy boosts global GDP and improves welfare

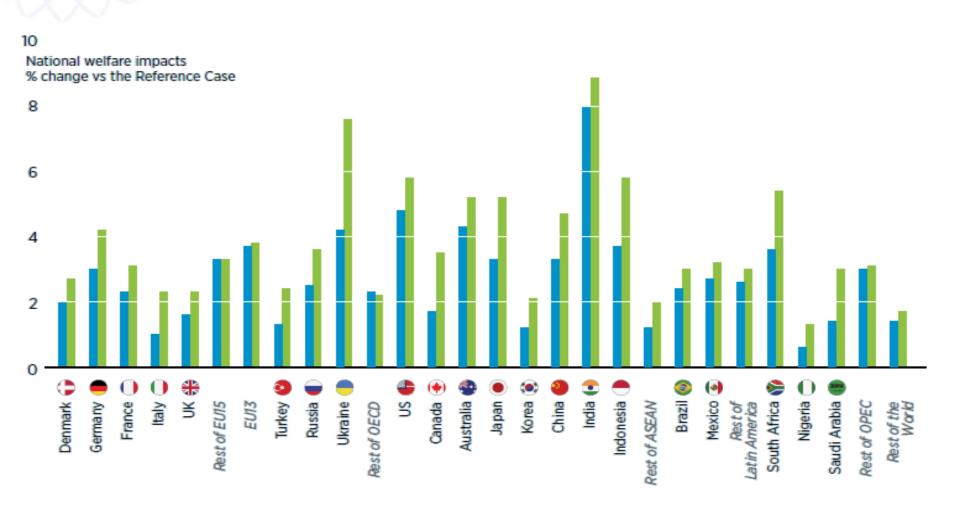


+3.7%

- Doubling the share of renewables by 2030 would increase global GDP by up to 1.1% or USD 1.3 trillion
- The increased investment renewable in energy effects deployment triggers ripple throughout the economy.
  - **Improvements in welfare** would go far beyond gains in GDP.
  - Doubling the share of renewables by 2030 increases global welfare by up to 3.7% (1.1% improvement in GDP).



# Welfare improves in all countries





# **Shifting trade patterns**

- As economies expand and become more interconnected, volume of global trade will increase by 2030.
- Doubling the share of renewables will reduce fossil fuel trade and increase trade in renewables equipment and other investment goods and services.
- This brings new market opportunities, including for today's fossil fuel exporters.





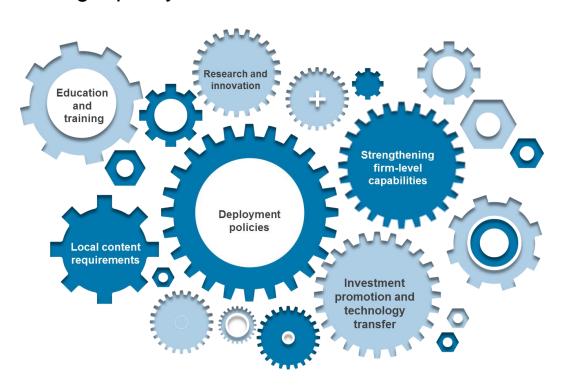






## The role of enabling frameworks

#### The right policy mix can maximise value creation





**GDP** 

Up 1.1% by 2030



Up 3% by 2030



24 million jobs in renewables by 2030



New markets, new opportunities





# Recent activities and the way forward

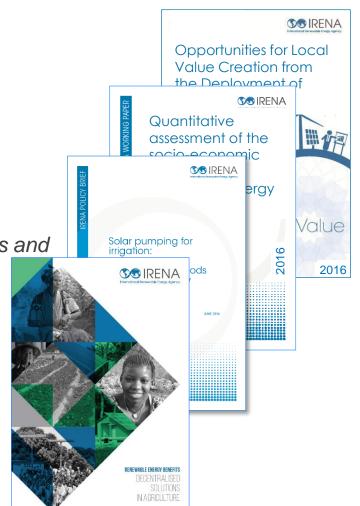
Renewable Energy Benefits: Leveraging Local Industries

 Quantitative assessment of the socio-economic impacts of renewable energy deployment

Solar pumping for irrigation: Improving livelihoods and

sustainability across

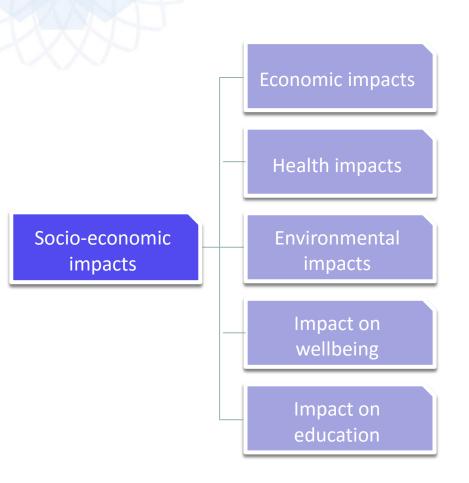
Renewable Energy Benefits: Decentralised
 Solutions in Agriculture







# **Assessing socio-economic benefits**









#### **Economic benefits**













#### Savings on energy spending

- Savings of USD 132 million from 614 thousand solar lights in Africa
- In India, 4,500 solar pumps saved around USD 360,000/yr on diesel subsidies
- Almost USD 4,000 savings on community in Nepal from IWM/E
- Tea curing in Sri Lanka saves 1.38 kg of fuel per1 kg of tea



#### Job creation

- •76,000 jobs in the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves worldwide
- •7,572 people employed in operating 8,493 IWMs in Nepal
- •Biogas programme in Nepal employs total 1,083 FTEs on an annual basis
- •Pico PV systems employ 30 more time more people than kerosene



#### Income generation

- The community in Nepal generates USD 400 per year from electricity and agro processing services from IWM/E
- •In Benin, Solar Market Gardens farmed by women generated USD 40,000 from cultivating 27.7 tons of produce in 2013-14





### **Health benefits**













#### Prevention of diseases and malnutrition

- Almost 4.3 million people die every year from exposure to household air pollution
- Potential to reduce respiratory infection by 25% among children
- Polluted water consumption causes 4% of all deaths in rural areas
- Food losses as high as 40-50% for root crops, fruits and vegetables, 30% for cereals and fish, and 20% for oilseeds



#### Prevention of accidents

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#### Health improvement through medical facilities

- In 2013, 15% and 43% of hospitals in Uganda and Sierra Leone respectively used PV to complement grid electricity access
- In Liberia, solar electrification surpassed that of other sources





## **Environmental benefits**













#### Reduced deforestation and emissions

- Globally, 5 million solar pumps can save 10 billion litres of diesel, and nearly 26 million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> (equivalent to annual emission from 5.5 million vehicles)
- 50,000 solar pumps in Bangladesh saved 450 million litres of diesel and reduced emissions by a million tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub> per year (IDCOL, 2015).
- In Rajasthan, 4,500 solar pumps saved 3,482 kg of avoided CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and saved around 48 million cubic meter water per year



#### Waste management

- Runs on animal manure and agriculture waste
- 9 biogas digesters in Vietnam can treat 8,500 tons of manure and avoid the emission of 2,200 tons of CO2 equivalent per year





# Impact on wellbeing













#### Gender empowerment

- Solar Sister: over 2,198 women entrepreneurs
- Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves: 76,000 women
- Grameen Shakti: almost 23,000 women technicians
- ENERGIA: strengthened 3,000 women in Africa and Asia



#### Increased safety

- •Lighting reduces the risk of safety hazards such as harassment, robberies and animal attacks
- •Lighting increases the perceived dimension of safety, or reducing 'feeling uneasy after nightfall'



#### Improved quality of life

- Entertainment, comfort, etc.
- 40% of men spend extra time on leisure
- 19% of women spend time on leisure (35% on farm-related activities, 3% other income generating activities outside farm, 26% domestic responsibilities 16% on taking care of the children)





# Impact on education













#### Increased school enrolment and performance

- 614 thousand solar lights in Africa is estimated to have enabled 765 million extra study hours for children in 2014
- 28% of solar light users use the annual savings on kerosene, reported to be close to USD 70 per year, on school materials and tuition fees
- In Vietnam, school enrolment rose up to 11% for boys and a 4% for girls and the number of school years increased for the children of electrified households



#### Increased knowledge in the sector

- •General skills acquired that can contribute to reducing inefficiencies in production
- •Increased adoption of new technologies, which further increase output



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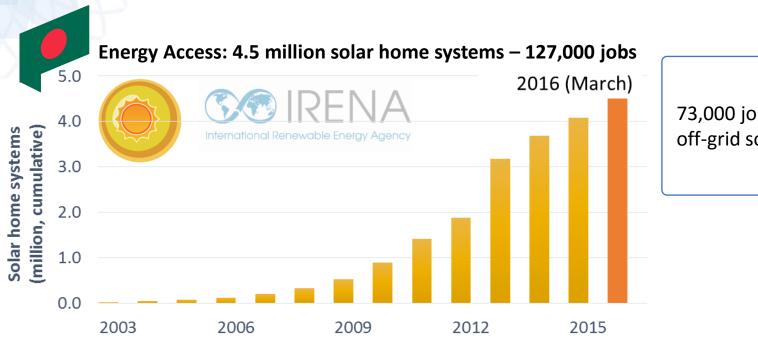






#### **Thematic Focus**

## Employment in off-grid applications





73,000 jobs in off-grid solar PV

Renewable energy creates employment opportunities in applications for cooking and motive power









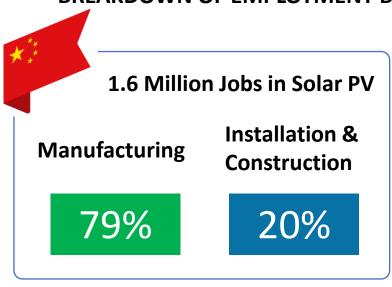
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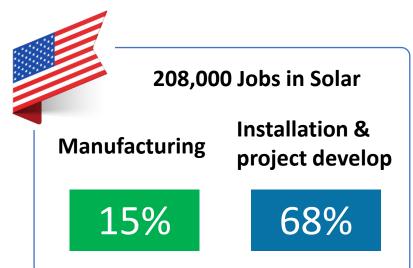
Renewable energy jobs in solar PV



China is the global leader followed by Japan and US Rapid increase in Japan (20%) and US (20%)

#### BREAKDOWN OF EMPLOYMENT BY SEGMENTS OF THE VALUE CHAIN











#### **Thematic Focus**

### Women in modern renewable energy jobs

Early research indicates that renewable energy has more gender parity than the broader energy sector.

35% Average share of women working at 90 renewable energy companies surveyed



#### Women representation:

- 46% in administrative
- **32%** in management
- 28% in technical workforce

In comparison: 25% of seniorlevel management positions were held by women in Fortune 500 companies in 2015



The share of women in the U.S. solar workforce increased from for **19% in 2013** to **24% in 2015**. In Germany and Spain they account for 24% and 26% of the renewable energy workforce.



Source: IRENA (2016), Renewable Energy and Jobs - Annual Review 2016







# Renewable energy will create more jobs

By Country

	Reference	Doubling RE
** China	3.5	5.9
Indla	1.5	3.5
<b>⊗</b> Brazil	1.1	2.2
United States	0.4	1.4
Indonesia	0.2	1.3
Japan	0.5	1.1
Russla	0.6	1.1
* Mexico	0.1	0.3
Germany	0.2	0.3
Rest of the World	5.4	7.3
World total	13.5	24.4







# **Benefits of Renewable Energy**

# **ENVIRONMENT** Climate change

Local pollution





#### **HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

Poverty alleviation Access

#### **ENERGY SECURITY**

Trade balance improvement Risk reduction





#### **ECONOMIC GROWTH**

GDP Industrial development **Jobs**