

# Set4Food Humanitarian Energy Award

## Call for Case Studies

### Guidelines for applicants

#### 1. Introduction

Natural disasters, social conflicts, population growth and political or structural crises give rise to forced migrations, which can lead to humanitarian emergencies. According to the last UNHCR's annual global trends on forced displacement, at the end of 2016 there were more than 65 million refugees or internally displaced persons (IDPs) in the world, with an average resettlement waiting period of around 17 years. In this framework, access to energy plays a key role, especially to ensure safe and secure access to food and its utilization: according to OCHA (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs), energy insecurity may also drive food insecurity. Energy is also fundamental to provide safe and reliable access to water, health and other basic services for human development, being energy related to the main key challenges in humanitarian settlements: protection, livelihoods, relations between host communities and displaced people, environmental problems, natural resources' restrictions.

In this framework, the project *Sustainable Energy Technologies for Food Security in humanitarian contexts* (SET4food) aims at enhancing the response capacity of humanitarian actors to the needs of energy in humanitarian contexts and emergency settings. The SET4food is a multi-stakeholder initiative funded by the *European Union Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Department* (ECHO), implemented by COOPI-Cooperazione Internazionale in partnership with Politecnico di Milano and the three co-chairs of the SAFE (Safe Access to Fuel and Energy) Humanitarian Working Group, namely the Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Food Program (WFP). Coordinated planning and synergy among all actors engaged in the energy sector is crucial for enhancing the response efficiency, thus the multi-stakeholders approach of the SET4food can be especially helpful in the coordination mechanisms addressing energy challenges faced by crisis-affected populations.

#### 2. Aim of the Call for Case Studies

This Call for Case Studies is meant to select significant examples of sustainable actions in the field of access to energy in humanitarian settings. Case Studies should constitute practical examples of sustainable energy interventions implemented to respond to the needs of crisis-affected populations such as refugee camps or emergency contexts. Actions should highlight outstanding successful results significantly contributing to enhance the quality of life among target beneficiaries in a sustainable and effective way.

In order to contribute to a better implementation of energy interventions in humanitarian settings, the following tools have been developed within the SET4food initiative to assist project

implementers and practitioners:

- [SET4Food Guidelines on sustainable energy technologies in humanitarian contexts](#)
- [SET4Food Decision Support System \(DSS\)](#)
- [Impact Evaluation Framework Tool](#)
- [Monitoring & Evaluation Framework](#)

Applicants are invited to report the possible utilization of one or more of these tools in their Case Study.

### 3. Admission criteria

A Case Study should be a sustainable energy intervention aiming at responding to specific energy needs in humanitarian or critical contexts. It should be a single project or a project component including actions related to energy and linked to relevant humanitarian issues, such as food security, food utilization, gender empowerment, health, social challenges.

Applicants should be able to prove the action's impact by mean of reliable data and documents.

### 4. Eligible applicants

Applications are welcome from all kind of organizations, such as (non-exhaustive list):

- Civil society organizations or networks (NGOs, associations, public or private foundations);
- Inter-governmental organizations and International Agencies;
- Research and academic bodies (final thesis and PhD thesis are also eligible);
- Governments (including bilateral aid agencies), local authorities/bodies, public agencies and their associations;
- Business communities (SMEs, large enterprises, micro/social enterprises and their associations);
- Public-private partnerships;
- Consortiums.

### 5. Selection Criteria

Case Studies will be selected based on the following criteria:

- *Innovation*: the significant presence of innovative elements in terms of technology, business model, etc.
- *Ownership of beneficiaries*: the capability of the project to ensure beneficiaries' ownership of the results and to involve key stakeholders;
- *Replicability and long term sustainability*: the capacity of the project to be replicated and to show sustainability on the long-term;
- *Impact*: the impact of the project in relation to economic, environmental and social dimensions and its relevance with respect to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the Sustainable Energy for All (SE4A) initiative;
- Application of the SET4food tools: the application of the above-mentioned tools provides a bonus score

## 6. Submission of a Case Study

Case Studies should be presented by **filling in the form provided in Annex 1** and sending it to the following e-mail address: [energy@coopi.org](mailto:energy@coopi.org)

Deadline for Applications is March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018.

## 7. Selection Process and evaluation

According to the above mentioned selection criteria, Case Studies will be evaluated by a Selection Committee composed by one representative from the organizations that are partners of the SET4Food:

- COOPI Cooperazione Internazionale
- Politecnico di Milano
- The Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN (FAO)
- The World Food Programme of the UN (WFP)
- The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves

The best Case Studies will be selected by March 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 for the award.

The selection will not be subject to appeal. The steps and results of the selection process will be made public.

## 7. Award

The best Case Studies will be awarded in a ceremony during a special event organized by the SET4food initiative, in the spotlight of relevant humanitarian and development international organizations, donors and private sector companies. **The award event will be held in Milan - Italy, on 12 April 2018.**

The best case studies will be included in a booklet prepared for the event, disseminated through relevant communication channels and networks and shared on the ENERGYCoP platform, specifically serving humanitarians working on energy access.

In addition, one representative of the selected Case Studies will be invited to Milan for the award event, the costs of travel and accommodation will be ensured by SET4food.

## 8. Additional information

Requests for additional information and clarification may be addressed to SET4food not later than March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the following email address [energy@coopi.org](mailto:energy@coopi.org)