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## Call for Proposal Announcement

### Universal Energy Facility: SOGREA Investment Support Window for Green Mini Grids

#### Programme Overview

The Salone Off-Grid Renewable Energy Acceleration (SOGREA) Initiative, funded by the European Union and Danish Government, implemented by UNOPS with its hosted entity Sustainable Energy for All (SEforALL) in close partnership with the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL), is supporting the development of new privately-owned Green Mini-Grids (GMGs) across Sierra Leone. Through the investment support window, SOGREA provides a percentage of milestone-triggered capital expenditure (CAPEX) to catalyse private-sector led rural electrification and increase access to clean, affordable, and reliable electricity in alignment with the Government of Sierra Leone's national priorities.

#### Objectives of the SOGREA Investment Support Window

Administered through the Universal Energy Facility (UEF), the SOGREA investment support window aims to accelerate the deployment of new Green Mini-Grids in Sierra Leone through the following objectives:

- Encourage private sector entities to invest in the development and operation of mini-grid infrastructure to provide efficient and resilient electricity supply in unserved and underserved areas of Sierra Leone.
- Promote the use of renewable energy technologies and digitalisation to improve the quality and reliability of electricity services delivered to households, businesses, educational and health facilities, and other productive users.
- Strengthen the renewable energy sector governance and financing to support rural economic development.

#### Open Application Windows

Applications for the SOGREA investment support window is now open. Applications are accepted on a rolling basis through the UEF Platform. Developers are expected to submit Pre-Qualification Applications up to **9 March 2026**. Successfully pre-qualified companies will be invited to submit site-specific proposals for new or upgraded/expanded green mini-grid projects. Applications and Grant Award will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis until available funding for new Green Mini-Grid deployment is fully allocated.



## Eligibility

To participate in the SOGREA investment support window, Applicants must meet the following eligibility criteria:

- Applicants must be for-profit mini-grid developers or companies legally registered and licensed to undertake power generation activities through mini-grids in Sierra Leone, including independent developers, consortia, or sub-implementation partnerships.
- Applicants must already own and operate at least one (1) existing operational Green Mini-Grid in any sub-Saharan African country that meets standard technical specifications as outlined in the programme's operational and application instruction documents.
- Applicants must demonstrate they have the financial, technical and operational capability to be able to develop and implement new Green Mini-Grid projects within twelve (12) months of execution of the Grant Support Agreement as well as evidence of ability to finance and deploy PUE equipment/appliances in Sierra Leone.
- Applicants must comply fully with all Application requirements, including submission of complete documentation, adherence to UEF Platform procedures, and fulfilment of regulatory and background check obligations.
- Applicants are expected to have at least 30% female representation in the administrative and operational aspects of the company or be required to submit a Gender Action Plan showing how that requirement can be met.
- Applicants must have Smart Meter integration capabilities with details on API enabled Customer Relationship Management or Payment system to be integrated with UEF Platform

## Subsidy Payment

The UEF will disburse milestone-triggered investment support in the form of grants to approved Green Mini-Grid projects at the value of approximately USD 592 per verified electricity connection.

The grant disbursement is made upon satisfactory completion and verification of agreed milestones. Grantees are required to comply with minimum quality and service standards requirements and provide support to facilitate both remote and on-site verification exercises.

## How to Apply

### **SOGREA Expression of Interest**

**Step 1:** Developers must register their expression of interest in participating on the programme, after which developers will receive the log-in access through which they can review all application and program documents and begin completing their Pre-Qualification Application on the UEF Platform.

**CLICK [HERE](#) TO REGISTER**



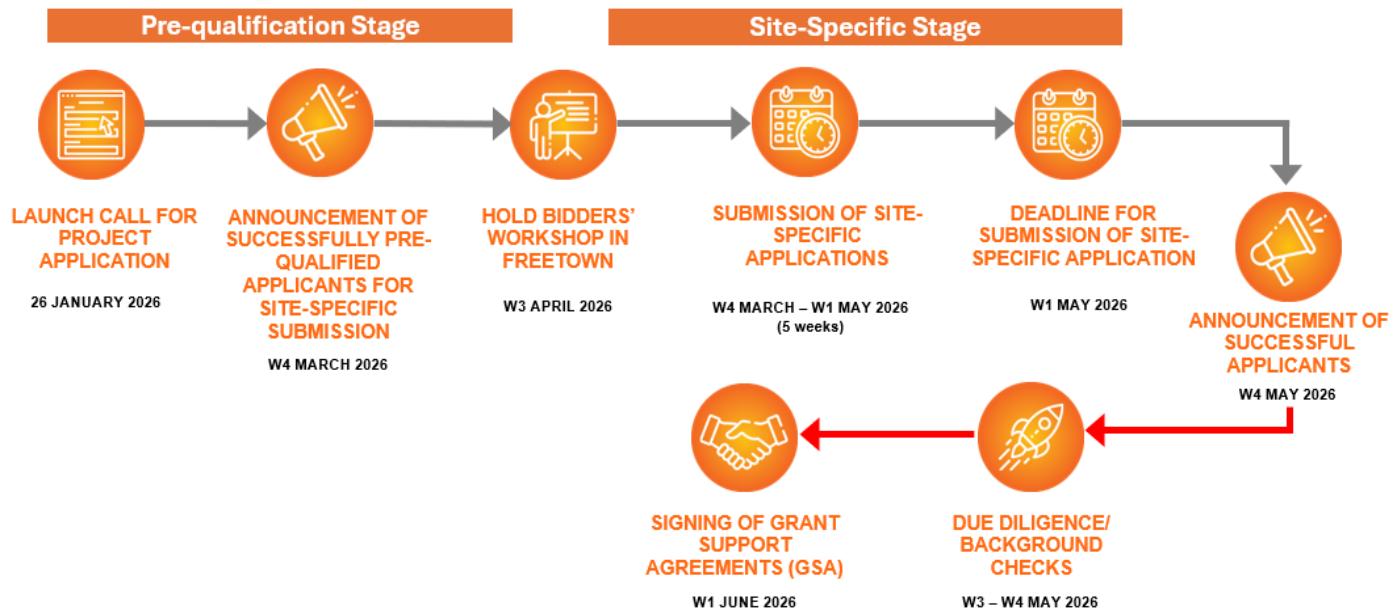
## Prequalification Application

**Step 2:** The registered Applicant will be invited into the UEF Platform – and asked to login in order to begin their Pre-Qualification Application. A follow-up email will be sent with all of the necessary information to login and get started on Pre-Qualification application.

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to review all the programme documents and templates available on the UEF Platform before completing and submitting their Applications.
- Only successful Applicants will be invited to submit their Site-Specific applications at the Project Application Collection stage for the opportunity to receive Grant Awards for their projects.
- All required application documentations must be submitted via the UEF Platform.

Applications are processed through a secure, digital platform (the “UEF Platform”) that enables the digital, transparent application processing, project monitoring, remote connection verification and data aggregation.

## Application and Qualification Timelines





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For questions related to the Application process and general information about the SOGREA Investment Support Window, Applicants may contact the UEF team at [UEF@seforall.org](mailto:UEF@seforall.org) or visit [UEF Programme Website](#)

For information on the list of sites for potential Green Mini-Grid development, please visit [www.ewrc.gov.sl](http://www.ewrc.gov.sl) or [UEF SOGREA Webpage](#)