

## SIMPLIFIED ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT (EIA) PROCESS AND APPROVAL FOR MINI-GRID PROJECTS

In line with the request by the Rural Electrification Agency (REA) that is implementing the Nigeria Electrification Project (NEP) sponsored by the World Bank (WB), the Federal Ministry of Environment has approved an abridged EIA Process for proposed Mini-Grid (off-grid) projects as follows:

- a) Registration fee of Fifty Thousand Naira (~~₦~~ 50,000.00) only per State irrespective of the number of sites, registered at the same time by one Developer/Proponent with same technology that are not located in Environmentally Sensitive Area(S) (ESAS) or area(s) under conflict;
- b) Conduct Scoping Workshop per State (Any appropriate mode with or without participation of Regulators);
- c) Submission per State of Environmental & Social Management Plan (ESMP) or Environmental & Social Impact Assessment (ESIA) Report for the project;
- d) Public Disclosure of the ESMPs/ESIA Reports (Any appropriate mode with options that include local newspapers, town hall meetings, local radio stations, town criers, etc.);
- e) In-house review of the ESMPs or ESIA Reports, however, for Mini-Grid in ESAs or area(s) under conflict, Panels may be constituted;
- f) Issuance of EIA Approval for respective States;
- g) Issuance of EIA Certificate per State upon payment of sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Thousand Naira (~~₦~~ 250,000.00) only as respective fee; and
- h) Follow-up programmes on the projects (As appropriate that includes Impact Mitigation Monitoring, Compliance Monitoring and/or Environmental Audit exercises) which shall be facilitated by the Developers/Proponents.