

Eol Initial Screening

The OEP Secretariat will use the following criteria to assess Eols’:

	Eol Key Assessment Criteria	Green Rating	Amber Rating	Red Rating
1	Background Information and Project Scope Background information on the organisation (including affiliated entity) and its activities Strategic importance of affiliated entities Project scope and relevance Project risks Collection/provision of data	Experience delivering projects and positive impacts through community involvement in off-grid electrification and/or rural development activities Key partners for project implementation and community engagement/involvement Achieves most OEP objectives Clear description of how to provide data underpinning project scope	Experience delivering projects in off-grid electrification and/or rural development activities Key partners for project implementation Achieves some OEP objectives No clear description of how to retrieve main data	Little or no experience delivering projects in off-grid electrification and/or rural development activities Non-relevant partners or no partners at all Achieves no OEP objectives No capability to provide data
2	Concept Innovation Off-grid Program’s additionality Degree of innovation Adaptation to the local context Risk identification and mitigation	Expand an already successful project Transformational (high-impact life-changing project) Re-formulation and adaptation of a successful solution to the local context Clear identification and mitigation strategies Clear identification of land issues and mitigation measures	Materialize or accelerate a feasible project Breakthrough (high-impact viable project) Demonstrates use of appropriate technology for local context Identification and partial mitigation strategies	Idea not matured yet Benefit only the applicant/s Introduction of a dubious technology and feasibility of technology in the local context is questionable Unclear risk identification
3	Sustainable Development Impact Coherence with OEP Principles, objectives and ‘Thematic Areas’ Scale of targets Income generation and poverty alleviation Environmental safeguards	Covers most of the OEP Principles, Objectives and ‘Thematic Areas’ (energy access, gender) Addressing cross-cutting issues (environment, climate change, land, gender) on entire community Proposed project identifies tangible employment opportunities Clear and convincing plan to either mitigate environmental risks and tackle climate change	Covers some of the OEP Principles, Objectives and ‘Thematic Areas’ (energy access, gender) Addressing crucial issues (equity, inclusion) on some groups Proposed project favours existing economic activities within the community Clear and convincing plan to mitigate environmental risks	Does not cover the OEP Principles, Objectives and ‘Thematic Areas’ No indication on impact targets Proposed project does not favour local employment and businesses No safeguards
4	Gender Equity and Social Inclusion Address gender equity (for e.g. women’s empowerment in decision making), social inclusion Gender Equity and Social Inclusion in line with the GESI Strategy of the OEP (downloadable) Community engagement	Clear explanation of how the proposed project will work and build on existing women’s groups and organisations; clear explanation how women and social groups will be included in decision making processes and in the design of the project; how they will benefit from the project, e.g. employment, capacity building, improvement of livelihood, income generating activities Addresses GESI in a sensitive/transformational way Clear strategy how to consult and involve different community groups in project design and implementation	Outline of key women’s groups that the project will work with but lacks explanation on how this will occur Vague strategy involving different groups in the community in project implementation and	No indication of how the project will work with and benefit women’s groups Diffuse / no strategy
5	Business and Financial Sustainability Business model rationale and commercial viability Experience in managing funds Financial Commitment Financial health of the organisation/s	Highly convincing business model, passed proof of concept and projected to succeed Demonstrated experience of working with donors/funders to implement off-grid electrification projects High level of co-financing (>50%) Positive financial records	Convincing business model without proof of concept Some evidence of working with various levels of budgets and with funders in development projects Medium level of co-financing (50%-30%) Mediocre financial records	Dubious or unclear business model No evidence of managing budgets and experience of working with funders. Low or inexistence co-financing Unsatisfactory financial records

