

# Building effective networks to support women in energy in Kenya and East Africa



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# What is a network?

- A Network is a a group or system of interconnected people or things.
- To Network is to interact with others to exchange information and develop professional or social contacts.
- A network is a support system





An Effective network support women entrepreneurs in energy to access and take advantage of opportunities that are available in the market

# Building Effective Networks- How to

- Understand the woman entrepreneur
- Understand the woman entrepreneur's challenges
- Understand the woman entrepreneurs business needs
- Identify programs that address the specific needs identified
- Bring together other stakeholders
- Ensure Participation of members
- Continuous feedback and improvement



# Benefits of an effective Network

- Access to services, opportunities & Markets
- Access to technology
- Access to finance
- Access to information
- Capacity building
- Mentorship
- Supply chain management



# Ultimate Goal



- Vibrant & Thriving businesses
- Women compete at the same level as their male counterparts
- Great Impact- contributing to the economic growth and to the Global Sustainable Development Goals