

# RE Collab



## What is RE Collab?

RE Collab is a collaborative platform for renewable energy (RE) developers and financing institutions to identify, innovate and learn effective means for capital to enhance ecological and social impacts from RE deployment. Under this workstream, a specialized mentorship was designed to bridge the financing gap that prevents rural communities from participating equitably in the green energy transition. Currently, the deployment of renewable energy in these areas is stalled by a cycle of perceived risk; local developers often lack the technical capacity to demonstrate rigorous Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) compliance, while rural banks lack the framework to evaluate green investments. Underserved regions are therefore denied the infrastructure needed for a timely transition to clean energy, leaving them vulnerable to volatile energy costs and climate instability.

RE Collab provides structured capacity building for both financial institutions and RE developers to ensure that rural projects meet local sustainable taxonomy guidelines. By mentoring rural banks on green finance evaluation and guiding RE developers to integrate ESG principles into project design, the program unlocks localized investment channels, ensuring that the transition to renewable energy in underserved areas is just, inclusive, and sustainable.

## Who are the key actors under the RE Collab ecosystem?

The RE Collab ecosystem relies on a multi-stakeholder approach to bridge the capacity gap and institutionalize sustainable finance.

**Mentees.** Participating rural banks and RE developers who adopt and implement ESG standards into their operations and financial products.

**Mentors.** Civil Society Organizations and established financial institutions who serve as knowledge brokers to facilitate mentorship sessions and co-develop technical modules.

**Regulators and Industry Partners.** Key institutions who shape the policy environment and co-design the program to ensure long-term institutional adoption.

### RE COLLAB VISION

To accelerate a just energy transition by increasing and scaling up RE investments that contribute to national climate and energy targets and increasing green financing at the local level, while strengthening ESG integration to build climate-resilient communities and ensure shared benefits for all stakeholders.

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# From blueprint to bankability

Integrating ESG standards to transform plans into funded realities

## KEY ISSUES



Poor ESG integration in Rural Banks



Lack of means for RE Developers to express ESG



Weak bankability in RE investments

## KEY OUTCOMES

**Rural banks** empowered to assess renewable energy investments, driving the expansion of local green financing products and the overall volume of funded rural projects.

**RE developers** capacitated to build high-quality proposals and manage risks effectively, boosting their credibility to unlock dedicated financing from rural banks.

**Governance mechanisms** foster strong collaboration and trust among stakeholders to drive institutional adoption and accelerate the rollout of sustainable finance policies.

## The Green Bankability Roadmap

