

Proposal for electrifying poor rural communities through deploying small-scale wind power systems in Nepal

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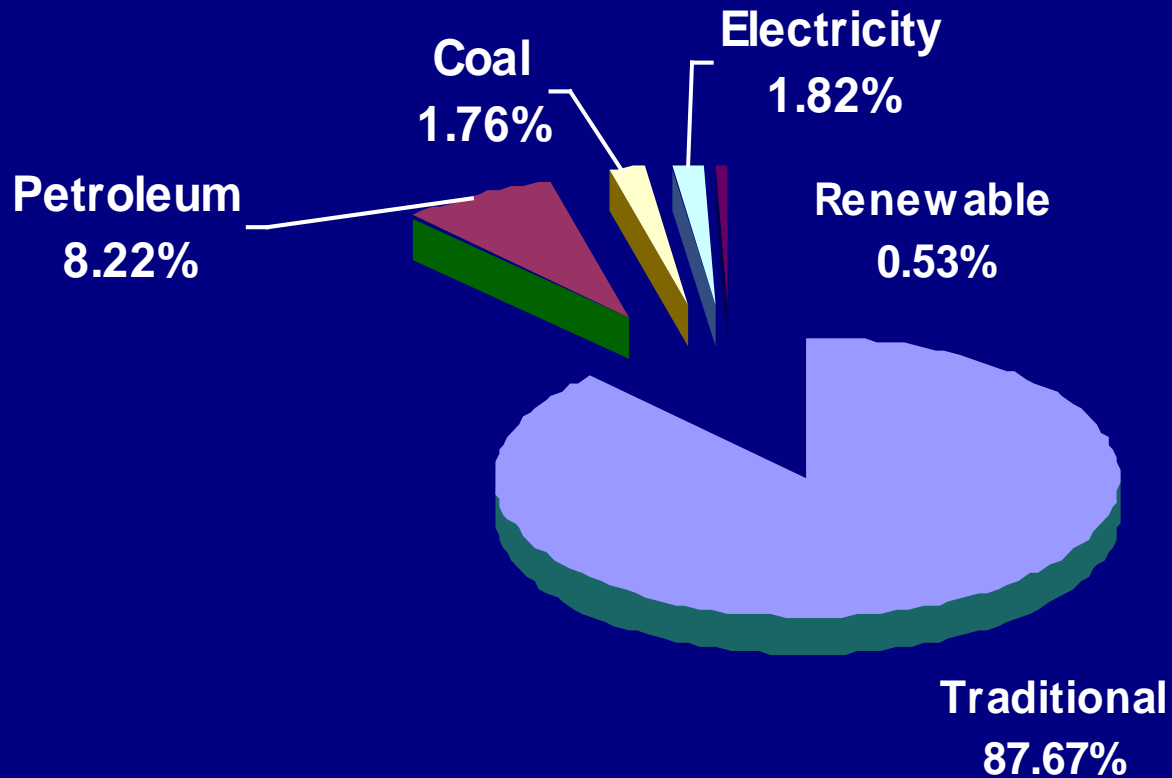
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Nepal



Energy Scenario (Source: WECS 2008)



Consumption of Energy by Sector

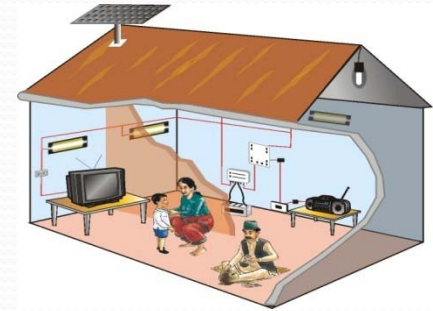
- Residential sector: 89.5%
- Transport sector: 3.44%
- Industrial sector: 5.26%
- Commercial sector: 1.33%
- Agricultural sector: 0.80%
- Others: 0.13%

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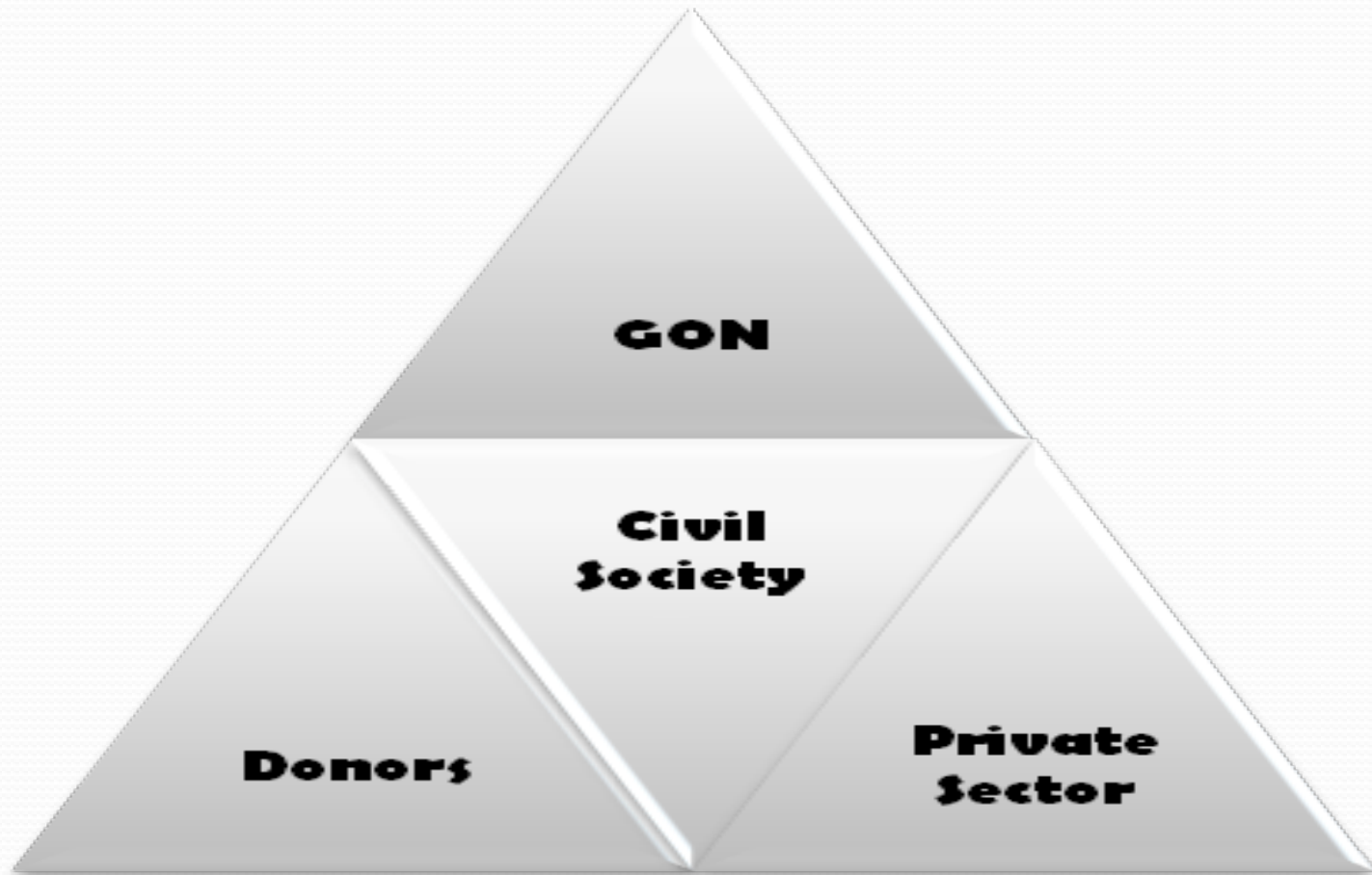
- Established in November 3, 1996
- **National Executing Agency** - RE programmes and projects
- **Government institution under MoE**- semi autonomous status
- **Mandate:** policy and plan formulation, resource mobilization, coordination and quality assurance

Scope of AEPC

- Micro/mini hydro & Improved Water Mills
- Solar energy (PV and thermal)
- Biogas
- Improved cooking stoves
- Wind energy
- Geothermal
- Other RETs (Bio-briquette, Gasifiers, Biofuel etc.)



AEPC's Working Modality





Wind Energy

Historical Background-1

- **Early seventies: USAID supported to establish a wind turbine at Rampur in Chitwan District (Southern Plain)**
- **Late seventies: an individual installed a wind turbine for pumping water in Ramechhap District (Eastern hilly region)**
- **RECAST: Two wind turbines from India for water pumping**
- **In 1985, Feasibility study of wind power plant in Mustang and Myagdi**

Historical Background-2

- In 1989, Nepal Electricity Authority (NEA), installed and operated two 10kW wind turbine generators (WTG) in Kagbeni of Mustang (Supported by DANIDA)
- From 1990-95, Krishna Grill and Engineering Works (KGEW) fabricated and installed 3 wind pumps in the eastern region of Nepal
- In 2001 WECS has established five anemometer stations to assess the Wind energy potential in Nepal.

SWERA Project: Introduction

SOLAR AND WIND RESOURCE ASSESSEMNT

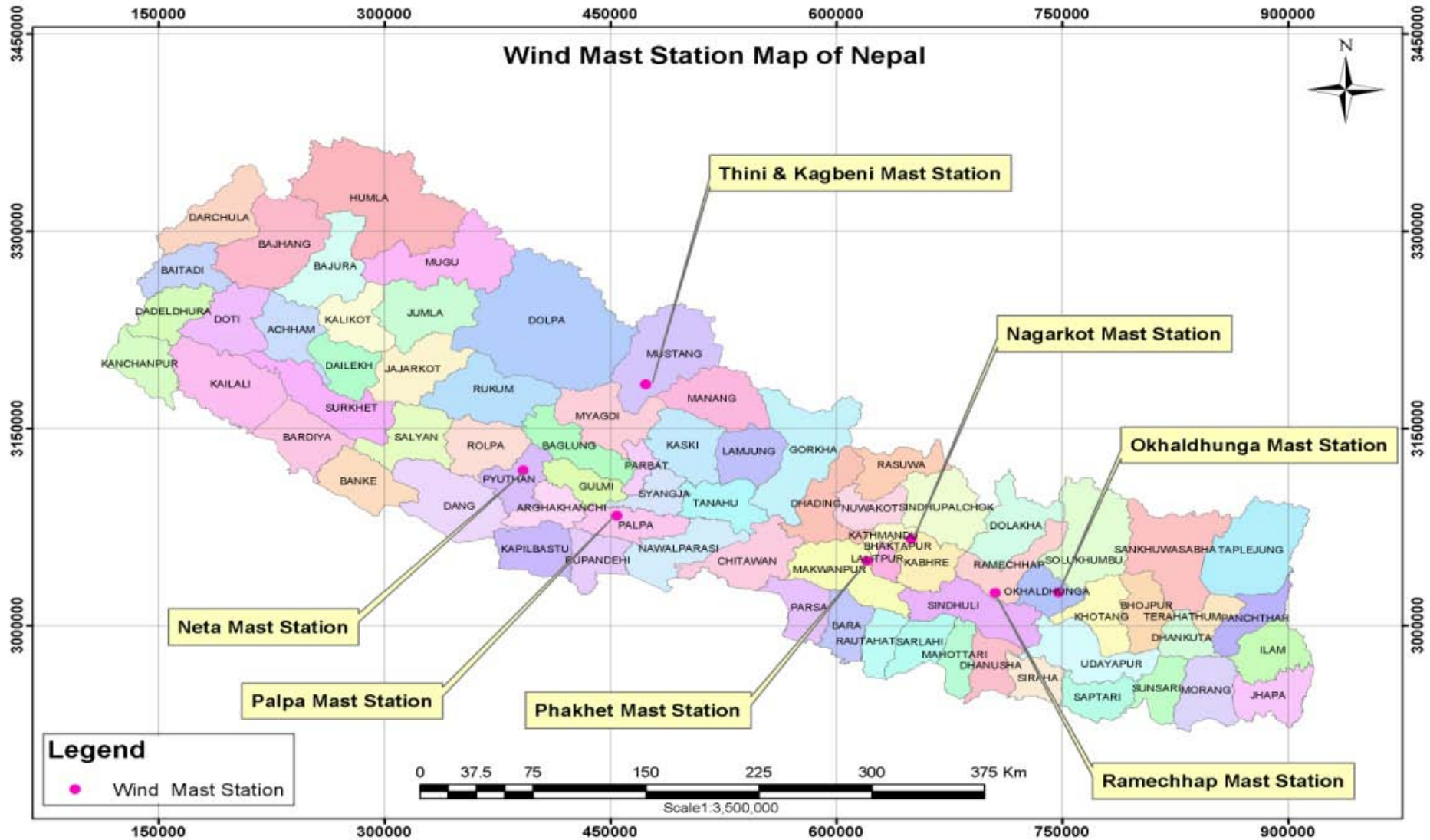
Objectives

- ◆ **Prepare database and analytical tools on renewable energy resources**
- ◆ **Bring sustainable energy approaches in Nepal through increased investment in the RE sector**
- ◆ **Project Start date : March 2003**
- ◆ **Project End date : December 2008**

- **Funded by UNEP/GEF**

Current Status of the wind measurement stations

- Okhaldhunga Apr 2001-Aug2005
- Nagarkot (Bhaktapur) Jun 2001-Apr 2006
- Butwal (Rupandehi) Mar 2001-Aug2003
- Kagbeni (Mustang) Apr2001-Feb 2006
- Thini (Mustang) Apr2001-Oct2007
- Palpa (Palpa) Sep2003-Dec2007
- Ramechhap Jul2005-Jul2007
- Phakhel, Makawanpur Nov2007-Nov 2008
- Neta, Hansapur VDC, Pyuthan Jan 2008- Dec 2008
- Achham
- Karnali Chisapani



Wind Mast Station Map of Nepal



Thini & Kagbeni Mast Station

Nagarkot Mast Station

Okhaldhunga Mast Station

Neta Mast Station

Palpa Mast Station

Phakhet Mast Station

Ramechhap Mast Station

Legend

- Wind Mast Station



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Out put of SWERA project


Wind power potential of Nepal at buffering distance
15 Km from NEA Grid

Legend


 District Boundary

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GRIDCODE


 0 - 100

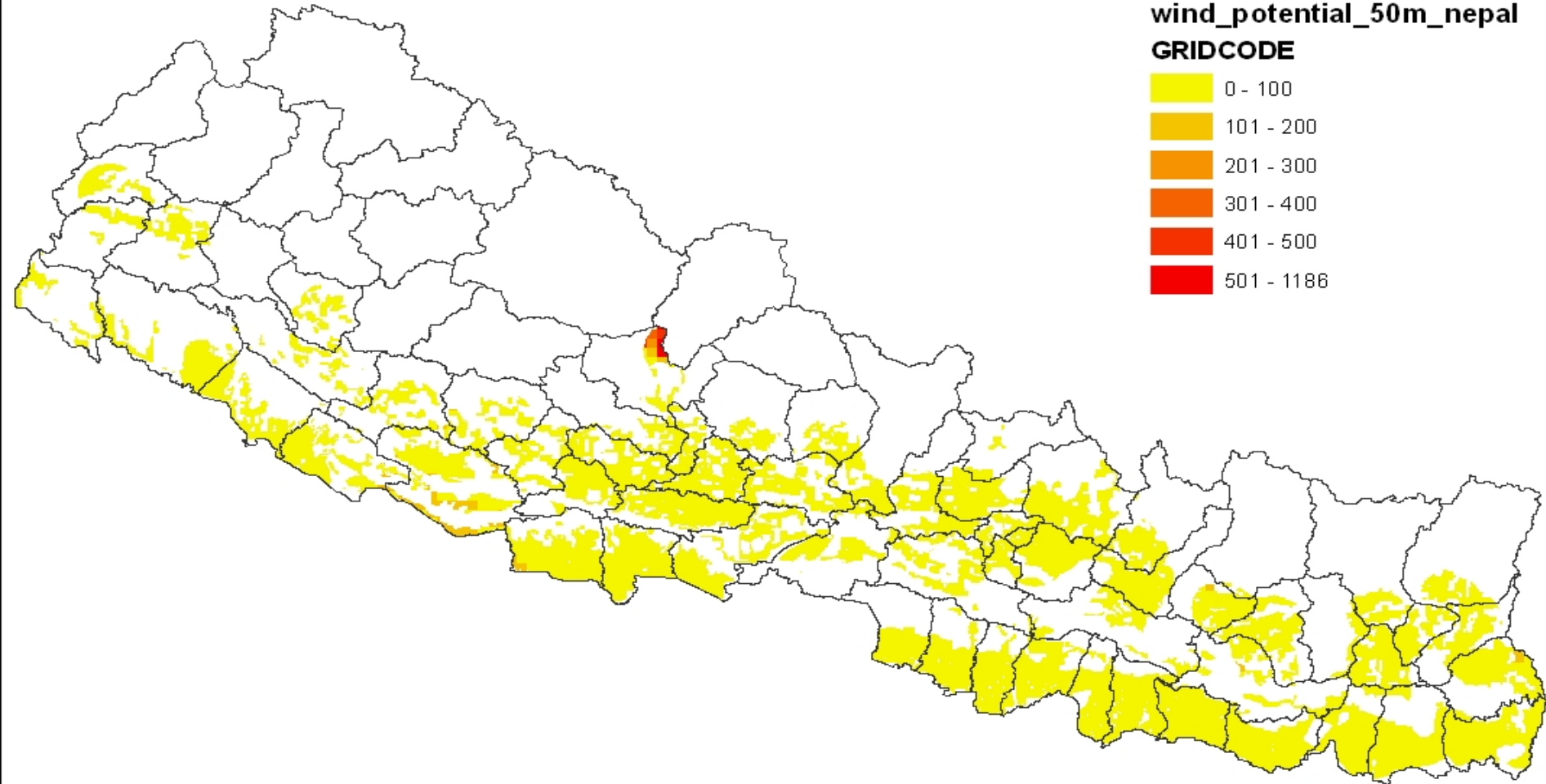
 101 - 200

 201 - 300

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 401 - 500

 501 - 1186



Gross wind potential of Nepal

- By considering commercially viable wind power density (WPD) **300 w/m²**, there is **6074 sq. km** area with power density greater than 300 WPD.

If consider 10% of total feasible area

- about **3000 MW** of total electricity can be generated by wind energy @ 5 MW per sq. km.

Present activities

- wind speed data Collection and expansion of wind station network
- Annual reporting of analyzed data
- Conducting R and D on wind energy technology
- Implementation of small wind power generation projects



Proposal Outlines

Main Objective

The overall objective of the project is to lay the ground work for the wind energy development in Nepal for electrifying poor rural communities through deploying small-scale wind power systems as well as to build demonstration project for grid-connection of wind power system.

Specific Objectives:

- To implement pilot demonstration projects to serve the purpose of household electrification, irrigation, operating equipments in schools, hospitals etc.
- To carry out the wind energy resource assessment and the feasibility study to implement large scale wind power projects in Nepal.
- To develop capacity of the private sector to manufacture and fabricate small wind systems in the country.

Scope of the Project

- Significant to scaling up the wind energy projects in the country.
- Increase energy access to the community and households in the remote areas for household consumptive and other productive purposes in schools and hospitals.
- Could play an important role to reduce energy crisis in the country within a short period of time.
- Enhance local level manufacturing base and employment opportunities.

Project Areas

Three different districts Mustang, Achham and Kathmandu have been proposed to conduct pilot projects in initial phase.



Brief introduction about project areas

- **Mustang** district is located beyond the Himalayas and falls in the rain corridor but has the highest wind density in Nepal with estimated potential of 200 MW wind power in a 12-km corridor from *Kagbeni* to *Chhusang* that can generate about 500 GWh annually
- **Achham** district lies in the Far Western Region of Nepal and is one of the least developed in Nepal, in terms of the access to energy and other basic services. A data logger has been recently installed in the district to assess the potential of wind energy, based on the recommendations by the local community, and authority. The initial results have been very encouraging. The wind pilot demonstration projects will be small scale off grid decentralised units to fulfil the electricity needs of households/communities
- **Kathmandu** is the capital of Nepal and it is proposed to install a small wind unit near there for the purpose of technology demonstration. The unit will be grid connected, to demonstrate the feasibility of grid connection of wind power.

Methodology

Policy formulation

- Small and large scale wind energy development framework mechanism

Feasibility Study

- Identification of detail locations suitable for wind power development within proposed districts
- Data collection, resource assessment, expansion of wind mast stations, economic & impact study analysis

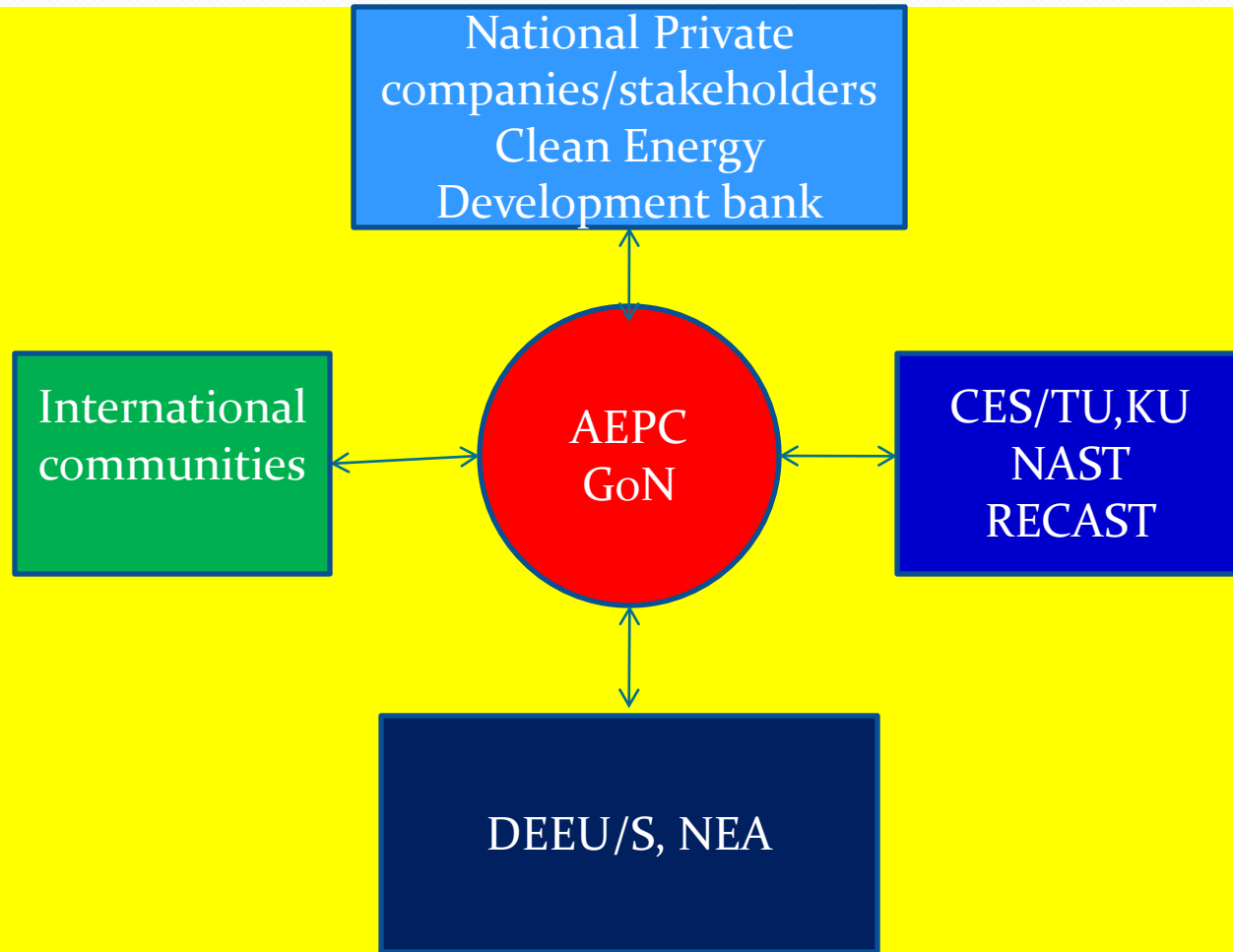
Capacity building

- Technology transfer, Training to workshops/manufacturers/Fabricators, Installers, Designers
- Development of local level entrepreneurship for regular O & M, After Sales Service etc.

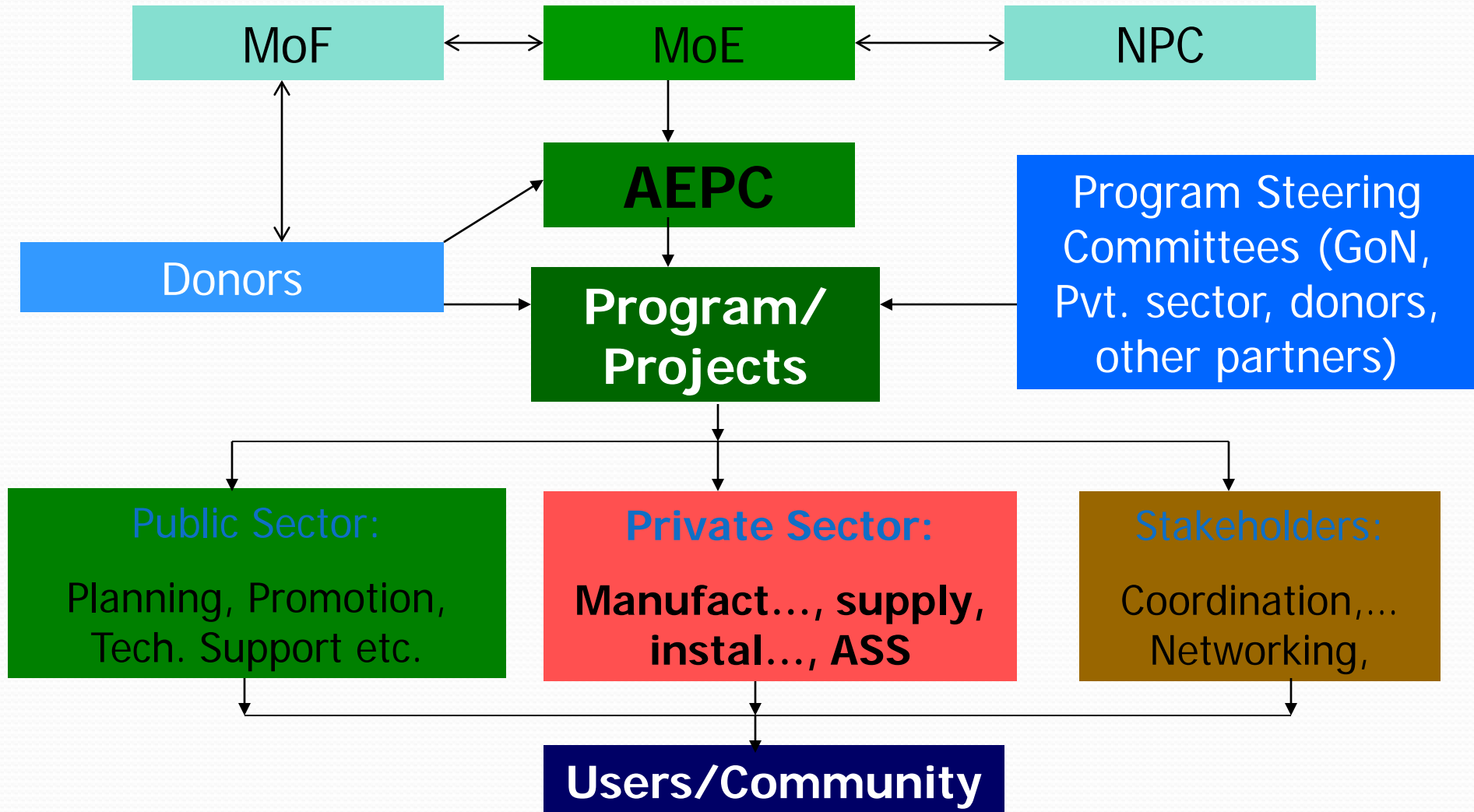
Impementation, M & O

- Pilot projects for electrification
- Monitoring & Evaluation

Formulation of project strategy team



Institutional Set up for conduction of project



Expected Outputs

- Demonstrated use of wind energy for household electricity use as well as other basic services as in schools and hospitals in remote areas
- Established the feasibility of scaling up wind electricity generation through large and small scale power projects in Nepal.
- Demonstrated the technology transfer to manufacture small scale wind turbines and accessories in Nepal.

Time Frame

- The tentative project duration will be 2 years from the initiation of project work



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