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1. Organization

1.1 Contact information

Sopowerful Foundation is registered with the Amsterdam Chamber of Commerce (KvK) under number 76714411 (RSIN: 860769483) with the official name 'Stichting Sopowerful'.

Address of the foundation:

Middenwillenseweg 157
2805KP
Gouda
The Netherlands

The Foundation's website is: www.sopowerful.org.

1.2 Board, Employees and volunteers

The board of the foundation consists of three representatives:

- Mr. T. P. van Dorp
- Ms. L. van Os
- Mr. P.R.M. van der Linden

The operational Sopowerful team, which receives a remuneration for their services to the Foundation:

- Mr. S. Cruccu
- Mr. M.F. Jambo
- Mr. C. Makina
- Mr. G. Taulo
- Ms. A. Mollel
- Mr. A. Desforges
- Mr. S. Pedra Blasi
- Mr. R. Gdalia

Our team is supported by 12 volunteers.

The board and volunteers of Sopowerful Foundation receive no remuneration for their activities.

2. Vision and mission

2.1 Vision

Our vision is that every human being should have access to essential things in life such as healthcare, education and clean water. We also believe that electrification through solar power can enable tangible, sustainable development and the things mentioned above..

2.2 Mission

Lack of electricity has a major impact on the lives of many people worldwide, and in particular in developing countries in Sub-Saharan Africa, where nearly one billion people still have no access to reliable electricity supply. In rural areas in Malawi only 5% of the population has access to electricity and, as an example, it is estimated that 58% of health facilities in Sub-Saharan Africa are without electricity. This poses great challenges for the general health and wellbeing of people, but also strongly limits social and economic development.

Solar energy is in many scenarios the most suitable way to generate electricity in Sub-Saharan Africa. The technology is affordable and relatively easy to implement, but also sustainable (in terms of environmental and long-term impact).

Sopowerful Foundation's mission statement: **"solar where it matters most"**.

This mission refers to the use of solar energy in situations where this has the greatest possible effect on people's lives, whilst also making a long-term, sustainable impact. Where it facilitates or improves essential necessities (e.g. healthcare, education and food/water supply), especially in rural areas in developing countries.

3. Objective, working method and ambitions

3.1 Objective

Sopowerful Foundation's objective is to use solar energy in relevant situations and locations as a means of electrification that enables improvement of Healthcare, Education, Water access and Food security. Our interventions contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly the goals 2, 3, 4, 6 and 7 (Access to Clean and Affordable Energy). Usually one project contributes to more than one SDG. More can be found out about the UN SDS on <https://sdgs.un.org/goals>.

Topic	SDG	Examples
Healthcare	3 and 7	Clinics, health centers, hospitals
Education	4 and 7	Schools, educational centers
Water access	6 and 7	Variety of community projects, or in combination with above examples
Food security	2 and 7	Farming schemes, cooperatives



We have started our activities in Malawi and expanded to Tanzania in 2022. In the same year one project was also implemented in Lebanon. After this we have revised our approach and decided our geographical focus will for the time being be limited to Sub-saharan Africa, in particular Malawi and Tanzania.

3.2 Working method

The general approach and working method of the Foundation is as follows:

1. Sopowerful Foundation continuously fundraises, either project specific donations or more general donations that can be allocated to projects on a need basis. The Foundation's funders are private organizations: companies and other foundations/non-profit organizations.
2. The Foundation carefully assesses potential beneficiaries, based on its selection criteria. Main criteria are the real and relevant need for electrification and a beneficiary that demonstrates strong local ownership and both willingness and ability to co-invest in the project investment, as well as budget for operational costs.
3. In close collaboration with local contractors and based on its assessment of a beneficiary, the Foundation designs and engineers the solar system. Installation is done by the local contractors, with supervision by the Foundation.
4. The Foundation remains involved during the operational phase of the solar systems, remotely monitors and inspects each one once a year. Operations and Maintenance is the responsibility of the local contractor, which enters into an agreement with the beneficiary. In principle, the beneficiary is responsible for dealing with issues, repairs and maintenance needed to the solar system.

3.3 Ambition

Sopowerful Foundation's ambition is to make a tangible and sustainable impact through the application of solar energy technology, making a difference in the lives of 500.000 people in underprivileged communities, by the end of 2025.

4. Finance

4.1 Method of acquiring income

Sopowerful Foundation's income is acquired through dedicated fundraising with private organizations (companies and non-profits), as well as by the use of crowdfunding. Through the Foundation's website, individuals can easily make a one-time or recurring donation, which is solely used for the implementation of a solar system.

4.2 Management and spending powers

Sopowerful Foundation was founded with the intention to operate as lean and mean and transparent as possible. The very start of our work has been made possible by crowdfunding, however over the last years the main share of our funding (over 90%) comes from private organizations as described above, instead of individuals.

Every donation received is allocated to either the 'Project budget' or split between 'Project budget' and 'Operational budget'. The ratio between these two is always pre-agreed with the donating organization. Crowdfunding donations are allocated entirely to the 'Project budget', so that each individual donating has the certainty that 100% of the donation is used for the implementation of a project (components, labour, transport).

Payments are carried out following the 'four eye principle', to ensure proper financial conduct.

Our aim is to gradually achieve a ratio between spendings on 'Project costs' and 'Operational costs' (tools, remuneration, transport, accommodation, etc.) of 5:1 by the end of 2025.

For the Foundation's yearly reports and financial statements, please refer to www.sopowerful.org/anbi.