REPROMOTING SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT THROUGH COMMUNITY TRUSTS?

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WHAT IS THE OBJECTIVE?

 Renewable energy projects that have an impact on a landscape should support social development.

Why??

- Government uses its licence rights to leverage local CSI?
- Private sector have a philanthropic ethos and volunteer a contribution?
- Rural poverty is not conducive to an enabling environment?
- Community protest during construction and operation are a threat?
- Large scale RE projects prevent other land uses and need to show a positive local impact?
- All of the above?

WHAT IS THE BENEFIT FOR THE COMMUNITY?

- Temporary Local construction jobs.
- Lease of land if community owned.
- Reliable electricity.
- Flow of community development money through trusts.
- Community as a shareholder can get dividends.
- Long term job potential?

USING TRUSTS AS A DEVELOPMENT ENABLER

Guiding principles

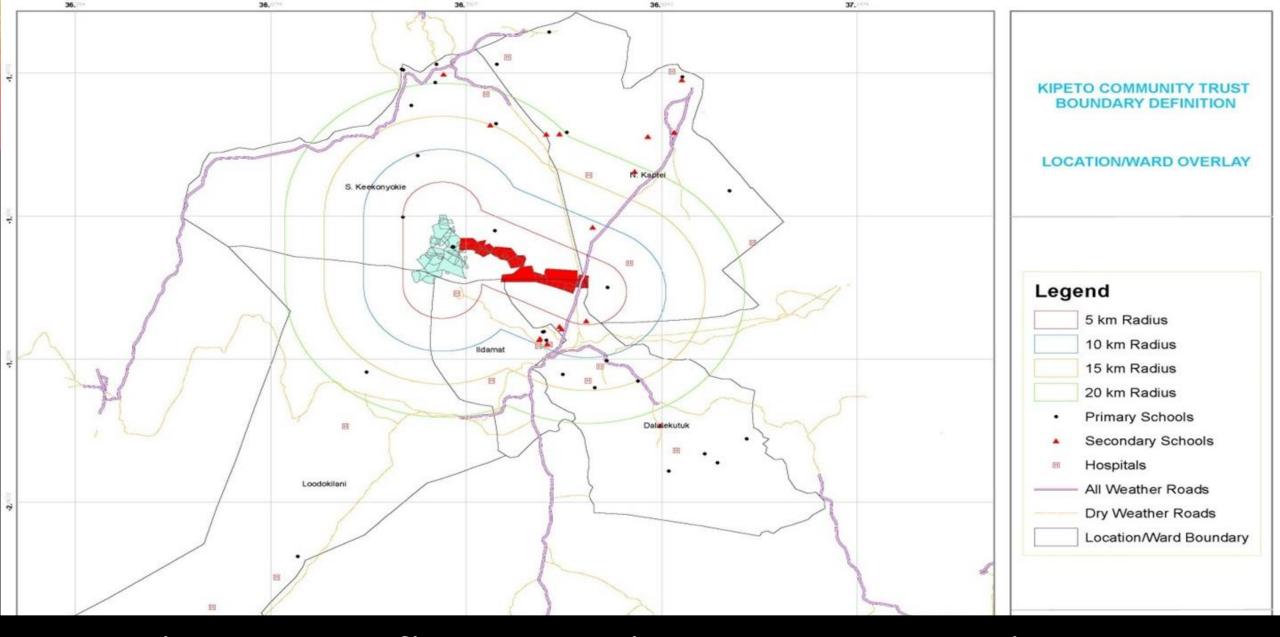
- 1. Local and national government are responsible for development.
- 2. The community should guide and control their own development.
- 3. The Sustainable Development Goals should guide development investment.
- 4. Gender inequality should be prioritised Investing in women grows communities.
- 5. Really understand the status of social development in the affected Community
- 6. Monitor impact against a measurable set of indicators.
- 7. Create a development plan with the community and government to guide trust investments.
- 8. Transparency and accountability are the foundations of good governance.
- 9. Trusts should not be a vehicle for political parties.

SOME LESSONS FROM TRUSTS AND COMMUNAL PROPERTY ASSOCIATIONS

- Ensure all sectors are represented.
- Remain involved in the trust.
- Running an accountable community based organisation costs money.
- Actively support representation of most vulnerable sectors of the community.
- Investment in education has the most long term benefit.
- Do not build social infrastructure without a long term staffing agreement from government or a solid NGO/CBO.
- Have an annual report back and planning meeting.
- Create easy communication between the trust and community it is serving.
- Co-operate with NGOs and local government rather than try replace them.
- Help communities move towards a sustainable low carbon future.

CASE STUDY- KIPETO WIND PROJECT, KADJIADO COUNTY, KENYA

- 100 MW wind farm with a 25 year PPA.
- Being built on individually owned parcels of land within a Maasai community.
- Individuals will get 2.5% of the turnover of the turbines on their land.
- There is a community liaison committee in place.
- Community will receive 5% of dispersed dividends this is a voluntary self imposed tax agreed by the shareholders.
- A community trust will be formed to receive and disburse the funds.
- Defining the community took many meetings.
- We are looking for "quick-wins" linked to the construction period.
 - Water supply linked to new boreholes
 - Construction offices and accommodation will become teacher accommodation
 - A budget has been set aside to social spending to bridge the gap before profits are made



Trying to define who is the community that

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SETTING UP THE COMMUNITY TRUST

- Process of setting up a trust has begun lawyers will be appointed.
- The trust will be founded by the company and have community sectors represented as trustees.
- The trust will go on a field visit to see how other trusts have worked in Kenya.
- NGO and government stakeholders are on board.
- A Social base line has been completed.
- A draft community development plan has been drawn up.
- A participatory community plan will be created using the draft plan to guide trust investments.
- Baselines will be agreed to monitor impact of the social spending.

THANK YOU

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