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Sustainable Energy for All Initiative

1.3 billion people worldwide are without access to electricity, and a billion more have only intermittent access. **2.8 billion** people lack access to clean cooking solutions.

In response, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon launched a new initiative in 2011 by the same name, calling on governments, businesses, and civil society to make commitments to action to accomplish **three objectives** by 2030:



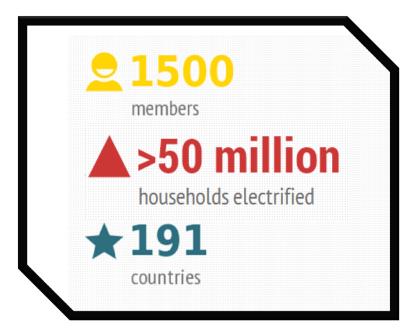




The UN General Assembly Member States have unanimously declared 2014-2024 as the **Decade of Sustainable Energy for All.**



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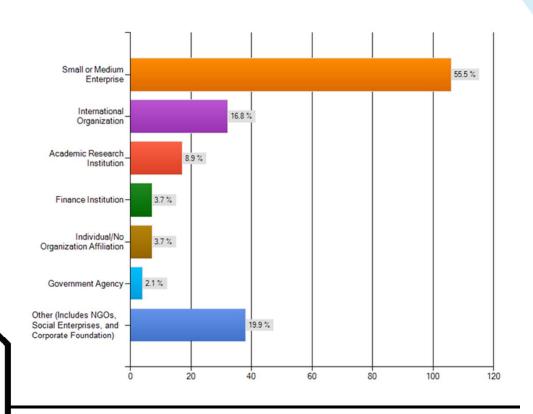
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Energy Access in Haiti

- The International Energy Agency estimates that micro-grid & decentralized energy solutions will be the pathway to electricity access for roughly 60 percent of the people who now lack it.
- Poverty in Haiti is closely tied to a significant lack of access to energy:
 fewer than 25 percent of households in Haiti are connected to the grid,
 and the existing infrastructure has continuous issues, with total system
 losses estimated as much as 50 percent.
- Half of Haiti's population still lives on less than \$1 a day, and the country has the second largest income disparity in the world.
- The average rural Haitian is estimated to spend 6.5 percent of his annual income on kerosene and candles for home lighting.
- The Practitioner Network has a strong membership base in Haiti close to 130 member organizations report operating in the country.



