

# WHAT'S MISSING IN MINIGRID PLANNING?

## Technical & Financial Data

load forecasts, capex/opex. IRR, tariffs

#### **Community Realities**

social cohesion, institutions, demand behaviours, community assets Developer and funders have strong tools for technical and financial assessments however, community experience, livelihoods, and local institutions are often overlooked yet they shape:

- energy demand,
- willingness to pay,
- long-term project viability



#### COMMUNITY ENERGY INSIGHTS FRAMEWORK (CUEF)

CUEF is an open-source framework that turns community-driven data into usable insights.

It captures key factors – demographics, livelihoods, institutions, and electrification experience – ensuring community voices are visible in energy planning.

Community Data CUEF Framework Profiles/Indicators



# COMMUNITY ENERGY INSIGHTS INDEX (CUEI)

With the CUEF introduces a community profile; Community Energy Insights Index (CUEI).

Every community is unique, their insights are the details that translate into energy demand.

The CUEI captures a snapshot of the socioeconomic status of the communities, details that support towards project design and demand uncertainty.

### WHY IT MATTERS

Funders --- Improve community-driven likelihoods

Communit — Ensure their knowledge is preserved and prioritised, shaping the projects







Community insights are often not recognized



This framework aims to translate those insights into actionable indices



The first step is gathering inputs to build the structure

A mini survey has been produced for the foundation of our research.

Your input ensures inclusive, grounded research that reflects
real world practice.

