A primary challenge to the deployment of renewable energy assets in developing countries is the “early-stage financing gap.” While the costs of early-stage development are comparatively low, the risks and barriers for investors and developers are high and constantly changing. The Seed Capital Assistance Facility (SCAF) helps fund managers and development companies mitigate these risks.

**HOW CAN SCAF HELP YOU?**

SCAF offers **repayable enterprise and seed capital grants**. There is a minimum 50% cost-sharing and co-financing requirement. The three support lines meet the financing, timing, and support needs of the partner at each phase and risk level. For support line 1 and 2, SCAF establishes a mid-term working relationship over a set of target markets and projects, not one-off support for individual projects.

**“During the early stages of our company, “just-in-time” funding was inevitable. SCAF’s support during this very critical phase has allowed us to bridge our fundraising related costs until the closing of our first financing round.”**

Fabio Eucalipto, CFO Candi

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Working to mobilize early-stage investment for innovative low-carbon projects in Sub-Saharan Africa and South-East Asia.
WHY PARTNER WITH SCAF?

We are currently working with an array of partners that have renewable energy projects across a wide span of countries in Africa and Asia. SCAF (phase I and II) has delivered support to 25 partners with an aggregate pipeline of over 183 projects (SL1) across 36 countries, and provided direct, project-specific seed capital to 47 projects (SL2), to build over two gigawatt of generation capacity, avoiding emissions of 5.5 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO₂) equivalent each year. But SCAF’s work is not just about cutting emissions. It is bringing huge benefits across the sustainable development agenda: increasing access to clean and reliable electricity and boosting communities across Asia and Africa.

SCAF’s approach:
• Proactive and committed
• Hands-on and flexible modus operandi
• Solution- oriented

“...The facility has been refinanced several times and expanded, emphasizing its success and robustness. The facility has also been replicated in other sectors such as forestry. Renewable industry is a fast-paced environment, SCAF’s flexibility and know-how make a real difference to explore and seize promising opportunities.”

Gilles Parmentier, CEO Africa REN

HOW TO APPLY?

The application window for SCAF is operated through our service account info@scaf-energy.org. SCAF partners must go through a four-step process to get support.

INTRODUCTION
Any party may request support at any point throughout the operational phase of SCAF.

PROPOSAL
Interested entities submit a proposal once the SCAF-Agent has conducted a preliminary eligibility check. Once approved in principle by the Recommendation Committee, the proposal proceeds to due-diligence.

DUE DILIGENCE
The SCAF-Agent, together with the Programme Management Unit, carries out on-site due diligence. After final approval by the Recommendation Committee, the SCAF Agent will start contract negotiations.

CONTRACTING
The PMU asks the SCAF Agent to complete a cooperating partner agreement (CPA). Once contracted, the SCAF partners receive milestone based disbursements and report on their progress through quarterly reports and regular conference calls.

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Eligibility details
SCAF website

Contact us at info@scaf-energy.org