Types of clean energy products and services supported

- **Clean energy products or services that provide access to electricity** (for off-grid households and/or productive engagements) and access to clean and/or efficient cooking
- **Electricity access products and/or services categorized as Tier 1** (with multiple lights) and Tier 2, or that enable existing Tier 1 and Tier 2 households to continue to climb up the electricity access ladder.
- **Cook stoves** that meet and/or exceed Tier 2 fuel use efficiency for wood and Tier 3 fuel use efficiency for charcoal.

- **Cook stoves and fuel solutions** that meet the Tier 4 threshold for indoor emissions. This includes sustainable fuels e.g. pellets, briquettes, bioethanol and LPG
- **Activities** that help increase electricity consumption on existing mini-grids (e.g. increasing access to suitable appliances for mini-grid customers)

The following products and services are **Not Eligible** for support:
- Grid connected projects
- Captive power projects

*For more information on supported products and services, please refer to the multitier framework for electricity and clean cooking.*
Disbursements will be made in tranches based on the achievement and verification of the sales milestones agreed upon in the contract.

Upon verification, 90% of the RBF sales incentive claim is disbursed. 10% of each RBF claim will be withheld and paid after end 2023 subject to spot check verification to establish that units sold over the contract duration are still functioning.

A 20% optional pro-poor bonus, in addition to the incentive per verified sale, will be paid to companies for whom ≥ 25% of verified RBF sales are to poor households.1

RBF projects are expected to be implemented over a 2.5-year period running from July 2021 to Dec 2023.

Selection Criteria

Companies will be selected through a two-stage competition. First, the qualification stage where companies will be shortlisted based on the eligibility criteria. Secondly, the award stage will involve submission of business plans upon which select applicants will be awarded. The selection will be based on additionality, value for money and sustainability of the plans.

How to Apply

To apply for support, please go to www.aecfafrica.org/RBF and click on the “Apply” button to register on our secure online application platform. You will be expected to fill out an application form to determine your eligibility against the set criteria (more details in term sheet).

Applications will be accepted between 8 December 2020 and 26 January 2021. The application window closes at 11:59 pm (EAT) on 26 January 2021.

1 The Poverty Probability Index (PPI) [https://www.povertyindex.org/] will be the tool used to determine the probability that a household is poor.