

# **SUSTAINABLE ACCESS TO ELECTRICITY**

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# **Objectives**

The general objective of this Monitoring & Evaluation activity is to elaborate lessons learned based on previous rural electrification programmes and issue recommendations 1) to maintain the electricity service of existing rural electrification systems and 2) to raise the sustainability of future programmes based on these findings.

**Specific Objectives** 

To draw and analyze the data and information on:









The operational status

Management and costs structure

Involvement and engagement and gender mainstreaming

Impacts on the social, economic and environmental aspect

# Methodology

Methodologyand the evaluation process

A.Sampling selection: purposive sampling considering operational status, battery types, management setup, location within ELREN's working areas

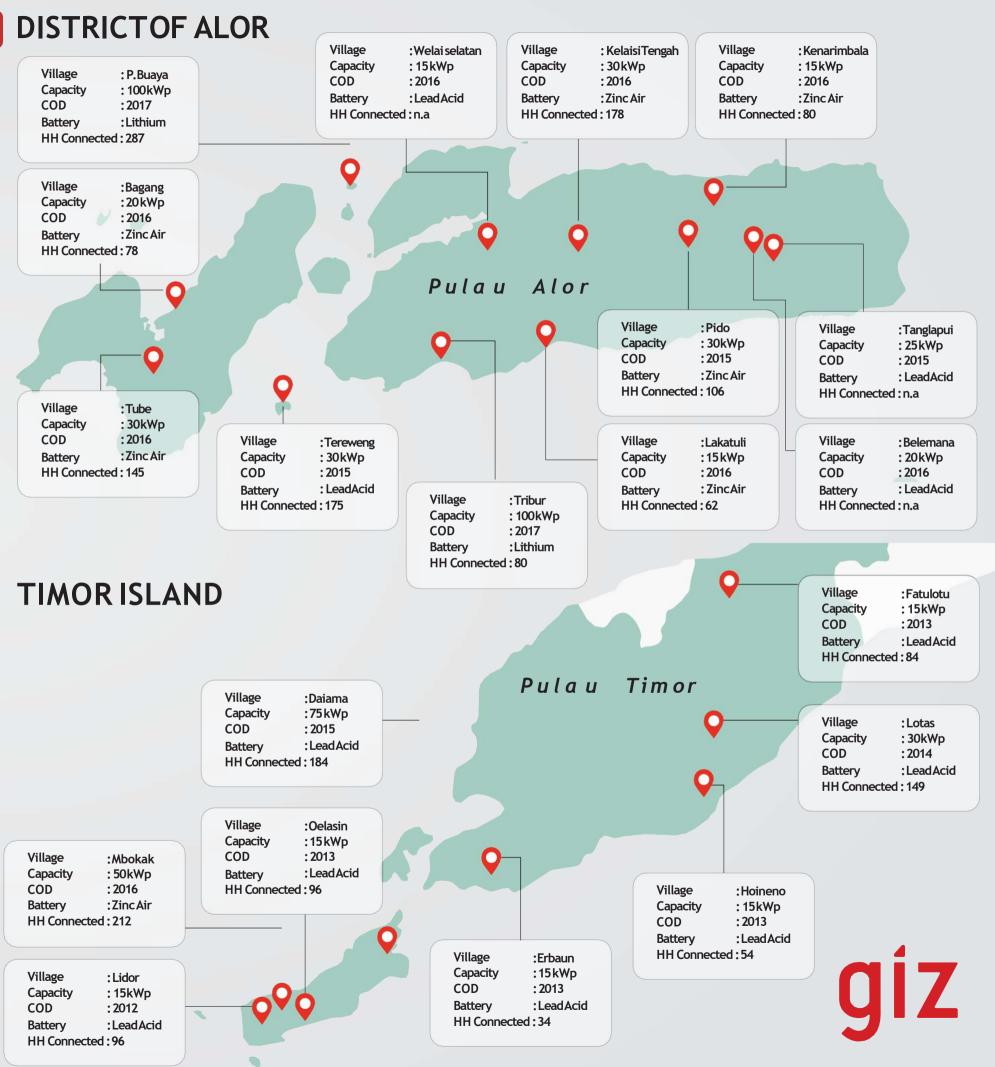
#### B. Tools development

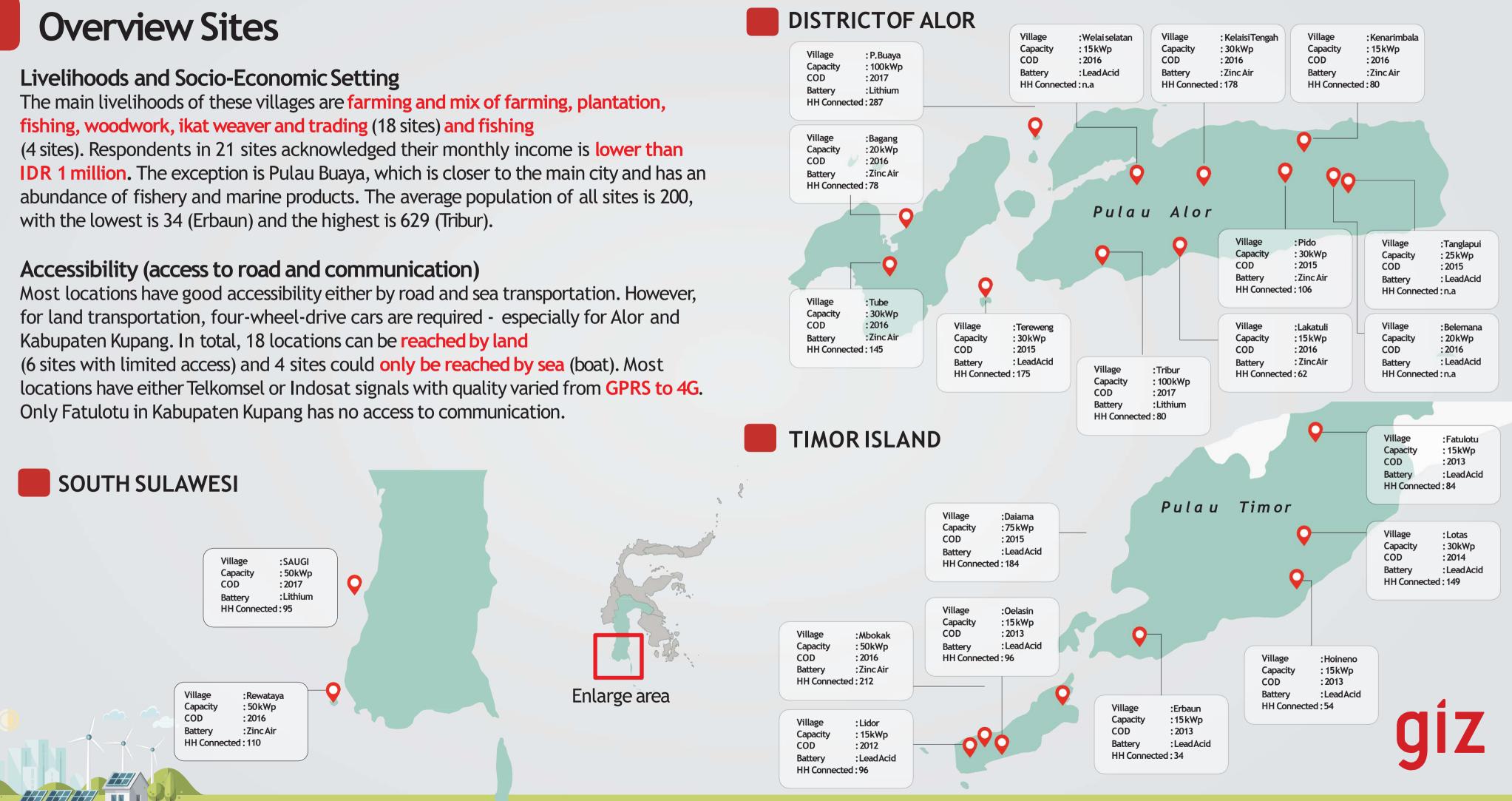
- Quantitative Questionnaire for 22 sites targeting operators
- Qualitative Focus Group Discussions (FGD) in 8 sites with local communities and village administrations
- C. Training and try-out with enumerators 26 students of The Polytechnic Kupang and 4 lectures
- D. Data analysis process triangulations and internal discussions with rural energy experts
- E. Problem Root Cause analysis
- F.Program Evaluation











# **Achievements of Rural Electrification Program**

Through government-funded rural electrifications programmes close to 700 **RE-powered village electrification** systems have been installed between 2012 and 2017

- More than 75,000 households connected providing opportunity for economic growth
- Minimum of 2,000 jobs was directly created in remote areas on the village level.
- At least 9,730 income opportunities were created during planning and construction (10 jobs per system on average).
- Growing opportunities for skilled employment through Engineering, Procurement and Construction (EPC) service companies.

How is Energy Access Measured

Multi-tier matrix measuring access to household electricity

|             | TIER 0            | TIER 1    | TIER 2     | TIER 3                 | TIER 4             | TIER 5    |  |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------------------|--------------------|-----------|--|
| Capacity    | NO<br>ELECTRICITY | 1-50W     | 50-500W    | 500-2000W              | >2000W             |           |  |
| Duration    | <4 Hours          | 4-8 hours |            | 8-16 hours             | <b>16-22 hours</b> | >22 hours |  |
| Reliability |                   | Unschedul | ed outages | No Unscheduled outages |                    |           |  |
| Quality     | Low Quality       |           |            | Good Quality           |                    |           |  |





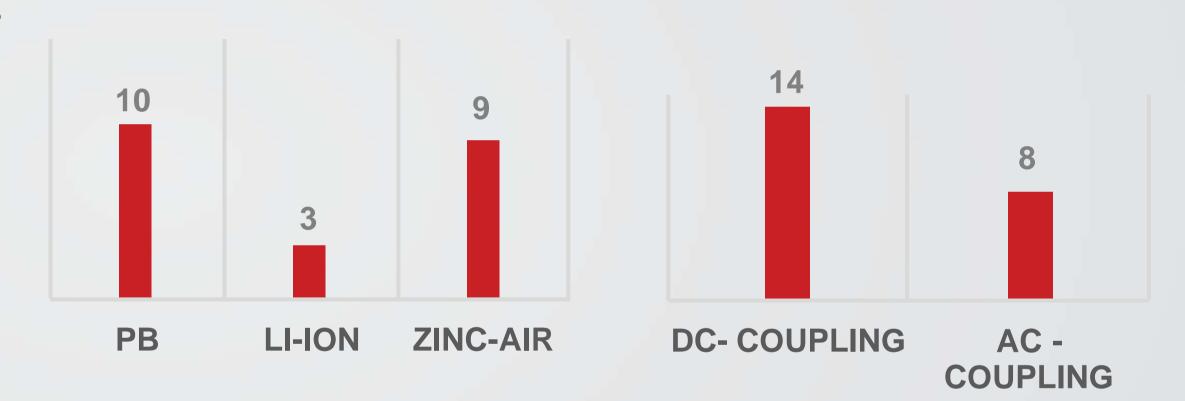
# Findings and Lessons Learned



- 2. Post-installation managements
- 3. Social, Economic, Environmental Impacts
- 4. Program level evaluation



Study sampling consisted of 10 PB, 9 Zinc-air battery and 3 Lithium battery sites. The study concluded that both Zinc-air and Lithium batteries have disadvantages compared to PB batteries.



ALMOST 60% of the sampling are DC-Coupling 11 SITES were ever visited by Endev team in the past



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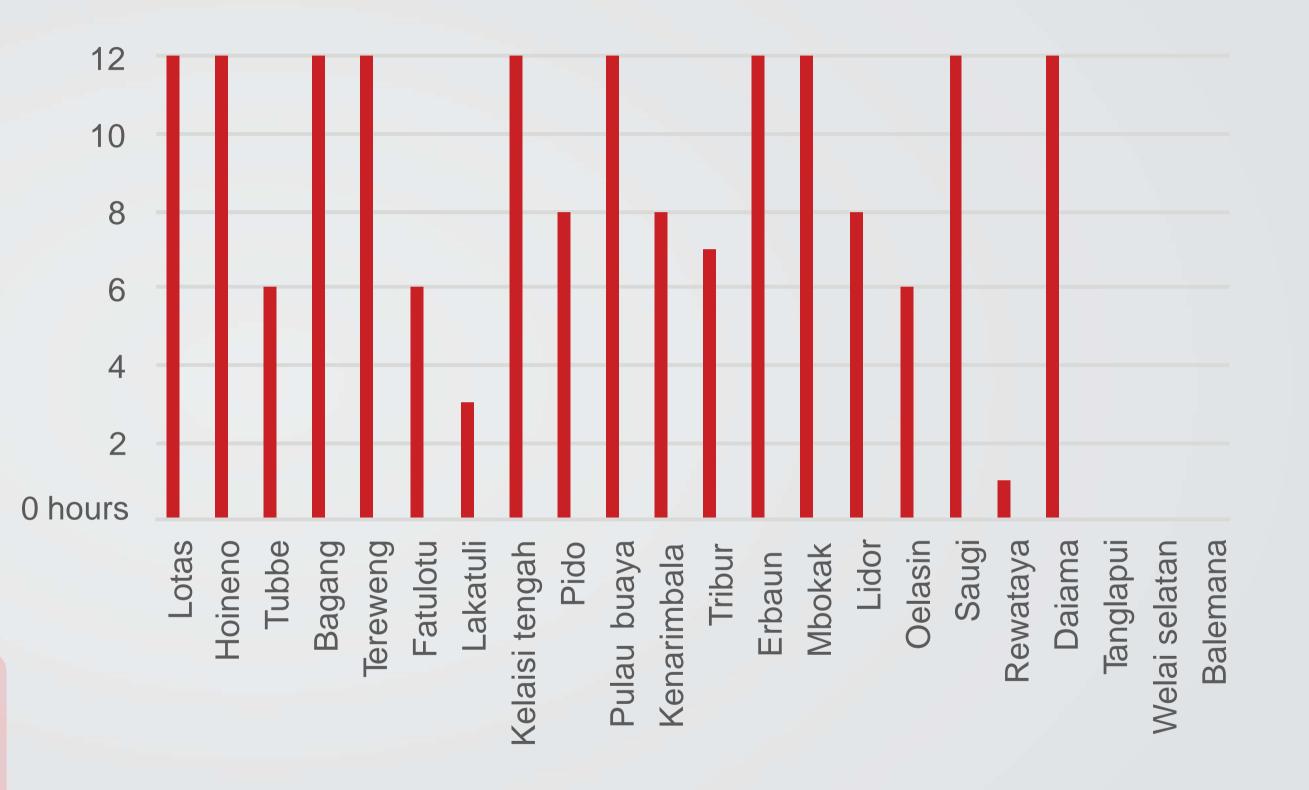
Benchmark of service between 6 pm - 6 am (12 hours -> 24 hours)

 Ten locations (45%) served longer than 10 hours each day

Five locations (23%) served up to 6 hours

- Four locations (18%) served between
  6-10 hours
- Three mini-grid (14%) have stopped operating
  - Are the mini grids providing electricity continuously, reliably and according to the requirements of the villagers?

2 How are the PV mini grids performing from a technical point of view, years after their installation?





## Technical Scoring of all Sites Based on Functionality, Safety and Accessories Aspects ----- Functionality ----- Safety ----- Accessories Lotas Hoineno Balemana 3 Welai Selatan/Meinang Tubbe Bagang Tanglapui Tereweng 0.5 Fatulotu Lakatuli Saugi Kelaisi Tengah Oelasin • A score of 2-3 categorises a system as functional (with minor restrictions). • Values of 0-1 classify a system as not safe to operate. Lidor Pido Mbokak Pulau buaya Kenarimbala Erbaun Tribur

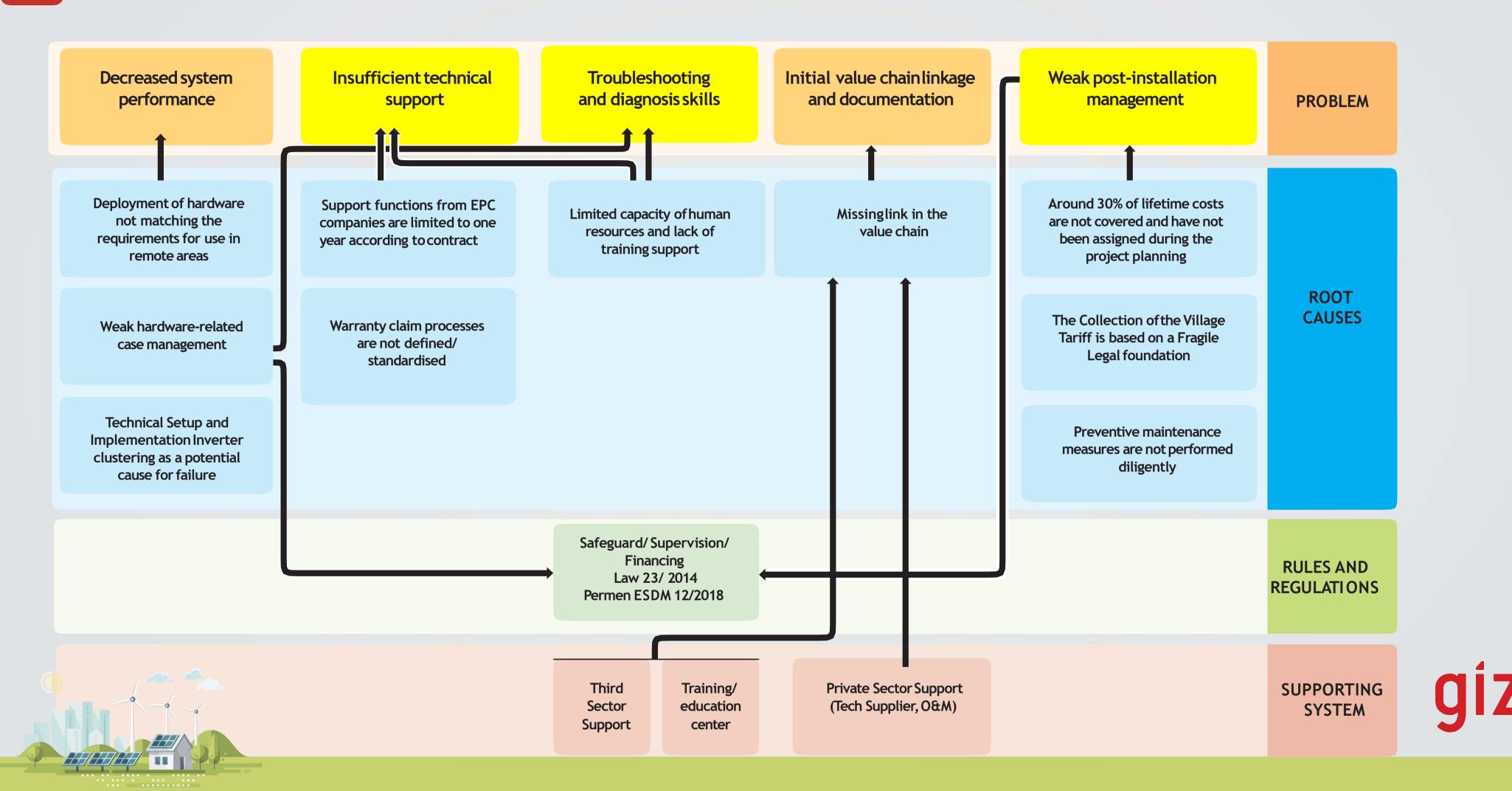
1. Scoring method

| Functionality        | Fully<br>functionin | Light<br>restrictio | Heavy<br>malfunction | Total<br>malfunctio |          |
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| Essential components | 3                   | 2                   | 1                    | 0                   |          |
| Safety components    | 3                   | 2                   | 1                    | 0                   | Rewataya |
| Ancillary components | 3                   | 2                   | 1                    | 0                   |          |

### 2. System performance

According to the scoring method under Step 2, values are given for each system.

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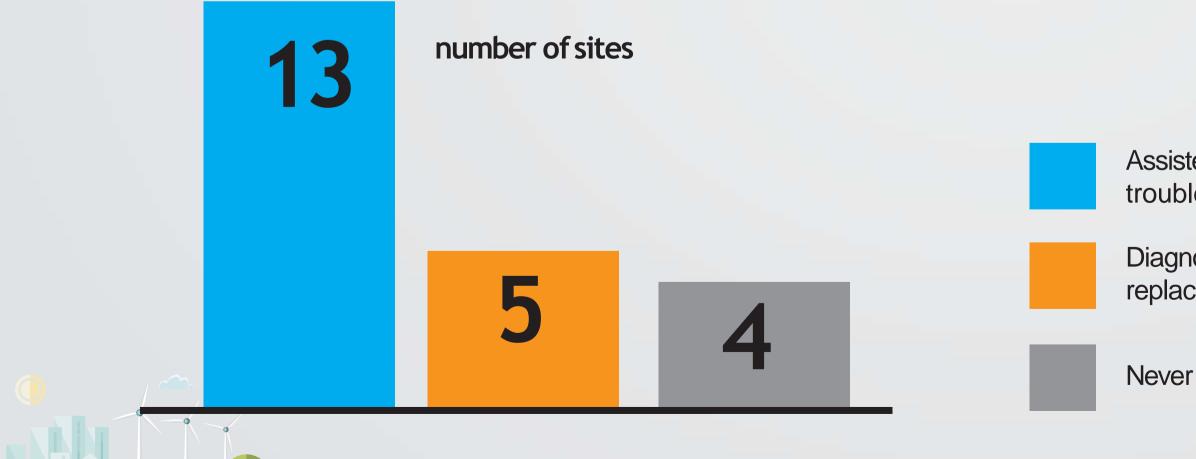


## Lesson Learned - Root Cause Analysis

## **PROBLEM2:** Insufficient Technical Support Available

- Root cause 1: Support functions from Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) companies are limited to one year according to contract
- Root cause 2: Warranty claim processes are not defined/ standardised and operators do not know how to report or claim a hardware replacement

## Types of the Assistances from EPCs During one year of guarantee



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**SUPPORTING SYSTEM** 

**Contributing factors:** 

Service limitation pre-defined by contract

Support by O&M/Turn-key EPC companies has not been defined and is not funded for by asset owners

Assisted malfunction diagnosis and troubleshooting by call(cabling)

Diagnosis and troubleshooting, devices/ spareparts replacement, buying tools and measuring instrument

## Lessons Learned - Root Cause Analysis

**PROBLEM 3:** Troubleshooting and Diagnosis Skills are Needed. On the Village-Level, a Gap Between Technology and Skills Persists

Root cause 1: Limited capacity of human resources and lack of training support



"There is no special training. Technically I was only taught how to turn off and turn on the lights and cleaning cables and PV panels", explained Kasim from Bagang who has a Bachelor of Indonesian Language from Muhammadiyah University, Kupang. Kasim, who also works as a Language Teacher in his village's Vocational School. He admitted that he only ever cleans the PV mini-grid area twice a year. He does not have a background in both skills and knowledge about electricity and PV mini-grids. RULES AND REGULATIONS

SUPPORTING SYSTEM

**Contributing factors:** 

Only one operator ever trained in government training provider. In the past, there was a Patriot Energy program and PPSDM conducted trainings for free. But both have stopped.



## Recommendations - PROBLEMS 2 & 3

#### Urgency Recommendation

<u>Training Centers / Knowledge-Hubs in Eastern Areas:</u> Government to set up new or leverage existing training programmes at the provincial level, accessible for operators and local technicians e.g. working with educational institutions or to allocate funds for training and certification. While operators can be funded through village funds. -> e.g. BLK, Polytechnics, Vocational Education

Enabling Provinces (minigrids to unlock economic potentials): Increase the transfer of knowledge on technology and use of to the provincial level. The systems' potentials for productive use of energy should be unlocked to enable economic growth in remote areas through a coordinated approach.

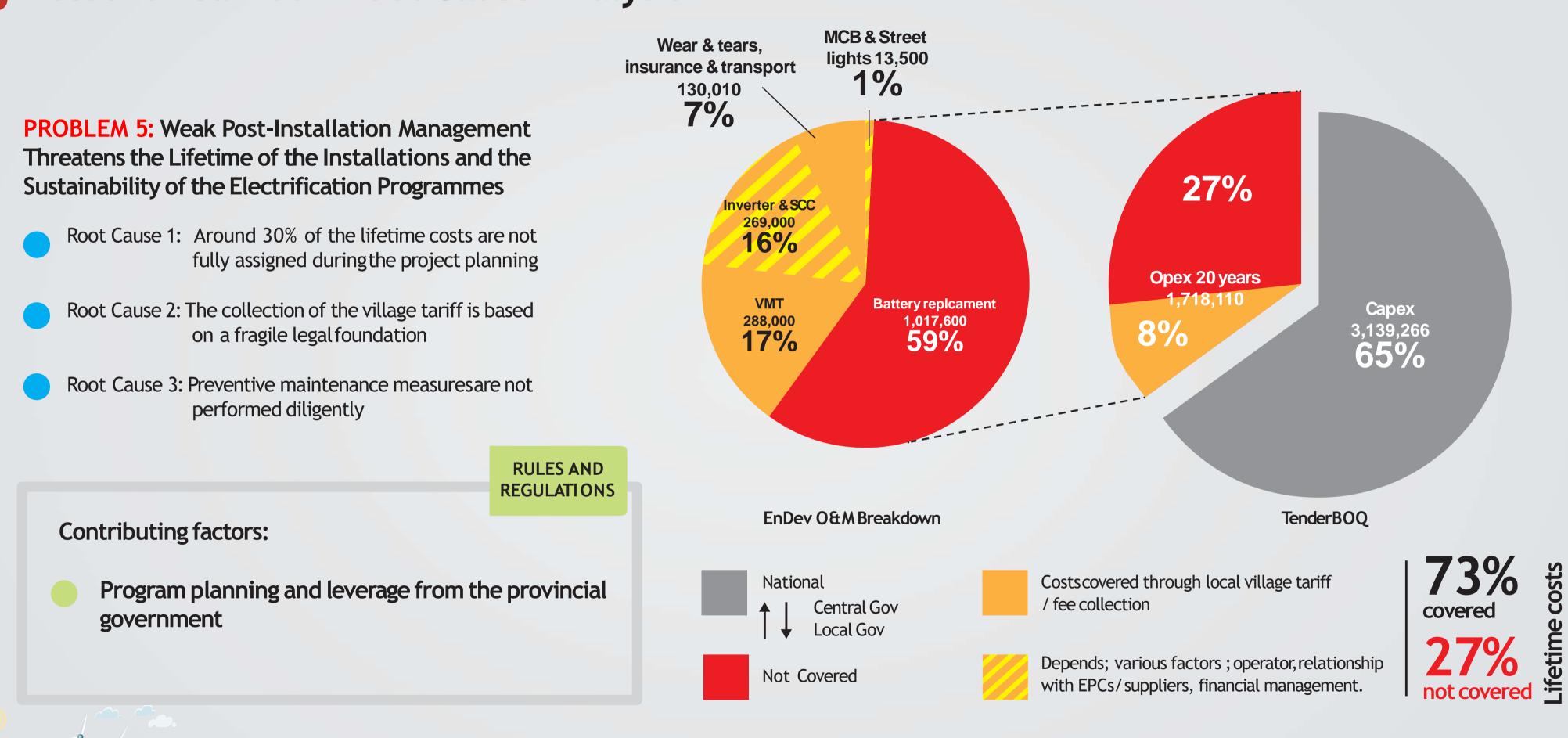
<u>Private-sector Engagement:</u> Engage the private sector for corrective maintenance by contracting O&M / EPCs / turn key companies with service level agreements (e.g. based on kWh provided) from the beginning. This also will answer the problem of linkage to the suppliers for village operators.

<u>Market-enabling environment:</u> Create market-enabling environments for private sector market niches to grow and develop sustainably, e.g. for technical services / O&M off-grid / service & repair, creating employment demands and job creation. To overcome the remoteness, strategies such as purchasing services from key partners, O&M services from EPC beyond building and transfer and develop a network system could be the solution.



Medium-term

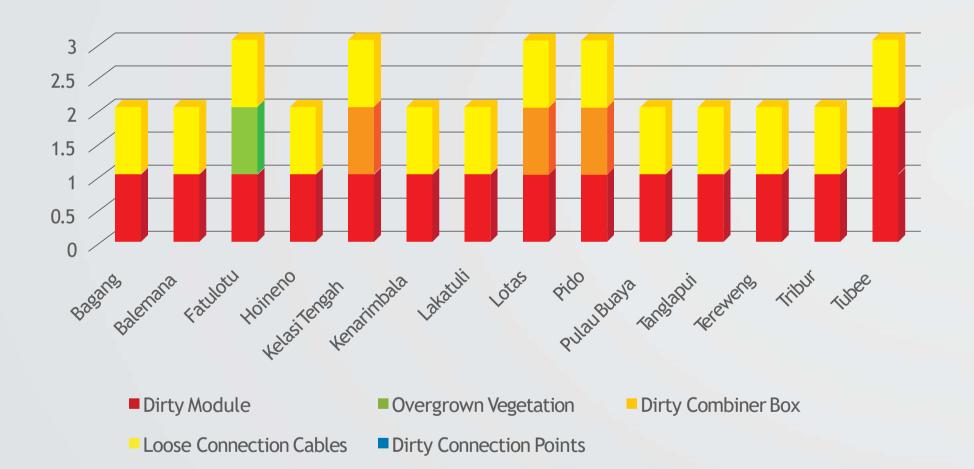
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## **Preventive Maintenance**

Despite being able to explain their job well, Preventive maintenance is hard to keep because "operator" is not their main job



## **Corrective Maintenance**

On the village level, it was observed that operators generally fall short of comprehensive troubleshooting skills. Nevertheless, the survey could document the following action initiated by operators in order to fix system malfunctioning: - contacted EPCs or installers (18 sites)

- consulted the head of the village (1 site)

**KEY TAKEAWAY** "It needs training programmes for operators but also an overarching technical support structure to assist operators in their job"

- consulted ESDM staff (4 sites)
- seek help from National owned Electricity Company (1 site)

