

## Clean Energy Challenge

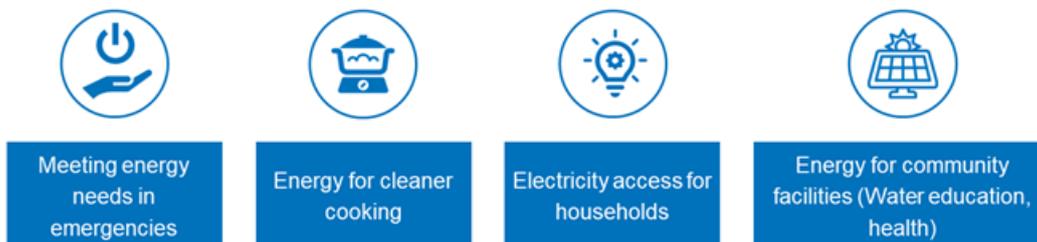
Affordable, Reliable and Sustainable Energy for  
Displaced and Host Communities  
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### What is the Clean Energy Challenge?

The Clean Energy Challenge is about multi-stakeholder initiative to **provide cleaner and safer energy** to forcibly displaced populations.

In order to take on the energy access challenges faced by humanitarian organisations, displaced and host communities, the UNHCR launched a [Clean Energy Challenge](#) at the [2019 Global Refugee Forum](#), gathering an Action Group of partners, including individuals, businesses and organizations from all over the world to work toward the vision that ***all settlements of forcibly displaced people and nearby host communities will have access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy by 2030.***

The Challenge outlines four outcome areas for integrated action:



### Guiding principles

#### How does the Challenge link with national plans and existing initiatives?

***The Challenge aims to support host governments' own energy agendas and ease the pressure on host countries and local communities.***

We aim to build on national capacities and support both host communities and refugees. This way refugees can live in dignity and contribute to the country hosting them until they have an opportunity to return home.

#### ***The Challenge pursues 'market-based' approaches***

We are working to build sustainable private sector solutions and develop local market capacities. Our guiding principles are participation, disaggregated data, and gender-aware programming that ensures access for all and enhances refugee self-reliance.

