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ZIMBABWE

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Under the **Mission 300 initiative**, progress on **National Energy Compacts** is monitored **twice a year** through data submitted by each country’s **Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU)**.

Monitoring covers both **policy reform actions** and key indicators across four thematic areas:

- Electricity access
- Clean cooking access
- Share of renewable energy in national generation
- Private Capital mobilized

Countries report progress using a **standardized Excel template**, based on which **Compact Progress Reports (CPRs)** are produced. Each CPR is **prepared and validated by the Government through its CDMU**. While Mission 300 partners support the reporting process, **countries retain full responsibility for the data and its interpretation**.

This report present the **latest country-reported data**, submitted during the **Q1 2026 reporting cycle** and reflecting **progress achieved in 2025**. The data provided is **country-reported and based on national methodologies**, which may limit direct comparisons across countries.

DEFINITIONS & METHODOLOGY

Priority Reform Action Status

- **NOT YET DUE:** No activities initiated for this action
- **IN PROGRESS – ON TRACK:** Implementation progressing well, no issues to be reported
- **IN PROGRESS – MINOR DELAYS:** In Progress but slight issues or minor delays expected
- **IN PROGRESS – AT RISK:** In Progress but major challenges, high risk of delay expected
- **DELAYED:** Deadlines passed and activities remain incomplete
- **COMPLETED:** All implementation activities concluded

“Connections” and “People Provided with Electricity access” Methodology

“**New electricity connections**” refers to additional electricity connections established since the start of Mission 300 up to the reporting year, across all solution types (grid, mini-grids, and solar home systems). To estimate the number of people gaining electricity access, the number of new connections is multiplied by the national average household size provided by the government (when available). This conversion is illustrative and does not imply that each connection corresponds to exactly one household.

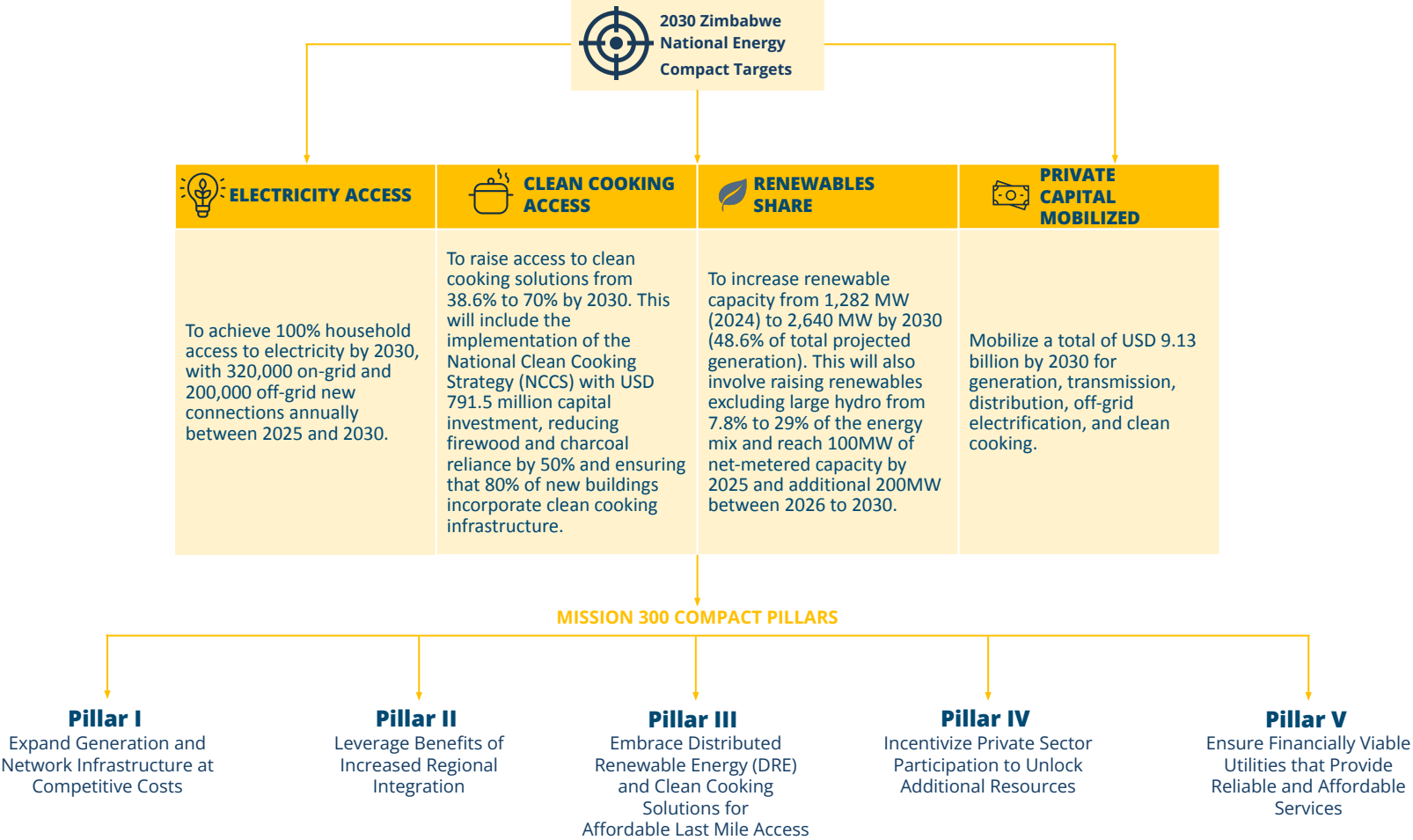
GLOSSARY

AfDB African Development Bank	NES National Electrification Strategy
ACMF Africa Capital Markets Forum	SEforALL Sustainable Energy for All
CDMU Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit	SOE State Owned Enterprises (SOE)
CPR Compact Progress Report	USD United States Dollar
DRE Distributed Renewable Energy	WBG World Bank Group
MGRF Mini-Grid Regulatory Framework	
MoEPD Ministry of Energy and Power Development	
NCCS National Clean Cooking Strategy	

ZIMBABWE NATIONAL ENERGY COMPACT

Under the Mission 300 initiative, Zimbabwe presented its National Energy Compact in October 2025 at the Africa Capital Markets Forum (ACMF) in Johannesburg, South Africa, as part of the second cohort of 18 countries, outlining its reform commitments and targets to accelerate electricity access and mobilize private investment.

This Compact Progress Report tracks Zimbabwe’s progress against these commitments using data submitted by the Compact Delivery and Monitoring Unit (CDMU), with the latest update provided in February 2026.



KEY TARGETS

The reporting period covers progress until 31 December 2025.

Zimbabwe has made progress toward its electrification target of 3,097,503 additional household connections by 2030, with **50,000 new households** (approx. **200,000 new people**) **gained access to electricity** during the reporting year (2025).

Building upon a **2024 baseline** of **39%**, the country targets 70% clean cooking access by 2030, and have achieved **45.7%** access as of December 31st 2025. Further progress in this area will be achieved by following the strategies outlined in the National Clean Cooking Strategy (NCCS) 2024-2030.

Zimbabwe has set a target to achieve a 48.6% share of renewable energy in the generation mix by 2030, as of 2025, the share of renewables stands at **42.5%** from a 2024 baseline of **43%**.

Zimbabwe has set a target to mobilize **USD 4,420 Million** in private capital by 2030. In 2025 alone, **USD 487.75 Million was mobilized**, bringing the cumulative total mobilized in **2024-2025 to USD 687.75 Million**.

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ZIMBABWE'S PROGRESS ON HIGH-LEVEL COMPACT TARGETS

Key Target	2024 Baseline	Progress to date (over 2025)	2030 Target
New electricity connections (# of connections)	1,762,000 ¹	+ 50,000 ¹	+3,097,503 ¹
Clean Cooking (% of population)	39%	45.7%	70%
Share of Renewable Energy in national generation (% of generation)	43%	42.5%	48.6%
Private Capital Mobilized (million USD)	200	487.75	+ 4,420

¹ refers to the number of additional electricity connections.



OVERVIEW OF REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS

 ZIMBABWE	PILLAR I	PILLAR II	PILLAR III	PILLAR IV	PILLAR V	Total	STATUS		
	Expand Generation and Network Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Embrace DRE and Clean Cooking Solutions for Affordable Last Mile Access	Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources	Ensure Financially Viable Utilities that Provide Reliable and Affordable Services		No of actions COMPLETED	No of actions IN PROGRESS*	No of actions DELAYED
Priority Actions	1	1	5	2	1	10	1	5	4
Other Actions	9	9	19	14	10	61	4	45	12
Total	10	10	24	16	11	71	5	50	16

* For the purposes of this table, all actions with an “In Progress” status are presented in aggregated form. In the original Priority Action reporting, this status is disaggregated into the following categories: (i) **Not Yet Due**; (ii) **In Progress – On Track**; (iii) **In Progress – Minor Delays**; and (iv) **In Progress – At Risk**. The disaggregated status by category is detailed in the next slide.

Reform Actions

Zimbabwe’s National Energy Compact includes seventy-one (71) Reform Actions across the five (5) pillars, of which ten (10) had been identified as Priority Reform Actions. Priority actions are subject to enhanced monitoring, while all remaining actions continue to be tracked by the CDMU.

By pillar, the distribution is as follows: Pillar I – 10 actions (1 priority); Pillar II – 10 actions (1 priority); Pillar III – 24 actions (5 priority); Pillar IV – 16 actions (2 priority); and Pillar V – 11 actions (1 priority).

In terms of status, as of December 2025: 5 actions are completed (including 1 priority action), 50 are in progress (including 5 priority actions), and 16 actions are reported as delayed with 4 being priority actions.



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (1/2)

Zimbabwe Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions						
#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
1	Pillar I - Expand Generation and Network Infrastructure at Competitive Costs	Integrated least-cost power system planning adopted incorporating regional resources	Establish and operationalize the Energy Planning Unit at MoEPD by Q2 2026, with capacity-building support from development partners.	30-Jun-26	In Progress - On track	N/A
2	Pillar II - Leverage Benefits of Increased Regional Integration	Transmission and distribution infrastructure developed	For ZIZABONA - 35% Complete; Feasibility done (Fichtner); ESIA completed. SAPP sourcing finance. MOZI - Hwange/Mukuni transmission line funding in progress through ZETDC local bank financing FOR MOZISA - 15% Complete, New business case in development. Feasibility/ESIA needed. MOZISA feasibility study updating at SAPP level, Mozambique funding the studies (MOZI)	31-Dec-27	In Progress - On track	N/A
3	Pillar III - Embrace Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) and Clean Cooking Solutions for Affordable Last Mile Access	National Electrification Strategy (NES) adopted including an updated five-year electrification plan with a clearly defined role for private sector	Finalize and adopt the validated National Electrification Strategy (NES)	31-Dec-25	Completed	N/A
4		National Clean Cooking Strategy in place	Approve the National Clean Cooking Strategy (NCCS)	30-Sep-25	Delayed	N/A
5		Policy and regulatory framework including adopting minimum quality standards for grid, off-grid and clean cooking solutions	Finalize, validate and adopt the National Energy Policy	30-Sep-25	Delayed	N/A
6			Approve the Mini-Grid Regulatory Framework (MGRF) that is currently under development and scheduled for completion by Q4 2025.	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A
7			Issue Secondary Distribution and Retail Licenses for private sector participation in distribution network expansion and management	31-Mar-26	In Progress - On track	N/A



FOCUS ON PRIORITY REFORMS ACTIONS STATUS (2/2)

Zimbabwe Energy Compact Priority Reform Actions						
#	Pillar	Commitment / Indicator	Priority Reform Actions	Deadline	Current Status	Previous Status
8	Pillar IV - Incentivize Private Sector Participation to Unlock Additional Resources	Process outlined for regulatory approval of private sector-led investments	Finalize the development of regulations for registration of projects below 5MW	31-Mar-26	In Progress - On track	N/A
9			Exempt licensing of small projects of less than 5MW for own consumption	31-Mar-26	In Progress - On track	N/A
10	Pillar V - Ensure Financially Viable Utilities that Provide Reliable and Affordable Services	Improve Government oversight over State Owned Enterprises (SOE)	Implement the new structure for the national utility	31-Dec-25	Delayed	N/A



ABOUT MISSION 300

Mission 300 is a joint initiative by the World Bank Group and the African Development Bank (AfDB), supported by The Rockefeller Foundation, SEforALL, GEA (Global Energy Alliance), which aims to provide electricity access to 300 million Africans by 2030. This ambitious goal seeks to halve the current number of people without electricity on the continent, driving sustainable development through collaboration and innovative solutions

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