

Our Mission: Participating proactively in the global effort to reduce carbon emissions, providing clean power sources in regions where they are not available and contributing to poverty alleviation.

➤ At a glance | FY 2025–26 (1 May 2025 – 30 April 2026)

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Countries supported

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Total projects funded
(including 2 Emergency Interventions)

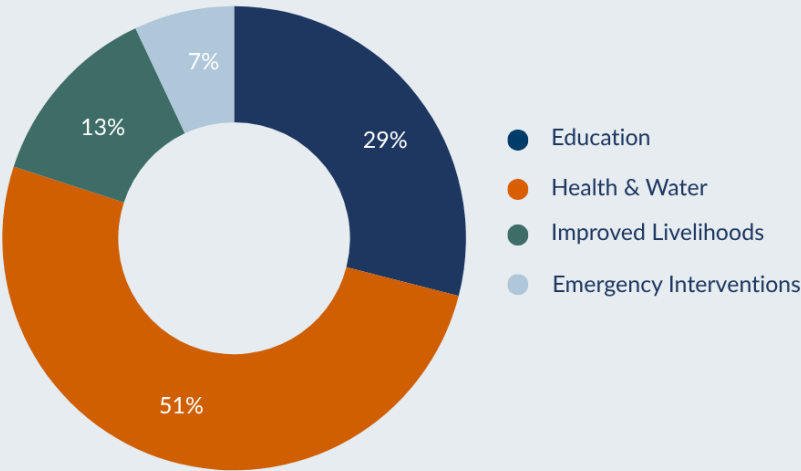
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UN SDGs supported

During the year, NextEnergy Foundation (NEF) delivered a portfolio of projects guided by its **Strategic Framework**, which is structured around **three core thematic areas: Education, Health and Water, and Improved Livelihoods**. These areas reflect NEF’s long-term development priorities and focus on creating sustainable, system-level impact through clean energy solutions.

Alongside the Strategic Framework, NEF also undertook **Emergency Interventions**, providing rapid and targeted support to communities affected by armed conflict, natural disasters, and other acute crises. These emergency relief efforts are implemented outside the framework and focus on meeting immediate needs through the provision of essential supplies, medical assistance, access to energy, and improved living conditions.

Financial Year 2025-26: breakdown of grants by thematic area



£570,465
Total donated

£3.6m
Total funds raised to date



Mwezi Foundation, Solar Lights Distribution, Kenya



NextEnergy Foundation 2025-26 positive impacts

Education

Total new schools reached: 57

Including: 6,835 students
2,750 educators

Health and Water

Medical units benefiting from renewable energy installations: 3

Patients served annually: 84,000

Improved Livelihoods

Community members supported: 8,576

Hectares of land with yield increases of at least 25%: 160

Solar-powered irrigation systems installed: 15

Litres of irrigation water per year delivered: 259,120,000

Emergency Interventions

Countries: Myanmar and Lebanon

People reached: 1,155

NextEnergy Foundation Endowment Fund positive impacts - highlights

86.8%

Alignment to UN SDGs

289

Tonnes of CO₂ Emissions Avoided

306MWh

Renewable Energy Generated

1.7m

Litres of Clean Water Provided

4.1m

Litres of Wastewater Treated

4,306

Medical Interventions Supported

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Education

Access to reliable electricity is a fundamental enabler of quality education, supporting safe learning environments, teacher training, digital access and improved learning outcomes. Through its Education thematic area, NextEnergy Foundation integrates clean energy solutions into schools and education systems, reducing reliance on polluting fuels and empowering students and communities through improved access to lighting, digital tools and sustainable infrastructure that supports long-term learning outcomes.

In 2025–26, NEF supported education initiatives in Sierra Leone, Malawi, Italy and Kenya, combining infrastructure investments with community-based and system-level approaches. Together, these projects demonstrate how renewable energy can drive educational equity, resilience and long-term impact, while advancing SDG 4 (Quality Education) and related goals on clean energy and climate action.

EDUCAID – SIERRA LEONE

In 2025, NextEnergy Foundation extended its partnership with EducAid through two solar projects designed to strengthen education delivery at scale. Solar Power for Maronka upgrades EducAid’s training centre and offices at the Maronka learning hub, providing reliable electricity to support students and teachers on site and to expand teacher training capacity for **over 2,000 educators** working in partner schools nationwide.

In parallel, Powering Education in Port Loko brings sustainable solar power to the Ministry of Education’s District Education Office in Port Loko, strengthening the district education team’s capacity to improve teaching quality, school safety and learning outcomes for **more than 250,000 students across the district**. Together, these initiatives reduce reliance on diesel generators, lower operating costs and emissions, and expand access to ICT and digital learning—contributing to system strengthening and progress towards SDGs 4, 5, 7 and 13.

EMPOWER MALAWI – MALAWI

Since 2017, NextEnergy Foundation has been a long-standing partner of Empower Malawi, supporting the progressive expansion of solar energy access for schools across rural Malawi.

In 2025, NEF funded the completion of Empower Malawi’s Light Library pay-for-service model, reaching the final **42 primary schools** in the **Nkhata Bay District** and achieving full coverage of **all 203 primary schools** in the district. The programme has generated significant additional study hours for children, increased school-managed revenues for long-term system maintenance and expansion, and strengthened community ownership—supporting educational equity and sustainability at district scale.



Mwezi Foundation, Solar Lights Distribution, Kenya



EducAid - District of Excellence Training Camp, Sierra Leone

FONDAZIONE LA ROTONDA – ITALY

NextEnergy Foundation has collaborated with Fondazione La Rotonda since the COVID-19 pandemic, supporting both emergency responses and longer-term community development in Baranzate, near Milan.

In 2026, NEF is supporting Accademia dei Giorni Straordinari, an after-school programme hosted in a newly renovated learning centre for up to **250 children aged 8–13**. NEF’s contribution focuses on sustainability, funding a **15.5 kWp photovoltaic system** integrated into the local **Renewable Energy Community**. The system will power the centre with clean energy, reduce operating costs, and generate shared revenues to support vulnerable families—demonstrating how education, social inclusion and clean energy can reinforce one another.

MWEZI FOUNDATION – KENYA

Since 2023, NextEnergy Foundation has partnered with Mwezi Foundation to improve access to clean, safe lighting for students in rural Kenya, where limited electricity access continues to constrain learning outcomes.

In 2026, NEF renewed its support for two complementary initiatives: the repair and re-circulation of solar lights, strengthening a circular economy approach and ensuring continued access to evening study; and Year 2 of a *longitudinal community education project*, combining clean-lighting access with parent training, teacher capacity-building and data collection to better understand the link between lighting, study habits and academic performance.

➤ Health and Water

Access to reliable healthcare and clean water remains a pressing challenge for many communities. Through its Health and Water thematic area, NextEnergy Foundation supports projects that integrate renewable energy into essential infrastructure, powering health facilities, enabling safe refrigeration for vaccines and medicines, and driving water pumping and treatment where grid power is unreliable or unavailable.

In 2025–26, NEF supported five Health and Water projects across Ghana, Ethiopia, Tanzania and the Caribbean, strengthening frontline services and climate resilience while reducing dependence on diesel and unstable grids.

DREAM RENEWABLES - GHANA

NextEnergy Foundation has supported Dream Renewables since 2021, contributing to renewable energy skills development, solar-powered agriculture and clean energy access for rural healthcare.

In 2026, NEF is supporting Dream Renewables to scale its irrigation work through a shared solar-powered sprinkler irrigation model serving **30 smallholder farms** in the Volta Region. The project aims to test a financially and socially sustainable model that reduces irrigation costs, increases yields and strengthens climate resilience, supported by local technician training and farmer governance structures, with monitoring to generate evidence for replication.

ENGERA UK – ETHIOPIA

In 2026, NEF launched a new partnership with Engera UK to install a **9.81 kWp solar power system** at **Shebraber Health Centre** in Gurage. The system is now fully operational and provides reliable electricity for critical services including maternity care, diagnostics, emergency treatment, lighting and vaccine refrigeration.

Serving nearly **19,000 patients each year**, within a wider catchment of **over 60,000 people**, the health centre is already benefiting from improved safety, quality and continuity of care, improved staff working conditions (particularly during night-time emergencies), and reduced reliance on diesel generators through local training on system operation and basic maintenance.



Oikos - Photovoltaic Water Pumping System in Longido District, Tanzania

ISTITUTO OIKOS – TANZANIA

NextEnergy Foundation has partnered with Istituto Oikos since 2020, supporting solar-powered water systems identified with Tanzania's rural water authorities to address critical access needs.



Dream Renewables - Area of Intervention, South Volta Region, Ghana

In 2026, NEF is co-financing Oikos' RESTORE initiative in Longido District, supporting the installation of **five multifunctional solar photovoltaic systems** to replace diesel pumping and provide a continuous water supply for over **8,400 people**, alongside renewable power for grain mills and charging stations. The project reduces operational costs and supports long-term community ownership through local management structures and technician training, while delivering time savings, particularly for women and girls, and strengthening climate resilience.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN INSTITUTE – SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES

In 2026, NEF partnered with Rocky Mountain Institute (RMI) to deliver a **resilient solar-and-battery microgrid** at the Union Island Hospital Clinic. Designed to Category-5 hurricane standards, the system integrates **18 kW solar PV** with **43 kWh battery storage**, helping maintain continuous electricity for critical hospital operations during outages and extreme weather events. By improving energy security and reducing reliance on imported diesel, the project supports long-term cost stability and resilience for a frontline island community.

SOPOWERFUL FOUNDATION – TANZANIA

In 2025, NEF partnered with SoPowerful Foundation to support a major solar energy project at **St. Walburg's Nyangao Referral Hospital** in Tanzania's Lindi Region. NEF funded the donation of **360 solar modules**, supporting a system with 210 kWp installed capacity to provide stable, high-quality electricity to critical departments including emergency, ICU, operating theatres, laboratory, radiology and pharmacy.

Serving a catchment area of nearly **1.93 million people**, the hospital treated over **64,000 patients in 2024** and is expected to improve healthcare delivery for **over 60,000 people annually** through reduced outages, reduced diesel dependence and enhanced equipment protection.

Improved Livelihoods

Access to clean energy is a powerful driver of economic opportunity, social inclusion and dignity—particularly in communities affected by poverty, displacement and climate vulnerability. Through its Improved Livelihoods thematic area, NextEnergy Foundation supports projects that combine renewable energy with skills development, income generation and community ownership, ensuring that energy access translates into lasting, people-centred impact.

In Financial Year 2025–26, NEF supported two Improved Livelihoods projects in Zanzibar and northern Syria, demonstrating how decentralised solar solutions can strengthen local economies, empower women and support recovery in fragile contexts.

BAREFOOT COLLEGE INTERNATIONAL - ZANZIBAR

In 2025, NextEnergy Foundation partnered for the first time with Barefoot College International to promote access to clean energy as an enabling right and a catalyst for inclusive, climate-resilient development. NEF supports a community-based solar project in Zanzibar centred on women’s leadership, training **one woman from a rural community** as a **Solar Engineer, Educator and Entrepreneur** through three months of residential learning.

Following training and the provision of tools, the Solar Engineer returns to her community to support the solar electrification of around **50 households**, establish a **Rural Electronic Workshop** and a **Village Solar Committee**, and deliver educational and vocational activities enabled by reliable energy access. The project is expected to reduce fossil fuel use for lighting, improve health and education outcomes, lower household energy costs, and enhance women’s economic opportunities and leadership, with direct benefits to hundreds of people and wider indirect impact across neighbouring communities.



Barefoot - Solar Trainees, Zanzibar



Barefoot - Child and Grandmother Solar Lantern, Zanzibar



Barefoot - Solar Women Engineers Training, Zanzibar



Mercy Hands Europe - Safe Haven Syria Healthcare Centre, Syria

MERCY HANDS EUROPE – SYRIA

In 2026, NEF began a new partnership with Mercy Hands Europe, supporting a renewable energy initiative designed to strengthen essential services and livelihoods in conflict-affected communities in northern Syria.

The project brings solar energy to rural areas in **Qabbasin, Al-Bab and Bizaa**, addressing persistent power shortages affecting healthcare and agriculture. At the **Safe Haven Syria healthcare centre**, rooftop solar power will ensure uninterrupted electricity for physiotherapy and psychosocial services, supporting **3,000 people each year**. In parallel, **two mobile solar-powered irrigation units** will support olive farmers, improving water access and productivity: the project is expected to benefit **700 farmers over five years** (around **5,000 people**) and enable solar-powered irrigation for **over 40,000 olive trees** across **160 hectares**, increasing yields by **at least 25%**. Training on use, maintenance and irrigation practices strengthens long-term resilience while reducing diesel reliance and emissions.

➤ Emergency Interventions

In contexts affected by conflict, natural disasters and the collapse of essential services, rapid and well-coordinated humanitarian action is critical to protecting lives and dignity. NextEnergy Foundation supports trusted partners in delivering timely assistance to vulnerable populations, ensuring access to basic needs, safe shelter and essential services during acute crises.

In 2025 and 2026, NEF supported two emergency interventions in Myanmar and Lebanon through collaboration with AVSI, a non-profit organisation founded in 1972 and active in humanitarian response and development programming across multiple countries and sectors.

AVSI – MYANMAR

Following the **March 2025 earthquakes** in Myanmar, NextEnergy Foundation supported AVSI’s response for internally displaced people and vulnerable households in **Taunggyi and the Inle Lake area**. NEF’s contribution enabled the delivery of essential assistance and shelter support, including emergency shelter materials and cash-based support aligned with local market standards.

While initially designed for **375 beneficiaries**, the intervention ultimately reached **1,005 individuals** across multiple communities, helping families meet immediate needs and improve safety during the monsoon season.

AVSI – LEBANON

In **2026**, following a renewed escalation of hostilities and widespread displacement in Lebanon, NextEnergy Foundation supported AVSI’s emergency response across multiple regions including **Beirut and Mount Lebanon, the South of the country, Nabatieh and selected northern areas**.

The intervention focuses on basic assistance and protection services for displaced people and conflict-affected households, including the distribution of essential goods and hygiene items, support for **water, sanitation and hygiene** services in overcrowded shelters, and **psychosocial support** for adults and children affected by prolonged violence and displacement. Activities are monitored through AVSI’s established monitoring and feedback mechanisms to support transparency, learning and accountability.



AVSI - Myanmar



AVSI - Lebanon

➤ Looking Ahead

This year reaffirmed NextEnergy Foundation’s belief that clean energy is not an end in itself, but a catalyst for education, health, livelihoods and resilience. As climate impacts intensify and inequalities persist, NEF will continue to partner with organisations delivering solutions that are locally led, environmentally sustainable and socially just.

