

## **d.light provides 10,000 solar home systems to refugees in Uganda**

*USD\$3.4 million grant from Private Sector Foundation Uganda (PSFU) and Energizing Development (EnDev) will subsidize the cost of each unit for households in refugee camps and surrounding host communities*

**SAN FRANCISCO, CA., AND NAIROBI, KENYA – Wednesday 15 May 2024 –** [d.light](#), the global provider of transformational household products and affordable finance for low-income households, is providing 10,000 subsidized solar home systems to refugees who have fled conflict in South Sudan and the Democratic Republic of Congo and who are now living in refugee camps in Northern and Western Uganda. The 10,000 units are part of a wider initiative to supply 23,000 solar home systems to Ugandan refugee communities.

The project is being funded by a USD\$3.4M grant from [Private Sector Foundation Uganda \(PSFU\)](#), a body made up of business associations, companies and public sector agencies in Uganda: and Energizing Development ([EnDev](#)), an international programme by the German, Dutch, Norwegian and Swiss governments to provide access to affordable, reliable, sustainable energy for delivering social, economic, and environmental change.

The project began in April and is scheduled to run for 12 months. Funds from the grant are subject to results based financing (RBF) and d.light will only receive funding for solar home systems that have been installed. Each solar home system from d.light features three high-efficiency LED lights, an FM radio with MP3 playback, mobile phone charging capability, and a portable solar flashlight.

Commenting on the news, d.light's Managing Director for Uganda Douglas Gavala said, "With this grant, we can expand the important work we're doing to improve living conditions for underserved refugee communities from South Sudan, the DRC and elsewhere who are living in refugee camps in Uganda.

"A solar home system significantly improves the quality of life and wellbeing of a household – whether it's providing entertainment or letting a family stay up to date on local and global news on the radio or enabling children to continue reading and studying after dark.

"As well as benefits at home, d.light products also bolster household income in Uganda's refugee settlements by extending working hours for tradespeople and small businesses, and providing an income for residents who work as d.light salespeople in the settlements.

"By providing high-quality solar products at an affordable price, we are improving the quality of life for displaced people while simultaneously encouraging economic activity at a grassroots level."

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### **About d.light**

Founded in 2007 at Stanford in California, d.light is a global leader in making transformative products available and affordable to low-income families. d.light has sold nearly 30 million products, including solar lanterns, solar home systems, TVs, radios, and smartphones, impacting the lives of over 150 million people. Our vision is to transform the lives of one billion people with sustainable products by 2030. For further information, visit: <https://www.dlight.com>

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