

## 61 INNOVATIVE TECHNOLOGIES FOR BASIC NEEDS PROMOTED BY THE EMPOWERING PEOPLE NETWORK

Established in 2008, the [Siemens Stiftung Foundation](#) is an independent non-profit organization implementing international projects that contribute to sustainable social development.

The Foundation underlines that access to essential services is fundamental for life and plays a crucial role in development going forward and for this reason, the [efforts of the Foundation focus on supporting individuals and organizations striving to enhance existing supply systems.](#)

Their priority areas are geared to the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including sustainable energy, e-mobility, along with water and sanitation. They collaborate with social enterprises, public institutions and key players in education and civil society to reach communities in underserved regions. Together with their partners, the shared vision is to strengthen communities and enable sustainable development.

The projects of the Foundation are developed together with partners in Africa, Europe and Latin America, while international networks combine to create ecosystems for social innovation.

The organizations that make up the [empowering people Network](#) run from non-profit organizations to for-profit, social impact institutions, but all have one thing in common: to ameliorate the lives of those in need, primarily throughout the Global South.

In particular the *empowering people Network* aims to identify and foster innovative technologies that improve basic supply issues around the globe. The Network's ecosystem is made up by entrepreneurs and enterprises that work within the following sectors: e-Mobility, Sustainable Energy, Water & Hygiene, Circular Economy, Food Security and Health.

The *empowering people Network* – Technologies for basic needs - is an ecosystem for social entrepreneurs. The Network supports enterprises by encouraging the application of technology for sustainable development, engaging in Learning & Development and mentoring, and also supporting their growth through finance instruments.



[In 2013, 2016 and 2019 the Siemens Stiftung Foundation hosted an empowering people Award](#) aimed at identifying innovative technological solutions with business and social impact potential.

61 Innovative solutions winning the Awards are endorsed and promoted by the Network's online [Solutions Database](#), making them shining under an international spotlight and, ultimately, enhancing their scope and impact in the countries.

Additionally, the *Network* ecosystem supports social entrepreneurs in the work they are doing in different countries and the basic supply problems they are solving. For each of the innovative solutions promoted by the Network, the website presents detailed information on the projects underway for their application in different countries.

[A section of the empowering people Network website](#) is implemented to keep people informed with useful and important information related to the network. There, in the section, it is possible to have access to news/updates, newsletter, event information, press releases, publications, and articles/blog posts.

#### **To know more**

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