



## Electricity for a Better Life

Most of us take electricity for granted, as it makes our day-to-day lives comfortable and convenient. We start our typical day by turning on the lights in the house and maybe brewing some Colombian roast in a coffeemaker. We work at computers in well-lit and air-conditioned offices, and relax at night by watching television or using other modern entertainment facilities.

But imagine the stark contrast in remote, unenergized villages, where Filipinos still dream of having basic electricity to light up their homes at night. The provision of sustainable electricity can certainly open up a myriad of opportunities for improving the lives of Filipinos living in remote, rural areas.

For schoolchildren for example, having electricity means they can now do their homework by the light of an LED lamp. For adults, electricity represents employment opportunities, and the option to stay put in one's hometown because there is work to be had there. Having electricity means having a sense of security, and being able to safely walk the streets at night. Electricity means connectivity. With the rise of social media, a simple internet connection made possible by electricity enables the rural folks to get in touch with the rest of the world. More importantly, electricity enables these folks to reach out to loved ones – family and friends from as near as the next barangay (village) to as far as across the globe. It allows them to keep abreast with what is happening around the country and the world, and to learn and discover new and exciting things.

The EU believes in the power of electricity to attain a better life for many of our Filipinos in remote, rural households that are still left in the dark. Through the cooperation efforts under the EU – Philippines Access to Sustainable Energy Programme or ASEP, these unelectrified rural households can look forward to a bright tomorrow.

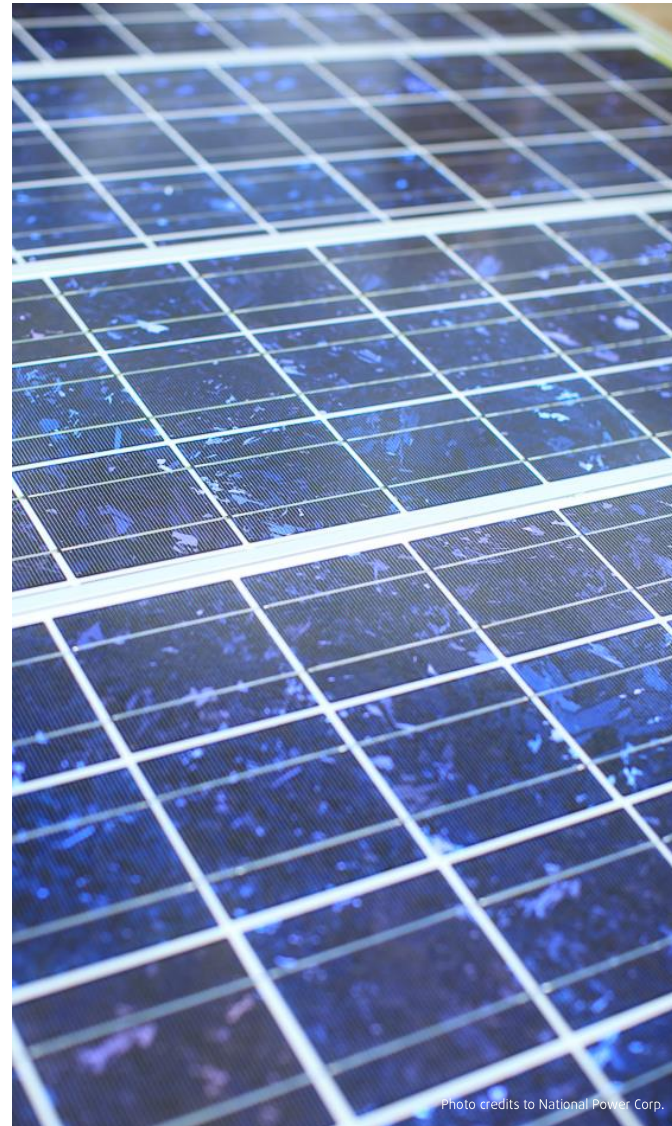


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# Access to Sustainable Energy Program



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## The European Union supports the Philippines in the attainment of

- Total electrification
- Energy security
- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency

The **Access to Sustainable Energy Programme** or ASEP is a joint undertaking of the European Union and the Philippine Department of Energy (DOE). Through ASEP, the EU has allocated a grant of over PHP 3 billion to assist the Government of the Philippines to meet its rural electrification targets by means of renewable energy, and to promote energy efficiency.

As a focal sector for EU development cooperation with the Philippines, the EU has earmarked a total of EUR 190 million out of an overall cooperation budget of EUR 325 million to the energy sector for the period 2014-2020.



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