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Renewable Energy Recommendations Tool (HEED-RERT) for Camps

This is the HEED-RER tool user guide. It is designed to provide an accessible step-wise explanation for users on how to navigate the Excel Tool spreadsheet.

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The Humanitarian Engineering and Energy for Displacement (HEED) project aims to understand the energy needs of forcibly displaced people to increase access to safe, sustainable and affordable energy

The HEED Renewable Energy Recommendations tool (HEED-RERT) for Camps: The first version (v1) of the tool was built by Scene Connect with support from Coventry University and Practical Action between June 2018 and August 2019.

It aims to provide technology recommendations based on energy-economicenvironment-health performance indicators to provide support for how best to increase energy access in refugee camps and improve sustainability for i) Cooking Energy, ii) Household Lighting and Electricity, iii) Community/Camp central Lighting and Electricity.

Users engage with an Excel spreadsheet where they answer questions to describe the population of the camp, as well as the camp energy infrastructure and energy use of families therein. They can also enter technical data for particular renewable energy and cooking options. This allows the user to localise the results into the local context as much as possible.

Results are presented in the form of an indicator dashboard where different technology options can be compared with their performance indicator scoring.



Recommended use of the RERT -

#1 It is recommended for each camp (or part of a camp) to save the spreadsheet with a new name as its own self-contained version. To this end information can be filled in on the overview tab in the sheet.

#2 The tool has been built with Excel 2018 and Excel 2019 versions. It is not backwards compatible with older versions at this time. Please use recent versions of Microsoft Excel to use it.

#3 Feel free to modify and adjust the tool for your own purposes. HEED-RERT is built on Open Source principles



Five Steps in HEED-RER Tool Usage

#1 Provide Information on Specific Camp Energy Situation & Adjust Available Energy Technology Specifications

#5 Run Model Again to Understand the Performance of Cooking/Electricity solutions &

Result: Top Three Recommendations to Improve Energy Access

#2 Run Model to Understand Baseline
Energy Use Situation and how existing
technologies impact
Economic/Environment/Health Aspects

#4 **Set Thresholds Values** for Performance Indicators for your Energy Solutions based on the baseline in Step #2

#3 **Set Energy Access Tiers** that you want to Achieve with your intervention







Cooking Stove & Fuel Combinations <u>currently</u> comparable

Traditional three stones stove & wood fuel



Traditional three stones stove & charcoal



Basic cooking stove from clay & wood fuel

Improved



Basic cooking stove from clay & charcoal



Cookstove From fired clay (ceramic) & wood fuel



Cookstove made with fired clay (ceramic) & charcoal



stove from metal with side feeder & wood fuel





Improved stove from metal with side feeder & charcoal





Improved stove from metal batch loaded & woodfuel



Improved stove from metal batch loaded & charcoal





Gasifier
Stove built
for burning
pellets &
pellet fuel





Cookstove for liquid fuel with ethanol





Cook stove for liquid fuel with kerosene





Cook stove for gas burning with LPG supply





Cook stove for gas burning with biogas supply





Modern Cook Stoves Induction Electric Cooker



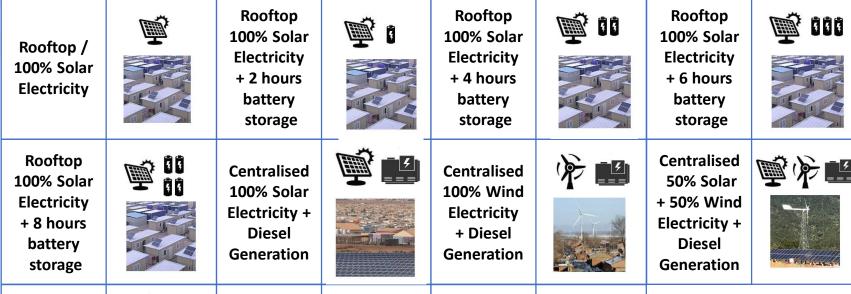








Household Lighting & Electricity options <u>currently</u> comparable in



Centralised 100% Solar-PV **Electricity +** Lithium-Ion **Batteries**





Centralised 100% Wind **Electricity** + Lithium-Ion **Batteries**







Centralised 50% Solar + **50% Wind Electricity +** Lithium-Ion **Batteries**











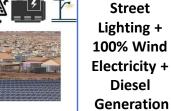




Camp community / infrastructure energy <u>currently</u> comparable in

100% Solar Street Lighting + 100% Solar + Diesel Generation 100% Solar









100% Solar Street Lighting + 50% Solar + 50% Wind + Diesel Generation



100% Solar Street Lighting + 100% Solar + Lithium-Ion Batteries



Street Lighting + 100% Wind **Electricity +** Lithium-Ion **Batteries**





100% Solar Street Lighting + 50% Solar + 50% Wind + Lithium-**Ion Batteries**

100% Solar



100% Grid Street Lighting + 100% Solar + Diesel Generation





100% Grid Street Lighting + 100% Wind + Diesel Generation





100% Grid Street Lighting + 50% Solar + 50% Wind + Diesel Generation





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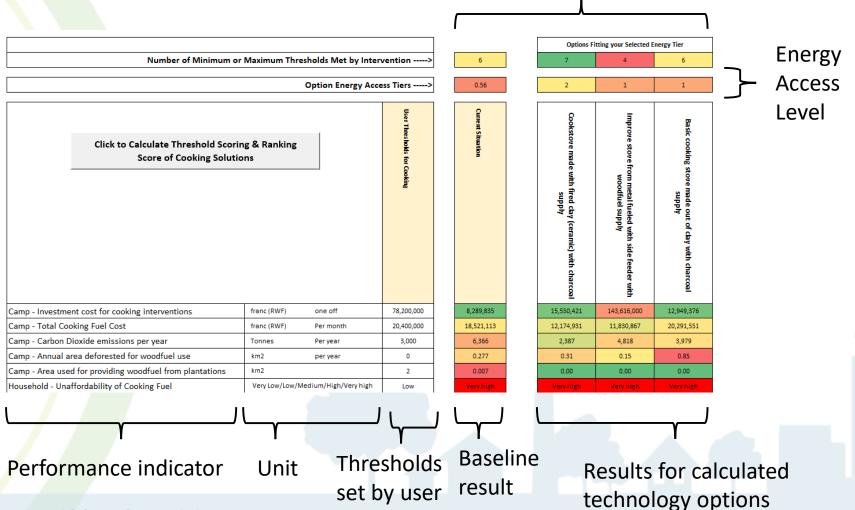






Dashboard Result: Energy Technologies Compared on Indicators

Total thresholds met, the higher the better

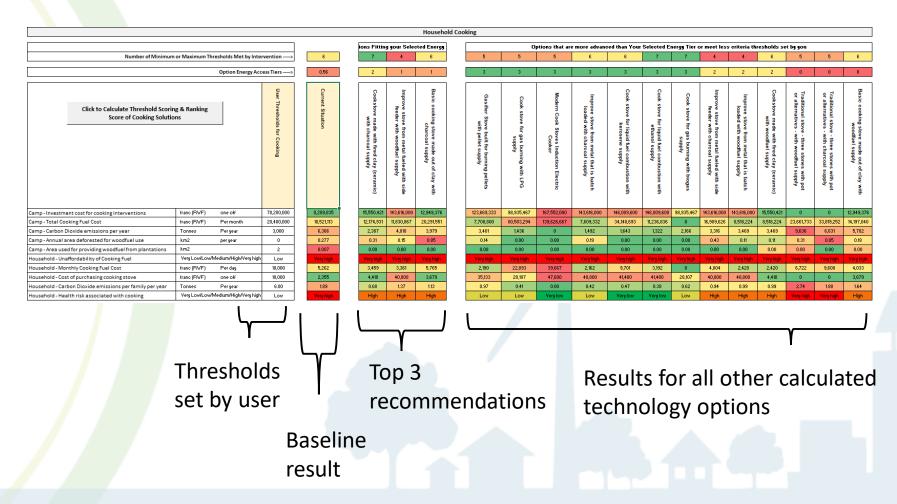








The Tool Identifies the Top 3 Best Scoring Options

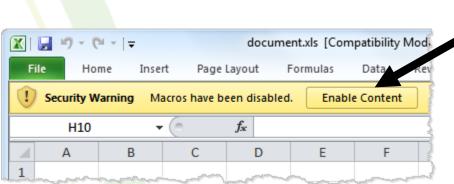






Step 1 – Opening the Spreadsheet

You need to enable "macro's" when opening the spreadsheet when prompted otherwise the results cannot be calculated.



If you see this click here

For Help about this see the Microsoft Office Documentation here:

https://support.office.com/en-us/article/enable-or-disable-macros-in-office-files-12b036fd-d140-4e74-b45e-16fed1a7e5c6







Step 2 - Fill in Overview - START HERE - tab

Overview - START HERE Scenario Builder

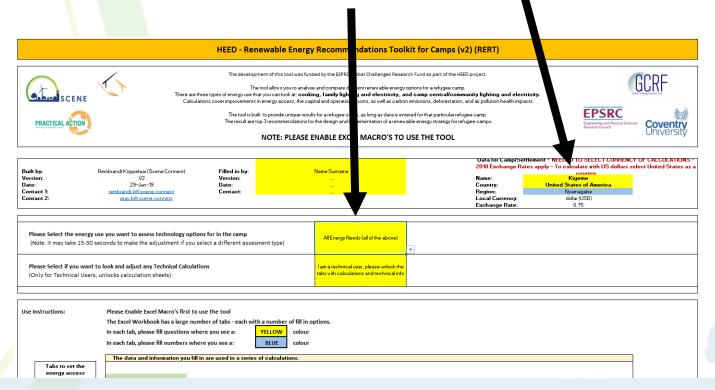
#1CampMapping

#2CentralEnergyNeeds

#3HouseholdCooking

#4HouseholdElectricityLighting

- Fill this in to keep track of saved versions
- Fill this in with country, camp name and which <u>currency</u> to use in the calculations
- Select if you want to look only at i) cooking energy use, ii) at household electricity and lighting, iii) community/central lighting & electricity, or iv) all three of these







Step 2 – Select Tool Modes

Overview - START HERE | Scenario Builder

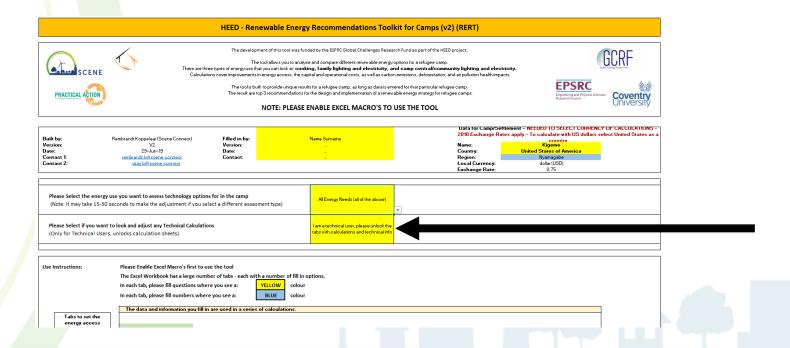
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- Select here if you are a technical user or a regular user. If you select the technical user option additional spreadsheet tabs will be unlocked and made visible:
 - Calc_Energy_Demand containing energy demand calculations
 - Calc_Energy_Supply containing demand-supply matching calculations
 - Calculation_KPIs containing the calculations for performance indicators







Step 3 - Guide to Provide Camp Information - where

To create an <u>accurate baseline of the energy situation in the Entire Camp</u>, you need to answer close to 100 questions. These are divided in five main areas (spreadsheet tabs):

#1CampMapping #2CentralEnergyNeeds #3HouseholdCooking #4HouseholdElectricityLighting #5TechnologyNeeds

- #1CampMapping, lists 9 questions about the number of people living in the camp, how many households operate businesses, its geography and the availability of vacant space,
- #2CentralEnergyNeeds, lists 20 questions about camp buildings, the source of electricity and heat, the camp's food centres, water supply, and street lights.
- #3HouseholdCooking, lists 10 questions about cooking stoves and fuel use
- #4 HouseholdElectricityLighting, lists 27 questions about use of mobile phones, lighting options available, and electrical appliances.
- #5TechnologyNeeds, lists 15 questions about the economic situation of households in the camp and the provisioning of fuels by camp management



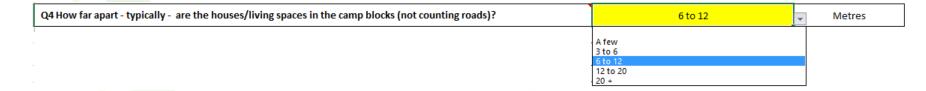




Step 3 - Guide to provide Camp Information - How

There are two types of questions to fill in for each camp

Multiple choice (yellow fields) with a selection drop down list:



Open questions (blue fields) where you need to fill in a quantity or a name

Q10 How many people are fed in the food centres on a daily basis?

In some cases you may be prompted that you have filled in an answer that falls outside of the range that is possible (for example 12 out of 10 is not possible). If you fill in more or less than 10 when the totals should sum up to 10, you will be prompted to make sure as few errors as possible are entered.







Step 4 – Calculate Results to obtain a Baseline

#3HouseholdCooking

#4HouseholdElectricityLighting

#5TechnologyNeeds

RESULTS

The results are calculated in the "results" tab separately for each type of energy use:

- i) Cooking Energy,
- ii) Household Lighting and Electricity,
- iii) Community Lighting and Electricity.

After you have filled in the answers to the tool questions for the first time, you can go to the results section and click and the answers to the tool questions for the first time, you can go

Buttons for Calculating Results

Click to Calculate Threshold Scoring & Ranking
Score of Cooking Solutions

Click to Calculate Threshold Scoring & Ranking of Household Lighting & Electricity Solutions

Click to Calculate Threshold Scoring & Ranking Score of Community Lighting & Electricity Solutions







Step 5 – Read the Baseline Performance

	Click Here to Calculate the Results for Cooking Solutions			User Set Thresholds for Cooking (if set in Scenario Builder)	Estima Curren Situa	t Camp
Camp - Inve	stment cost for cooking interventions (max threshold)	dollar (USD)	one off	0	35,8	866
Camp - Tota	Cooking Fuel Cost (max threshold)	dollar (USD)	Per month	0	14,8	830
Camp - Carb	on Dioxide emissions per year (max threshold)	Tonnes	Per year	0	4,4	197
Camp - Annu	ual area at risk from deforestation for woodfuel use (max threshold)	km2	per year	0	0.2	210
Camp - Area	used for providing woodfuel from plantations (max threshold)	km2		0	0.0	003
Household - Affordability of Cooking Fuel		Very Low/Low/Medium/High/		0	Very	/ low
Household - Monthly Cooking Fuel Cost (max threshold)		dollar (USD)	Per day	0	4	1
Household - Cost of purchasing cooking stove (max threshold)		dollar (USD)	one off	0	9	9
Household - Carbon Dioxide emissions per family per year (max threshold)		Tonnes	Per year	0.00	0.8	89
Household - Health risk associated with cooking			//Medium/High/	0	Hi	gh

Baseline Performance Of Current Camp Situation

- 1. Cost 35,866 USD if existing stoves were to be bought again
- Cost 14,830 USD to buy stove fuel per month
- 3. 4,497 tonnes CO2 emissions per year from cooking stoves in camp

And so forth for all indicators







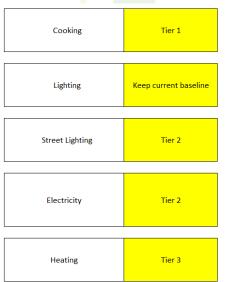
Step 6 – Set Energy Access Tier to Achieve

In the tab "Scenario Builder" you can set the Energy Access Tiers for Cooking, Lighting, Street Lighting, Electricity and Heating that the recommendations need

#4HouseholdElectricityLighting #5TechnologyNeeds RESULTS Scenario Builder

The impact is that the 3 main recommended solutions will be selected within the desired tier of energy access (e.g. if selecting tier 1 the recommendations will be

One or more rooms heated, required fuel collection time 1.5 hours per week.



Tier 1:	< 7 hours per week fuel acquisition preparation time, < 15 minutes stove preparation minutes per meal, ≤ 800 µg/m3 Particulate Matter 2.5 exposure,			
Tier 2:	< 4 hours per week fuel acquisition preparation time, < 10 minutes stove preparation minutes per meal, ≤ 400 μg/m3 Particulate Matter 2.5 exposure			
Tier 3:	< 1.5 hours per week fuel acquisition preparation time, < 5 minutes stove preparation minutes per meal, ≤ 170 µg/m3 Particulate Matter 2.5 exposure			
Tier 1:	1000 lumen hours per day, availability > 4 hours per day.			
Tier 2:	Electrical lighting, availability > 4 hours per day.			
Tier 3:	Electrical lighting, availability > 8 hours per day.			
Tier 1:	One functional street lamp in neighbourhood, availability 2 night hours per day			
Tier 2:	25% of neighbourhood covered with street lighting, availability 4 night hours per day			
Tier 3:	50% of neighbourhood covered with street lighting, availability 50% of night hours per day			
Tier 1:	Electricity for tasks lighting and phone charging, with power of 3 Watts, capacity at 12 Watt-hours, and availability of 4 hours per day and 1 hour per eve			
Tier 2:	Electricity for general lighting + phone charging + television + fan, with power of 50 Watts, capacity at 200 Watt-hours, and availability of 4 hours per day			
Tier 3:	Electricity for general lighting + phone charging + television + fan + medium power appliances like refrigerators, air coolers, food processors etc., with pound availability of 8 hours per day and 3 hours per evening.			
Tier 1:	Personal space around individuals heated, required fuel collection time 7 hours per week.			
Tier 2:	One or more rooms heated, required fuel collection time 3 hours per week.			



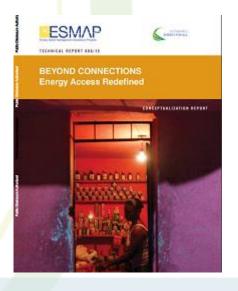


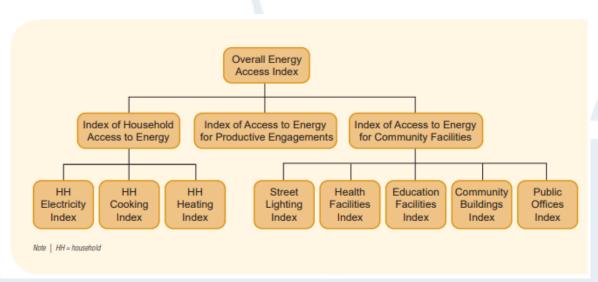


Step 6 – What are Energy Access Tiers?

The Energy Access Tiers framework was setup by ESMAP (Energy Sector Management Assistance Programme) to provide a common approach to understand the energy access for different types of energy use. It contains tables that outline under which conditions people or families achieve energy access levels ranging from 0 to 5 (see table below for the different type of indices).

More details can be found here: https://www.esmap.org/node/55526









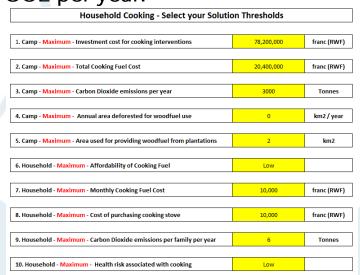
Step 7 – Set thresholds for indicators

In the tab "Scenario Builder" you can also set the minimum or maximum thresholds that a solution needs to take into account. Each technology solution is weighted on how many threshold option set by you it meets.

If there are 10 performance indicators (like for Cooking in v1) each cooking stove + fuel solution can receive a score between 0 and 10 points

Thresholds can be compared and set relative to the baseline situation. For example set a threshold that the cooking fuel cost per month should be at maximum as high as the current expenditure, or that the carbon dioxide emissions should be 50% lower in tonnage of CO2 per year.

Solutions to meet that are set by the user







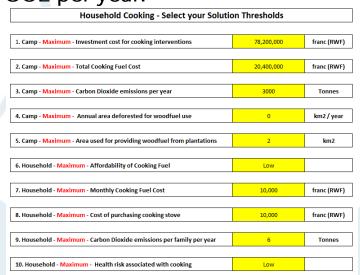
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Step 8 – Re-run results with your Energy Access Tier +

#3HouseholdCooking

#4HouseholdElectricityLighting

#5TechnologyNeeds

RESULTS

You can now re-run the results:

- i) Cooking Energy,
- ii) Household Lighting and Electricity,
- iii) Community Lighting and Electricity.

Buttons for Calculating Results

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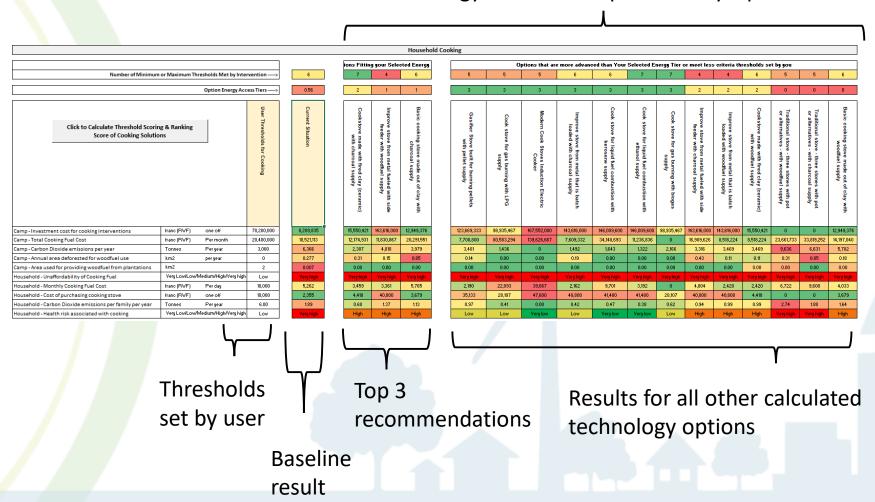






Step 9 – Interpret your Results

Performance of options scoring + Energy Access Tiers provided by Options









Step 10 – Make specific changes in technology

#4HouseholdElectricityLighting

#5TechnologyNeeds

RESULTS

Scenario Builder

Parameter_Listing

In addition to the camp questions, in the "Parameter-Listing tab there are several hundred values that define the technologies compared in the model and the calculations.

For example, if you have specific data for a specific stove you can adjust that here, if you have specific information about the cost of solar, if you have data on the energy use of appliances, and so forth.

Any value in green can be edited here directly and this will change the calculations. Once editing a value here (or in the camp questions) you can run the results again and get an updated insight in the performance of the solutions.

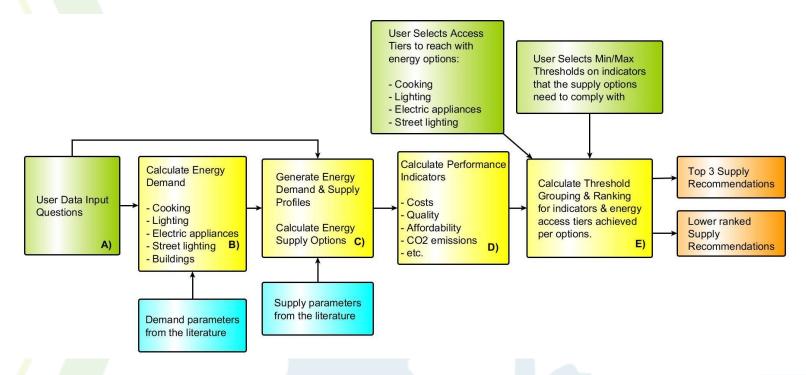






Overview of Models and Methods used

The user guide explained the usage process for the RER tool. More detailed technical information can be found in the technical documentation made to describe the calculations carried out in the tool. An overview of the calculation steps is shown in the figure below.



Link to technical documentation: [to be added when online repository is completed]







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