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# Project Overview

## Research on Rural Electrification in Myanmar

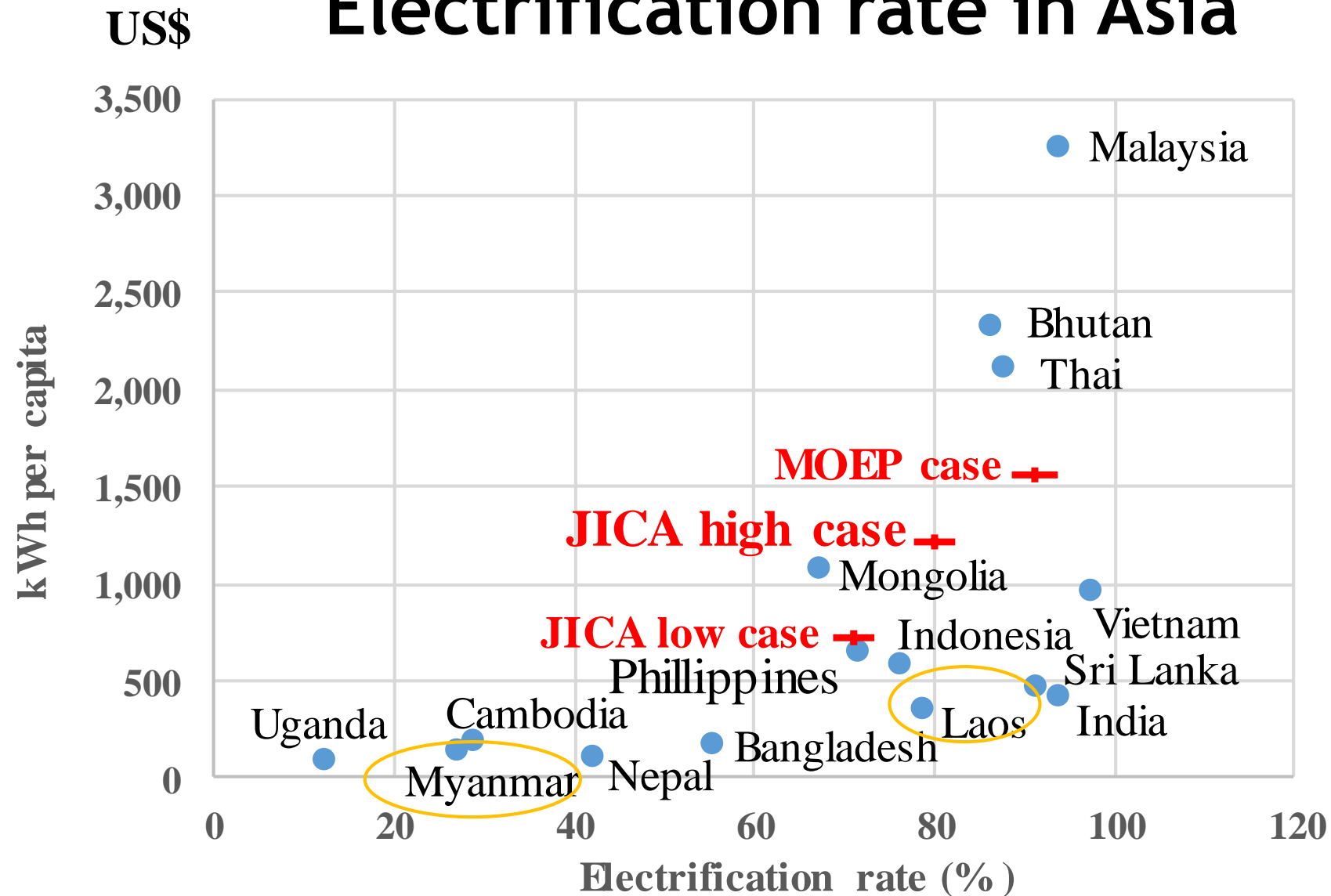
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# Electrification rate in Asia



(Source) Japan Electric Power Information Center (JEPIC)

(Note) The cases are estimated rate for Myanmar as of 2030 by JICA and MOEP

# Challenges and concerns led by off and weak grid



Poverty



Sustainability



Social Division



Resilience



**1948** Independence from the UK

**1988** Military government  
Crack down on democratic opposition

**1989** Aung San Suu Kyi under house arrest

**1997** ASEAN membership

**2010** Release of Aung San Suu Kyi



**2011**

Thein Sein government  
A reform drive  
Transition to democracy



**2012**

Obama's visit and ease of sanctions  
Waiver of loans by Japan  
Suspension of EU sanctions



**2014**

ASEAN Chairmanship

**2015**

Launch of AEC (ASEAN Economic Community)  
General elections

Increased  
Global  
Attention

# Pathway to a Bright Future for Myanmar



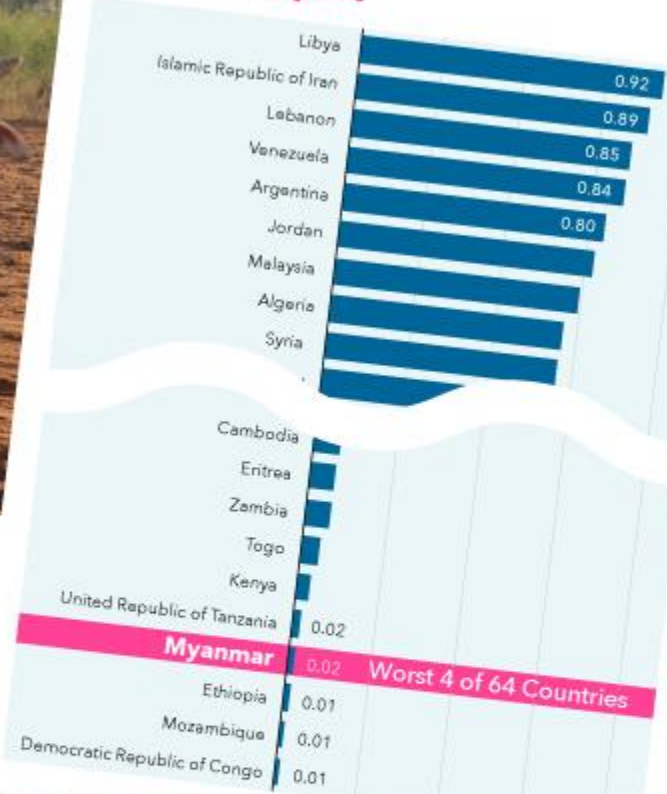
## History and Environment

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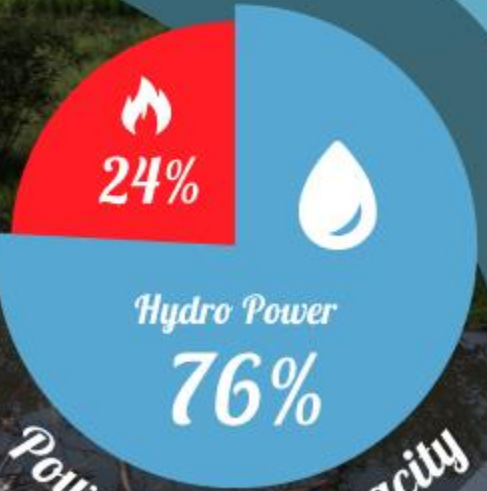


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### Energy Development Index from IEA Report



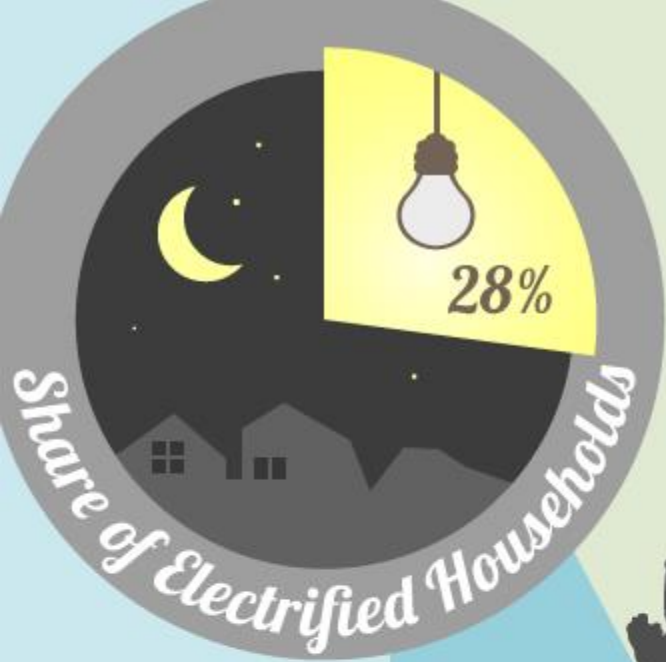
**Rich in Resources**  
**Poor in Energy**



*Power Plant Capacity*



Photo by Roger Price



Connectivity is Needed

Source: Ministry of Electric Power, September 2011.



## Integration of Wider Energy-related Institutions

**NEMC:** National Energy Management Committee  
**EDC:** Energy Development Committee  
**MOE:** Ministry of Energy  
**MOEP:** Ministry of Electric Power  
**MOAI:** Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation  
**MOECAP:** Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry  
**MOI:** Ministry of Industry  
**MOM:** Ministry of Mines  
**MOST:** Ministry of Science and Technology  
**MNPED:** Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development  
**MLFRD:** Ministry of Livestock, Fisheries and Rural Development  
Myanmar Engineering Society  
Renewable Energy Association of Myanmar

# Tomorrow and Beyond



With Adequate Planning for Rural Areas



Without Adequate Planning

# Major Visible Challenges of Myanmar in the Energy/Electricity Field

## **Short term:**

- ▶ Stable supply of electricity
- ▶ Electricity tariff structure

## **Medium/Long term:**

- ▶ Energy access/Electrification, particularly in rural area
- ▶ Investment environment
- ▶ Energy policy integration
- ▶ Human resource development



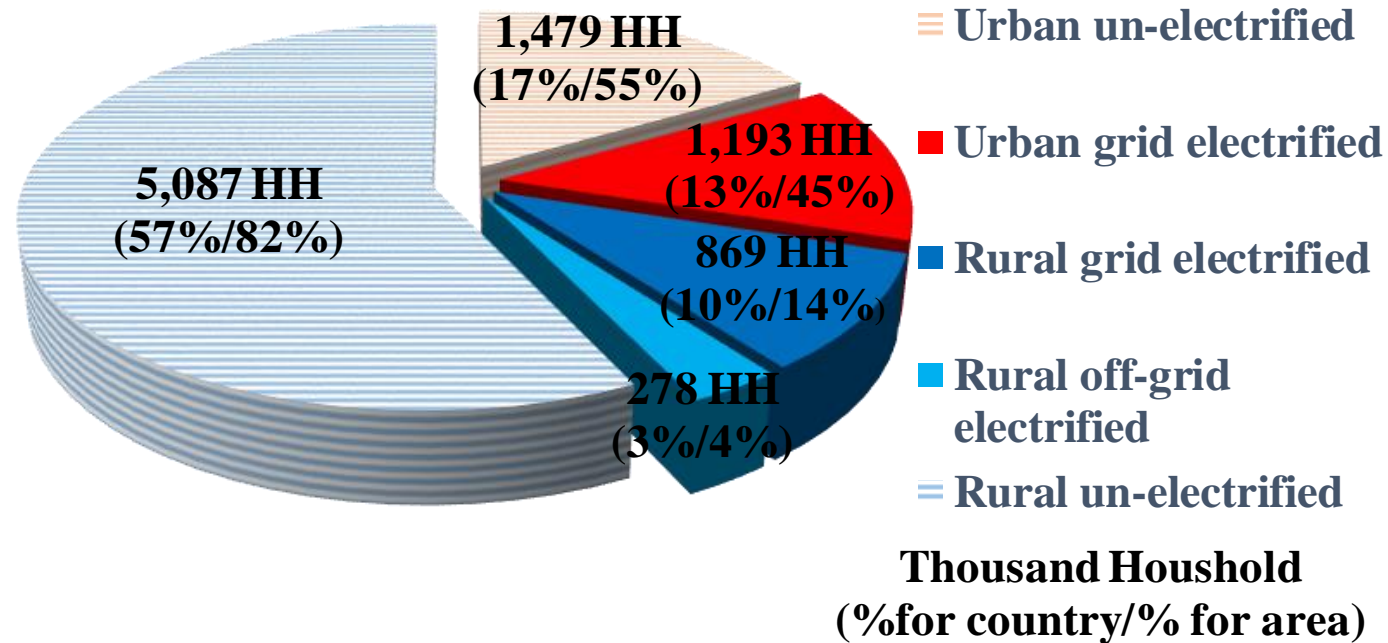
# Demand projection for rural electrification

## Current electrification situation

Household electrification rate is 26%

Rural household electrification rate is 18%

Urban household electrification rate is 45%



# Original Project Overview

On-Grid

To improve electricity access in rural area

<Near Grid>

by expansion of the National grid

Off-Grid

by making best use of local resources and enhancing connectivity

<Border>

by building up connectivity with neighboring countries through power trade and FDI.

Bottom-up methodologies for research 2013-2014

1<sup>st</sup> stage Electricity demand forecast

Fieldwork

Possible power options, cost analysis, etc.

Possible small scaled renewable capacity development options, cost analysis, etc.

Myanmar's interest for power trade and FDI from Thailand, cost analysis, etc.

Case study

(Good practices from GMS and lessons for Myanmar)

Good practices of renewables and IPPs from GMS lessons and conditions for success

Good practices of power trade and FDI from GMS, lessons and conditions for success

Connectivity development simulation among mini-grids

Possible decentralized connectivity options

Neighboring perspective  
Thai actors' analysis

Objective view and potential Thai investors' / power traders' analysis

Provision of common policy ground for discussion

HRD/Capacity Building

Integrated Energy Strategy

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Researches on rural electricity access by other institutions

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Good practices of power trade and FDI from GMS, lessons and conditions for success e.g. Nam Theun 2

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↓ Reality Check ↓

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Electricity demand forecast

→ 434 MW of off-grid power required by 2030

Cost simulation among mini-grids

→ 7.6b required

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→ Different barriers for different power sources

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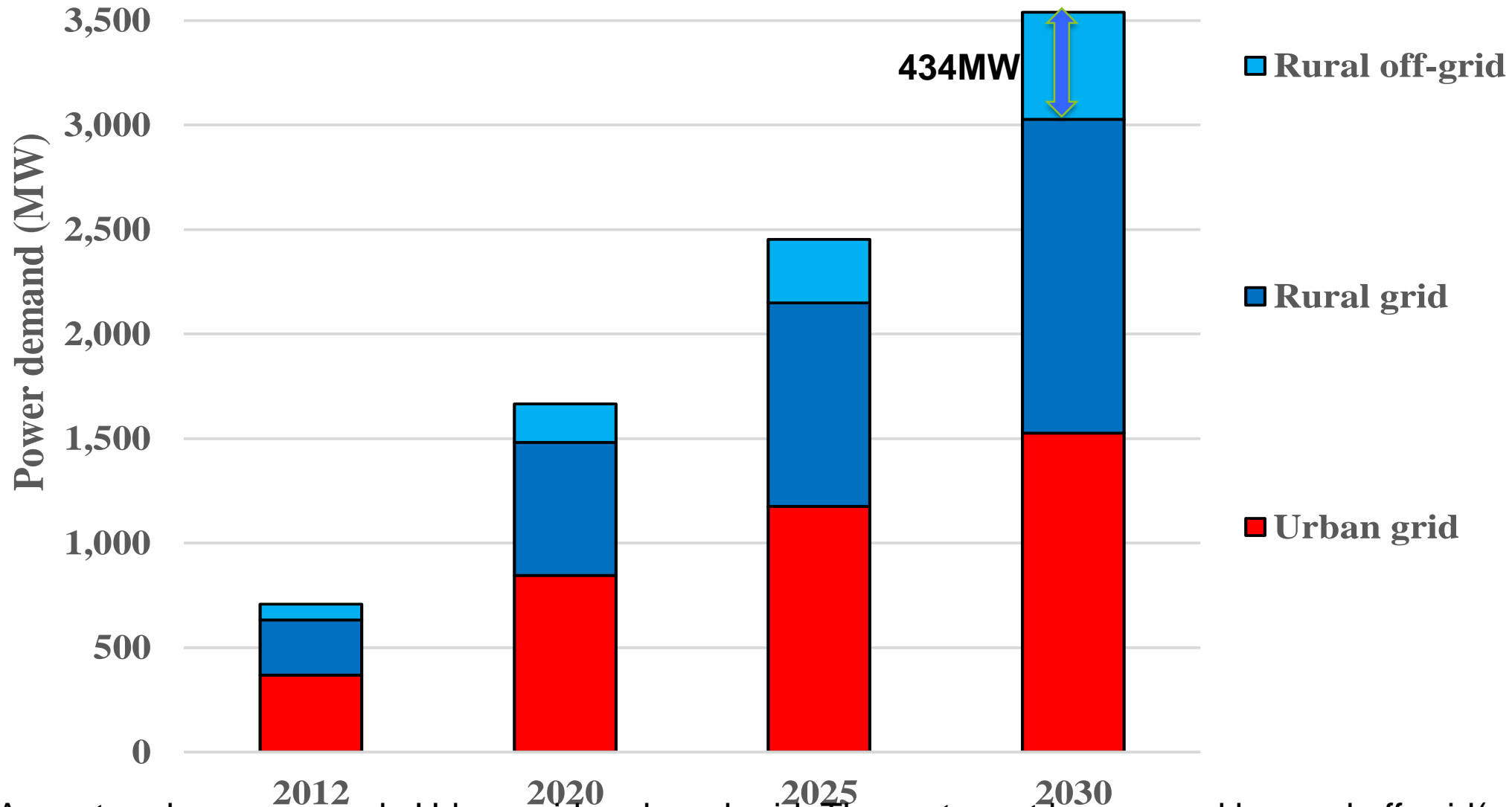
→ Energy Policy Workshop (Sept. 2014-)

Integrated Energy Strategy

→ A series of stakeholder's meetings and workshops

# Demand projection for rural electrification

To achieve the target electrification rate of 70% for all of Myanmar by 2030, approximately 434 MW of off-grid electrification will be required



JICA master plan covers only Urban grid and rural grid. The rest must be covered by rural off-grid(=micro grid)

# Unit cost for micro-grid installation in off-grid Electrification

Case	Component of micro-grid	Unit cost per micro-grid (US\$/micro-grid) □ Total	Micro-grid number (Electrified villages)	Electrification cost (MUS\$) Total
1	PV+Dies+Biog+Bat+Con	212,258	9,989	2,120
2	PV+Dies+Biog+Bat+Con	212,258	1,110	236
3	PV+Dies+Biog+Bat+Con	766,061	2,854	2,187
4	Hydro+Bat +Con	640,603	317	203
5	PV+Dies+Biog+Bat+Con	1,943,341	1,427	2,773
6	Hydro+Dies+ Biog+Bat+Con	736,526	159	117
Total			15,856	7,636
US\$ per micro-grid			—	481,584
US\$ per kW			—	14,827

Total Electrification (Rural) Cost: 7,636 M USD (Tentative)

Caveats: the results depend on: hydro availability, technology costs (e.g., PV), rather large demand, coarse data resolution

# Neighboring Perspective



Investment



Generation Project  
Coal / Hydro

IPPs Investor  
EGATi, EGCO, GPSC

Concerns

Power Trade

Civil / Local Society

Left over

EGAT  
Off-take Purchase

MEPE  
Domestic Supply

Finance

Lender  
Public/Private Bank

# Findings

	Economic Barrier	Social Barrier
Coal-fired plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Due to the comparably high operational cost, it is difficult to make the project bankable.</li> <li>•Moreover, It is difficult to get lender such as World Bank and Asian Development Bank.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Recent environmental NGOs movement should be severer in near future.</li> <li>•A compensation payment attached to its relocation is not so huge as mega hydro.</li> </ul>
Hydro Plant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Though its initial cost is huge, operational cost is low.</li> <li>•With the scale of economy, huge hydro (eg 7,000mw: Tasan) should be economically feasible.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Larger and larger hydro plants are, severer and severer social/environmental impacts are.</li> <li>•Also, the dam location is mostly in armed conflict areas.</li> </ul>

Economic barriers of coal-fired plant (Focus in 2013)

⇒ Social barriers of hydro plant (Focus in 2014)

# Cooperation for human resource development



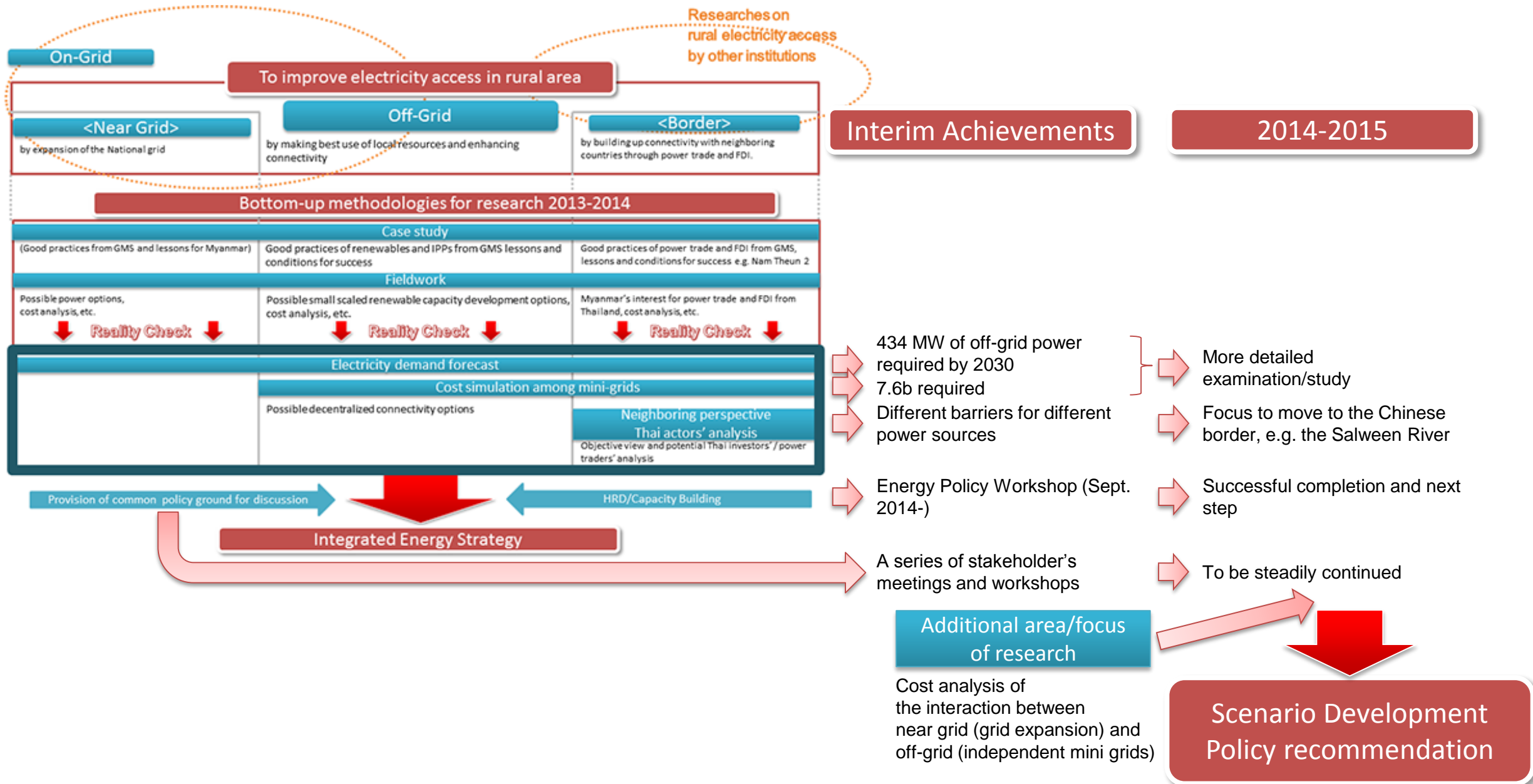
The Energy Policy Workshop 2014 (Opening Ceremony)





The Energy Policy Workshop 2014

# Way Forward





# Thank you!

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