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*“Women must participate in the energy sector as they have the knowledge about needs and priorities.”*

Jamila Idbourrous

# Women solar cooperatives for a sustainable local economy

Project start: 2008, Award year: 2016

This project contributes to energy transition and a local, inclusive economy in rural Morocco. A value chain of productive solar technologies for agricultural food processing is emerging, based on the inclusive cooperative model. 600 rural women actively participate in the climate mitigation policy of their region, creating jobs that strengthen women’s economic and political empowerment. The solar cookers, dryers and torrefactors will serve the diversified and improved quality of a broad range of agricultural products, reducing GHG emissions while enhancing food security for thousands of inhabitants in semi-arid territories.



## UNIQUE VALUE

### What’s special about this project

- ▶ The local production of solar technologies creates jobs for women in a male dominated industry. It enables a new sector to emerge and has a significant mitigation impact in rural areas via the broad use of affordable solar equipment
- ▶ Thanks to newly acquired skills, women working in productive cooperatives are empowered through the control over the entire value chain.



## AWARD IMPACTS

- ▶ Has established UCFA’s reputation as a relevant stakeholder for energy and climate policies, so that local women working in cooperatives are included in decision-making bodies.
- ▶ FMVI.RSA and UCFA have enlarged their network and forged new technical and financial partnerships. They have also acquired new advocacy capacities on gender and social justice.

## TRANSFORMATIVE OUTCOMES



**600 women are improving their skills on cooperative management, governance and strategy**



**2 women energy cooperatives in development and 40 women technicians will master solar technologies**



**1 solar village: 15 families equipped with solar cookers, 1 solar oven, 1 pump, 1 hammam**



**Ancestral knowledge for climate action and biodiversity protection is recognised**



**Women’s workload is significantly reduced as they spend fewer hours on firewood collection and cooking**

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