

## **Impact of DDUGJY- Gender and Social Inclusion review**

The study aimed to understand the implementation pathways of the DDUGJY scheme and its impact on the rural poor, with the intention of developing an action plan to address gender and social aspects. It also explored how the roles of the presently excluded sections of the society could be enhanced both as users of electricity services and as (potentially) involved actors in the provision of electricity.

The following were the Study objectives:

- Review the impacts of the DDUGJY scheme on the rural poor, identifying the differential impacts for the socially excluded and women.
- Understand the relationships and identify factors influencing social inclusion.
- Characterize who were presently excluded from the scheme or were unable to benefit to the fullest extent and to assess the demand to avail the scheme among them.
- Identify factors responsible for such exclusion.
- Collect gender disaggregated statistics pertaining to electricity access.
- Map and analyze availability of and usage of electricity for household, productive and community applications.
- Develop a time bound gender and social inclusion action plan for that can address the key issues identified.

The following activities were included under the scope of work of the study:

- Desk review of DDUGJY at policy and programme levels, based on a Gender equality and Social Inclusion analysis matrix.
- Identify key stakeholders at the Centre, State and Sub-state level
- Conduct ground level assessment of impact of DDUGJY in electrified/non-electrified households of Pre-survey discussions at the institutional stakeholder level (district collector etc.) to understand the issues and reasons behind exclusion.
- Define and design the survey design and data collection instruments
- Data Collection and Analysis.

Sharing of preliminary findings and brainstorming with state/sub-state level stakeholders including validation of findings