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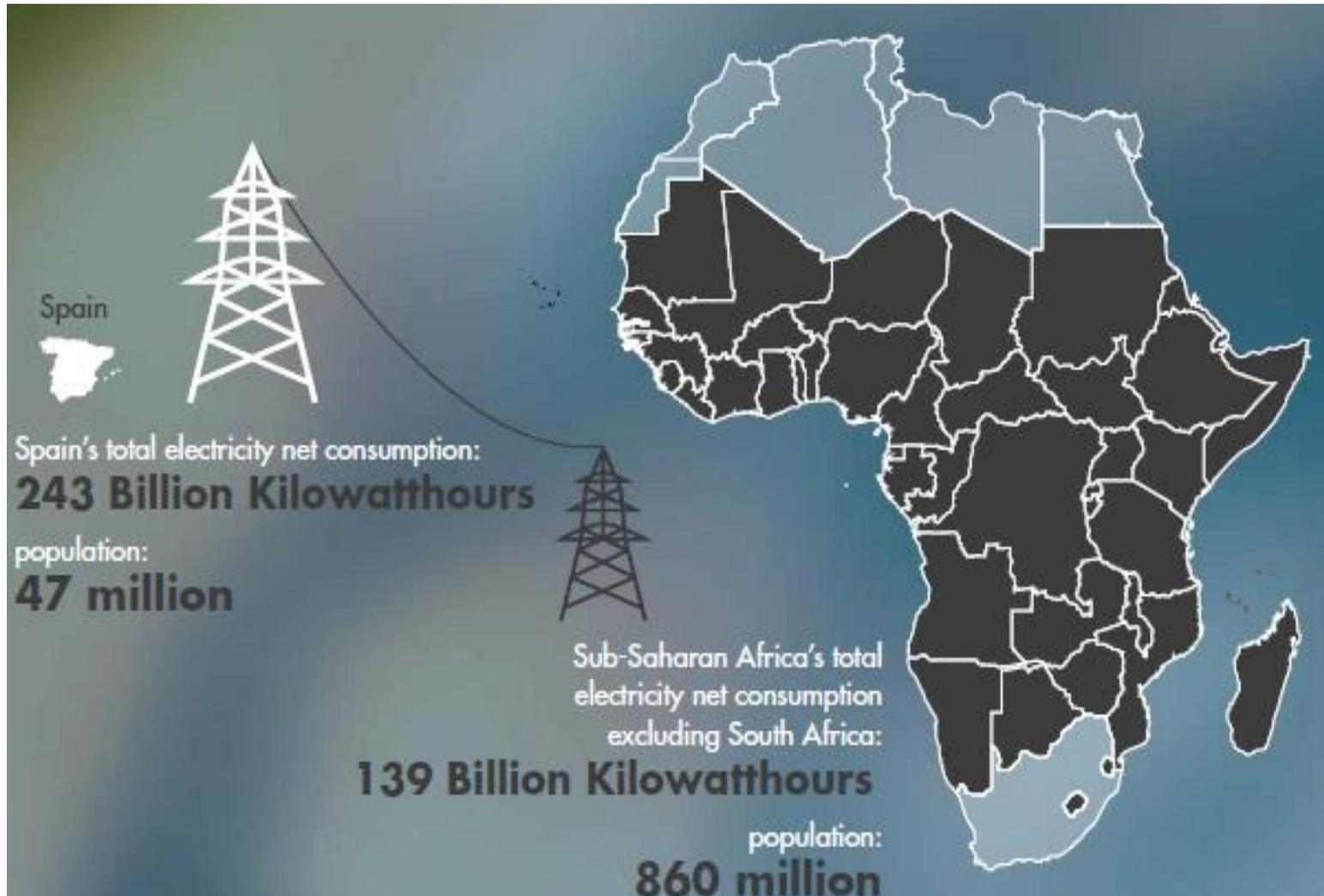


**TARGET COUNTRY : CAMEROON**

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# INTRODUCTION – ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN AFRICA

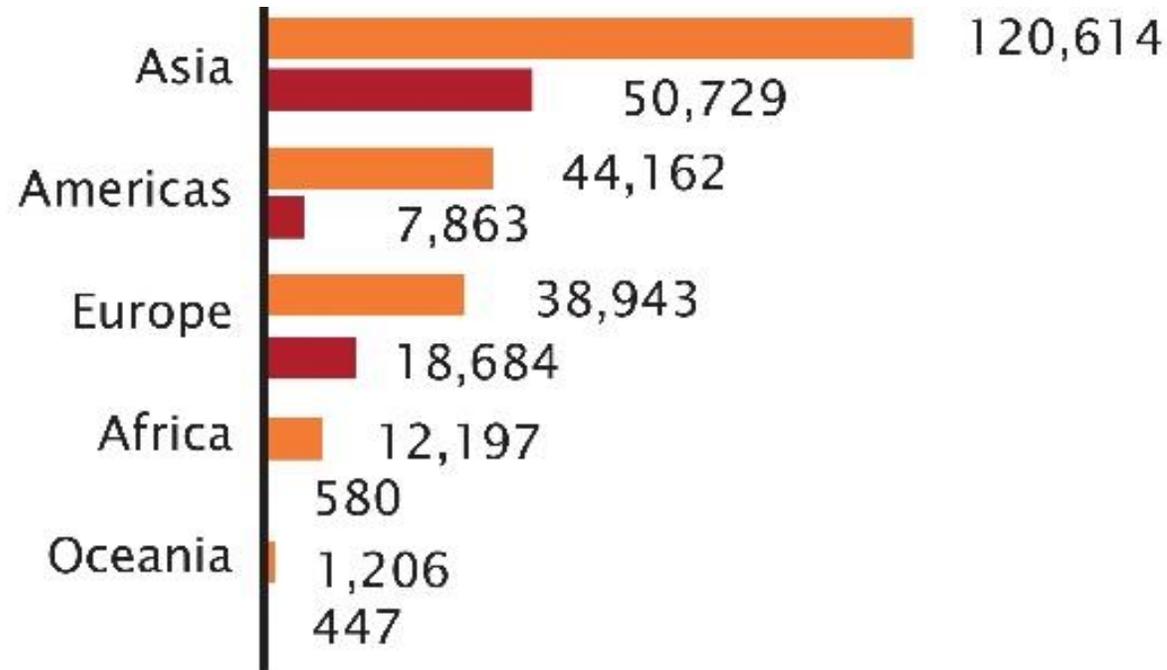
## ENERGY GAP



- Spain consumption per capita: **5.170 MWh**
- Germany consumption per capita: **6.6 MWh** (2016)
- Cameroon consumption par capita: **0.250 MWh** (2016)
- Meaning **1** household in Germany = **26** households in Cameroon

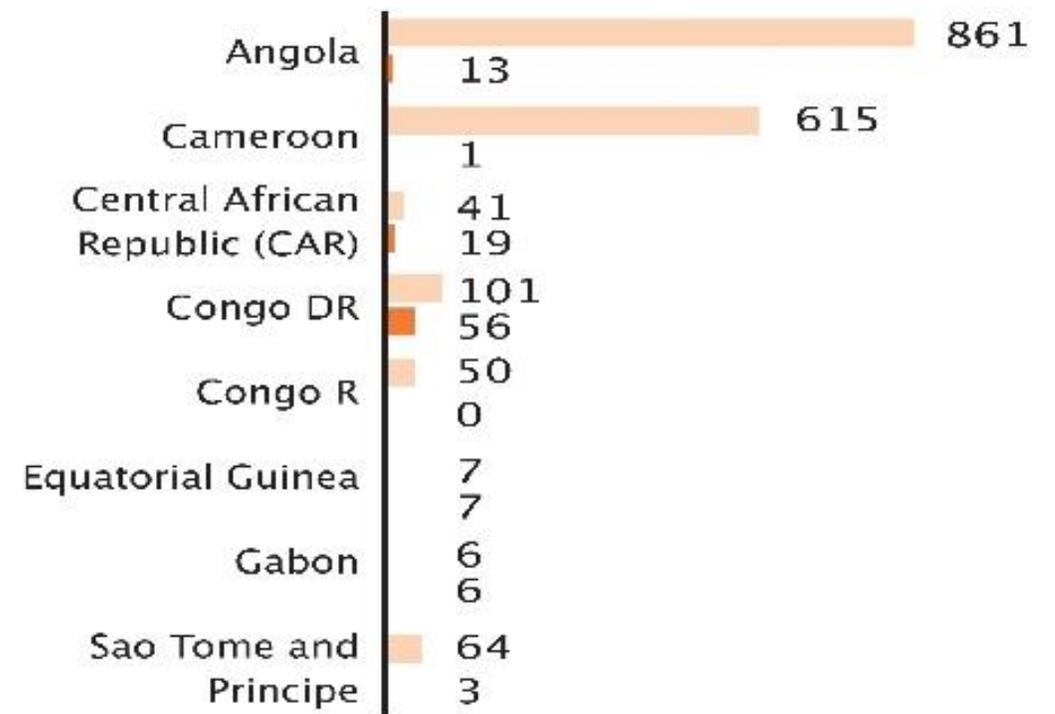
- Hydropower potential of Africa:
  - 350 GW
  - Currently 28 GW installed and 14 GW under construction
  - Meaning only 12% developed so far
- Electricity grid:
  - Radial network → Important end user voltage drop (75 kV instead of 90 kV in Bamenda - Cameroon from Douala for a 350 km power line; 17% voltage drop)
  - Low demand in the cities (MWs)
- Electrification rate:
  - Average of 15%
  - Below 5% in some rural areas (1% in rural Central African Republic)
- Meaning poor hydropower generation, slowing down the growth (estimated to cost Africa some 2-3% of GDP)
- Small hydropower is one option for power generation for standalone/grid connected generation and hence
- Mitigation of the energy access, energy security and energy shortage

# Small hydro potential and installed capacities (world, Middle Africa)



■ Potential capacity     
 ■ Installed capacity

SHP capacities by Region (MW)



■ Potential capacity     
 ■ Installed capacity

SHP capacities in Middle Africa (MW)

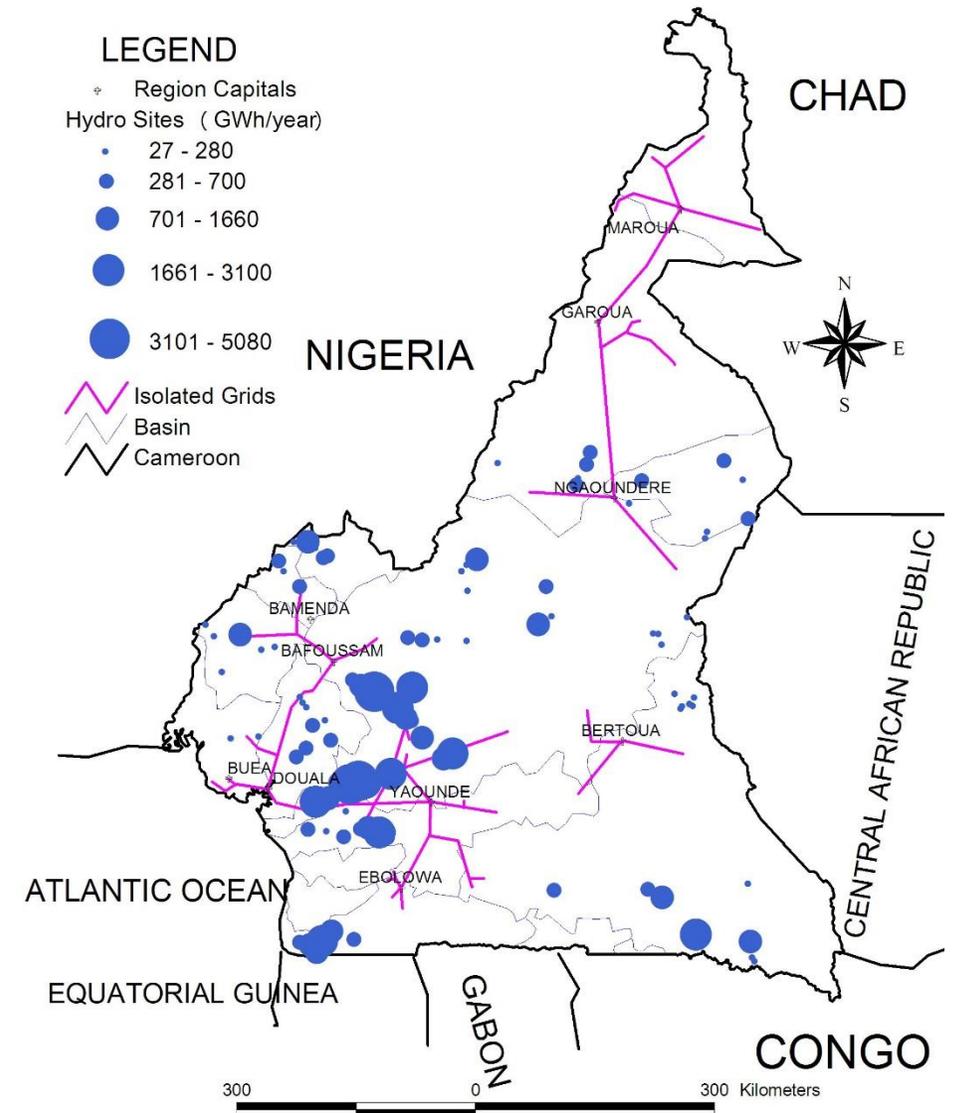
**Data for known sites, detailed identification yet to come**

**NEED OF A BIG PUSH FOR HYDROPOWER DEVELOPMENT**

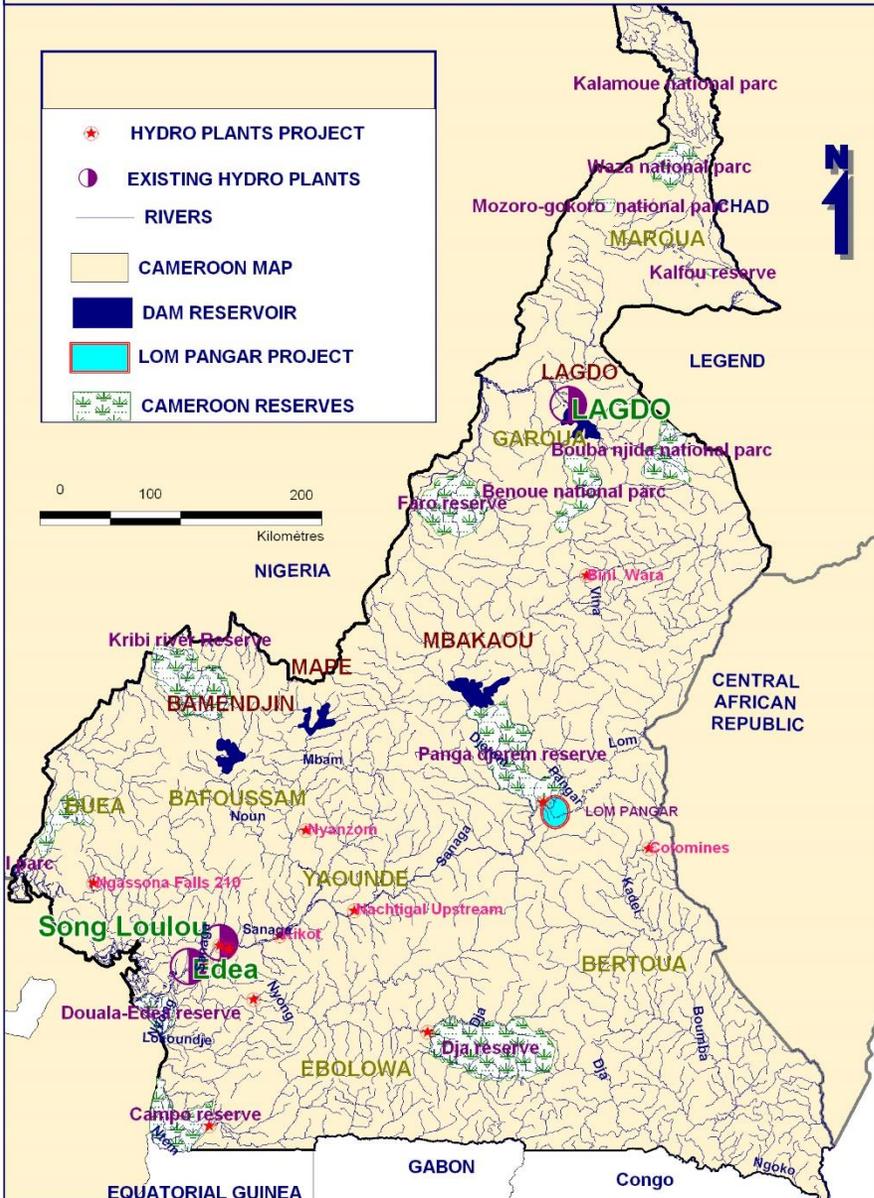
# Focus on Cameroon

- 25 million people
- 0,860 GW hydro installed capacity (6%)
- 19 GW hydropower potential (huge)
- About 615 MW small hydro potential
- Three isolated Grids (south, east, north)
- Three large hydro plants above 70 MW
- No small hydro plant in operation
- But 3 small plants under erection (2.9 MW, 1.4 MW, 15MW)
- 54% electrification rate in cities
- 17% electrification rate in rural area
- About 45% of population in rural area

IDENTIFIED CAMEROON HYDRO POTENTIAL



## HYDRO PLANTS AND STORAGE DAMS

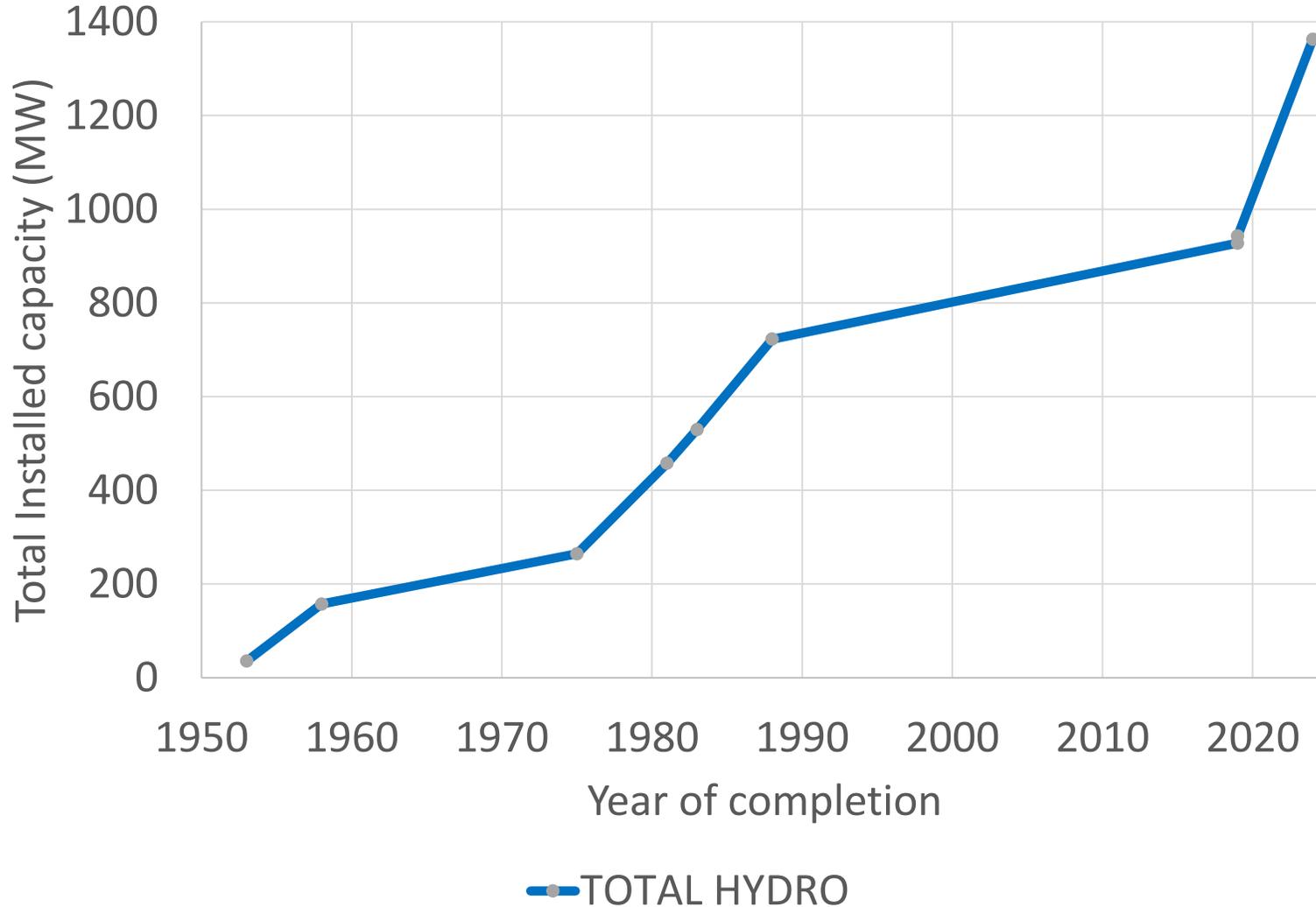


## Existing HYDRO PLANTS plants (since 1952)

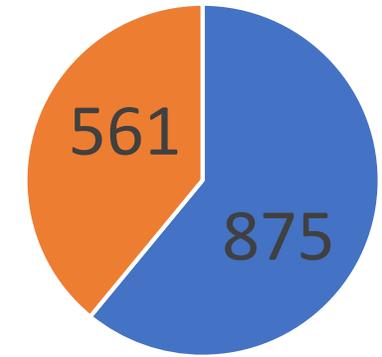
- 3 existing plants feeding two radial grids
  1. Edea hydro plant with 276 MW (since 1952)
  2. Song Loulou 384 MW (since 1987)
  3. Lagdo 72 MW (since 1986)
- 4 Storage dams
  1. Mape (3.3 km<sup>3</sup>)
  2. Bamendjin (1.8 km<sup>3</sup>)
  3. Mbakaou (2.6 km<sup>3</sup>)
  4. Lom Pangar (6 km<sup>3</sup>)
- plants under erection
  1. Nachtigal (420 MW ongoing)
  2. Mekin (15MW commissioning)
  3. Mbakaou carriere (1.4 MW ongoing)
  4. RUMPI (2.9 MW stopped for security reasons)

# LEVEL OF HYDRO DEVELOPMENT

## EVOLUTION OF HYDRO CAPACITY

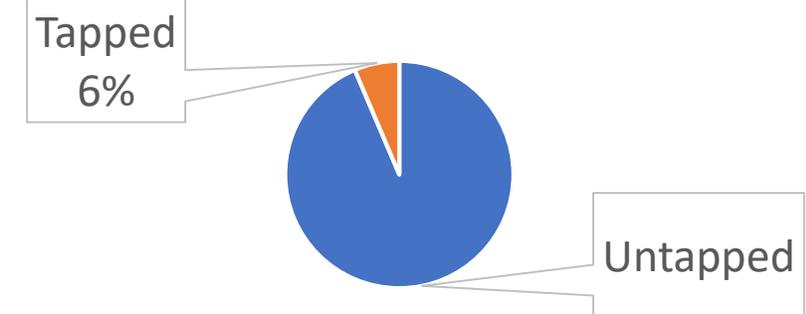


### Installed Capacity South Grid (MW/2016)



■ Hydro ■ Thermal

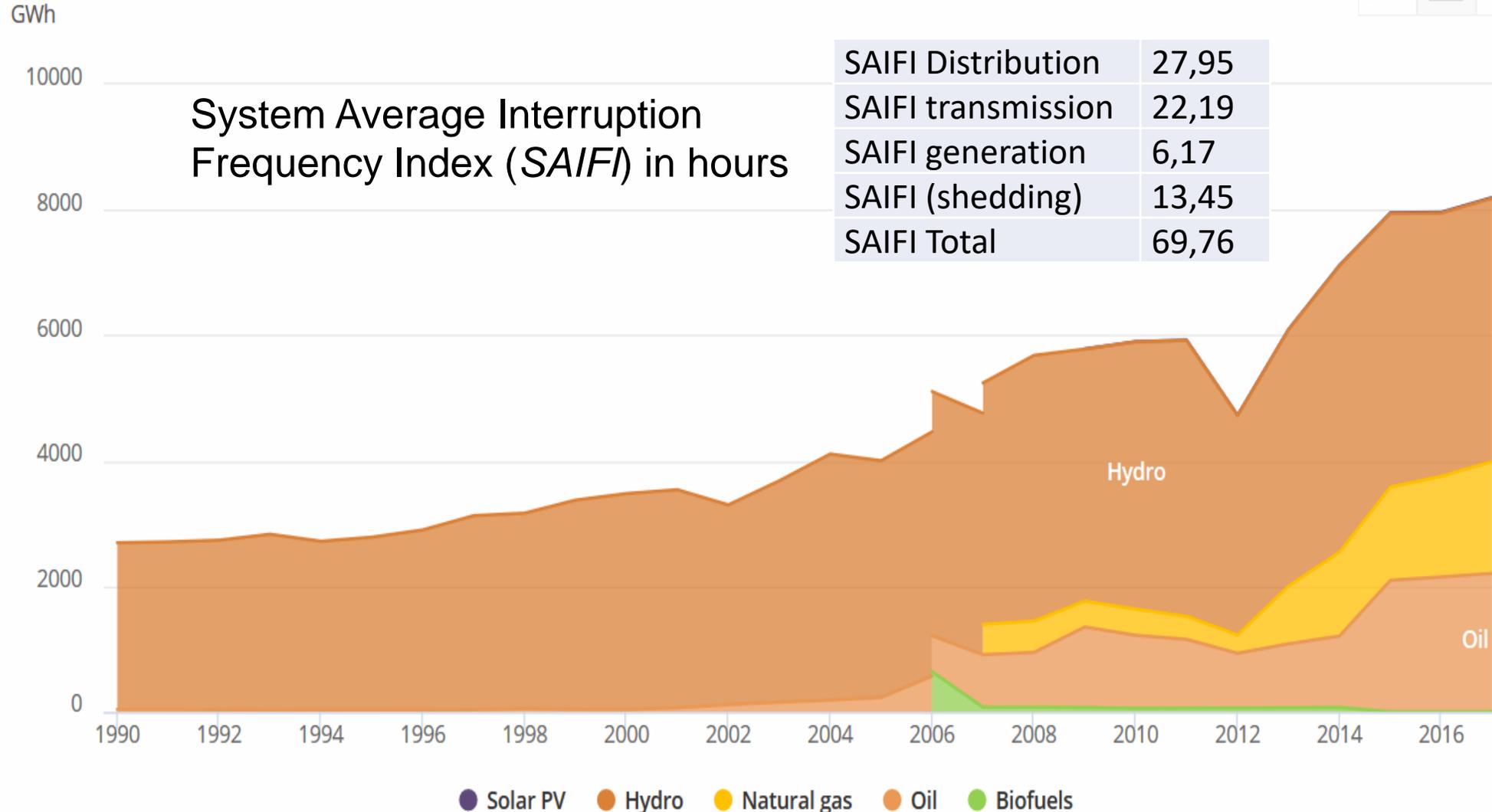
### HYDRO DEVELOPMENT



■ Untapped ■ Tapped

# Electricity generation by source (IEA)

Electricity generation by source, Cameroon 1990-2017



System Average Interruption Frequency Index (SAIFI) in hours

IMPORTANT THERMAL PLANTS IN OPERATION (increase of tariffs)

# Ongoing government policy

- In the framework of the long term development plan for the sector,
- several private actors have confirmed their intention to develop some hydro plants
- several memory of understandings have been signed with other potential developers at national and international levels
- Projects are designed to provide electricity in some remote areas and/or sustain the current generation capacity (grid connected)

# EVOLUTION OF THE SECTOR

- Before 1974, many different companies in the country.
- Then all companies were nationalized and merged to form one national company.
- BUT monolithic organization showed its limits
- Sector liberalized since 1998 to overcome these limits.
- The National company was hence privatized,
- The sector was then opened to competition and new institutions were set up to manage this new competitive environment.
- Different regimes now apply, depending on the type of their activity and depending on the capacity or the activity (generation or sales).
- We distinguish the concession regime, the license regime, the authorization regime, the declaration regime and the liberty regime.

# THE ACTORS OF THE SECTOR IN CAMEROON

- **The Ministry of Water and Energy**, is in charge of planning strategies, supervising the sector, preparing long-term investment plans, granting the main titles necessary to operate in the power sector (concession, licenses and authorizations).
- **Electricity Sector Regulatory Agency (ARSEL)**, the agency in charge of supervising, penalties, tariff, analyses of investments, studying applications for concessions, licenses and authorizations
- **ENEO** (formerly AES SONEL) is the utility (historical electricity operator)
- SONATREL is in charge of transmission (voltage above 30 kV)
- **Electricity Development Corporation (EDC)**, is a state-owned entity in charge of managing the public assets in the electricity sector.
- **Rural Electrification Agency** for remote area electrification,
- **Independant Power Producers** are new actors coming into play since liberalization

# Cameroun: institutional perspective (set in 1998)

- 1998: privatization of the national operator and liberalization of the production
- 2011: new electricity law (IPP, TSO, renewable energy obligations, etc.)
- Goals of this new law:
  - Double access rates by 2020 (we are missing the target)
  - 4.8 to 8.3 GW additional capacity by 2035
  - Interconnections with neighbouring countries (demand above 6 GW from Nigeria, but Chad demand also unmet)
- Constraints:
  - Limited grid capacity (aging)
  - Limited grid costs and off grid expansion
  - Should develop distributed generation
  - Lack of financial resources

# Regimes

- Concession for
  - Generation, Transmission, Distribution,
- License for
  - IPP
  - Sales (high and medium voltage)
  - Importation and/or exportation of energy
- Authorization
  - Self generation > 1 MW
  - Exploitation less than 100 kW
  - Private lines
- Declaration
  - Self generation between 100kW and 1MW
- ~~Liberty~~
  - Self generation below 100 kW
  - Not for small hydro



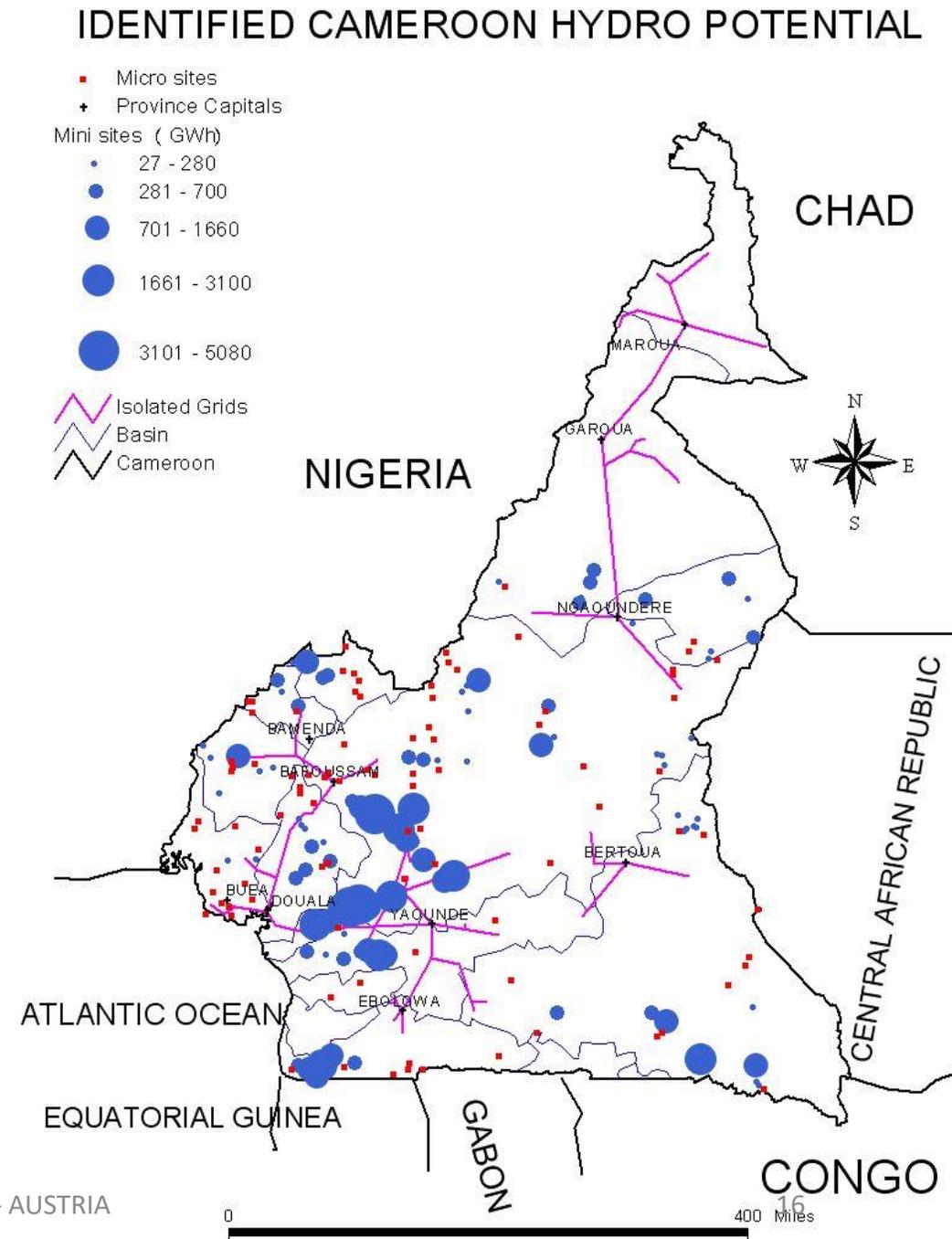
# TITLES GRANTED BY THE REGULATORY AGENCY SINCE 1998

## 16 titles granted by the regulator

- 4 titles for hydropower
  - ENEO (utility 721 MW private - public)
  - IED Invest (1.4 MW private)
  - MBUROCADASS (75 kW?)
  - NACHTIGAL (420 MW private-public)
- 10 Titles for thermal plants
- 1 Title for solar plant
- 1 Title for transport
- Titles for Mekin (15 MW public) and Memve'Ele (205 MW public) **yet to come**

**Only one for small hydro Meaning we still have a huge gap to fill**

# 2004 GIS map for hydro potential of Cameroon as research topic



Another raw data collection on small/ micro hydro potential to be consolidated UNIDO initiative (2019)



# MEKIN SMALL HYDRO PLANT (15 MW, PUBLIC)



- Plant under completion
-  Will feed 154 km - 30 kV power line
- Problems with turbine/generators and
- Power line not ready (should be reinforced)

# RUMPI PROJECT (2.9 MW, PUBLIC)

- Abandoned for security reasons (civil war in that region of the country)



# MEMVE ELE (205 MW, PUBLIC)

- Under completion



# Other plants under erection

- Mbakaou Carriere (1.4 MW, Private)
- Lom Pangar (30 MW at the toe of the 6 km<sup>3</sup> storage dam, Public)
- Bini Warak (70 MW to feed Cameroon and Tchad, Public)

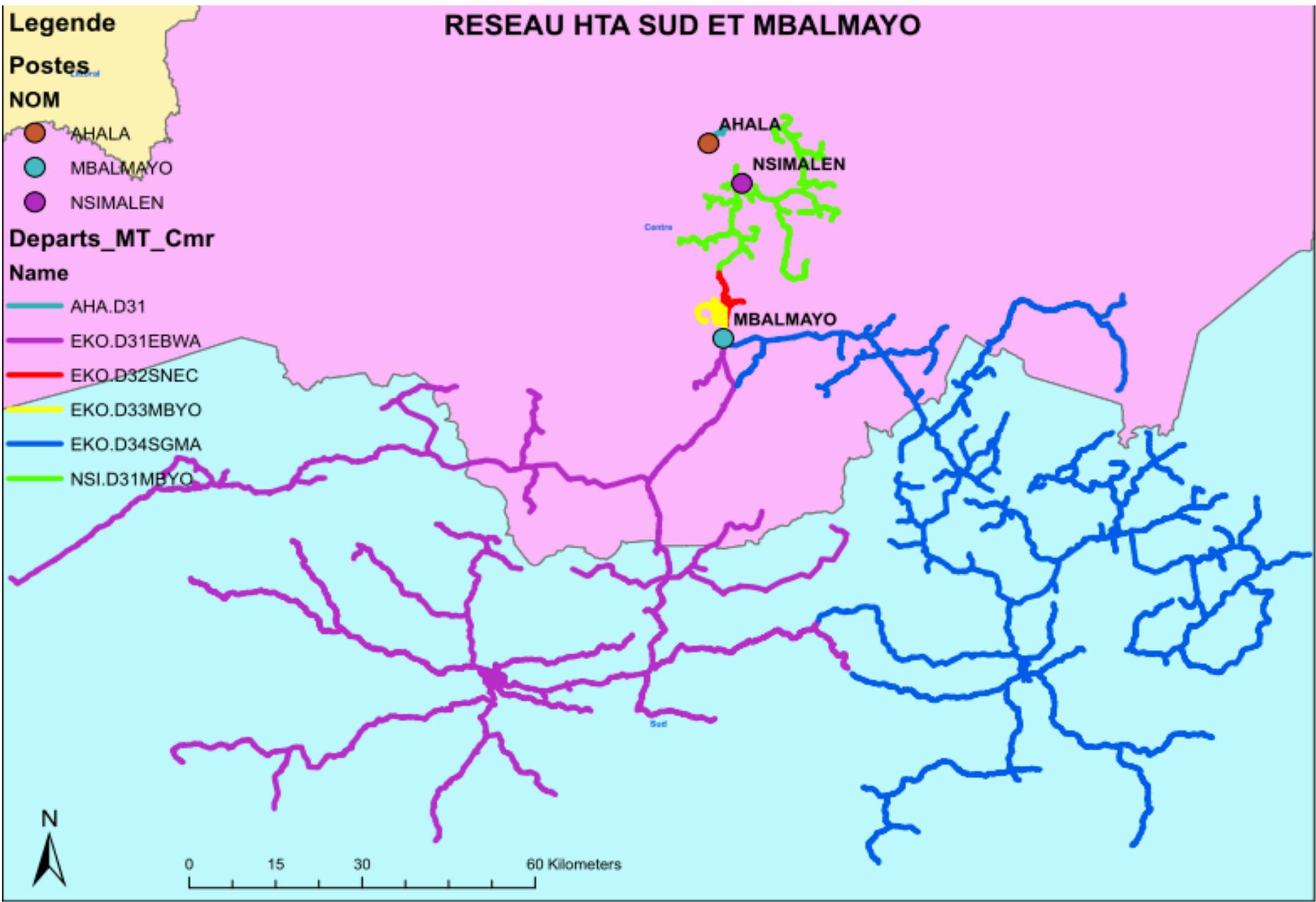
## OTHER INITIATIVES

Tens of MoU from a few MW to hundreds of MW

Companies are from almost all parts of the world

# ABANDONED PLANTS SINCE LATE 70'S(20 kW to 3 MW)





RADIAL  
DISTRIBUTION  
OR  
ARCHITECTURE  
OF THE  
NETWORK IN  
CENTER REGION  
(Other regions  
are similar)

**Legende**

**Postes**

**NOM**

● BAMENDA

**Departs\_MT\_Cmr**

**Name**

— BDA.D11 VILLE

— BDA.D12 VILLE

— BDA.D13VILLE

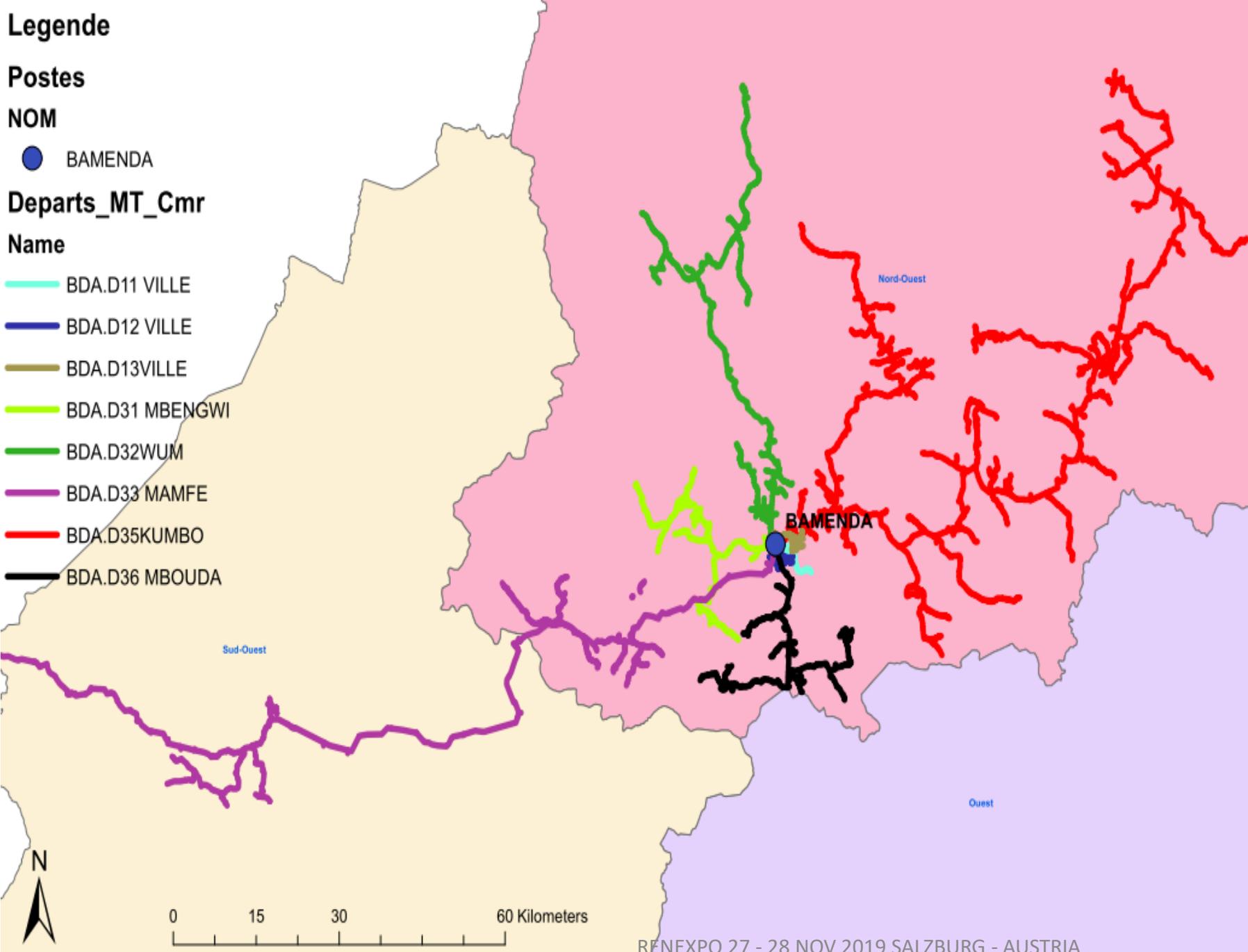
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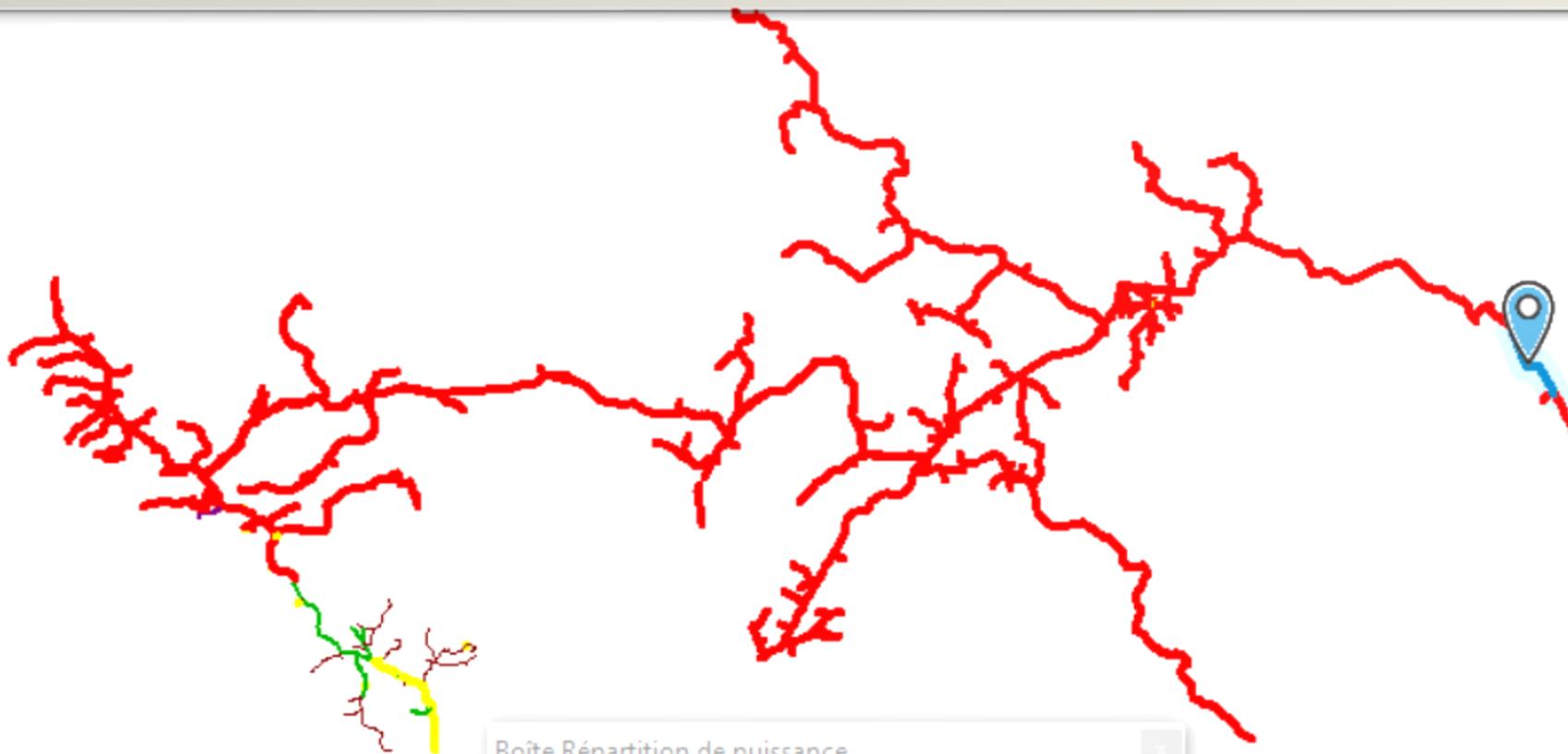
— BDA.D33 MAMFE

— BDA.D35KUMBO

— BDA.D36 MBOUDA



**RADIAL  
DISTRIBUTION OR  
ARCHITECTURE  
OF THE NETWORK  
IN NORTH WEST  
REGION  
(Other regions are  
similar)**



Boîte Répartition de puissance

Ligne aérienne - BAF\_D321129

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B	23968,7	24,0	13,8	2,1	28,7	26,4	11,3
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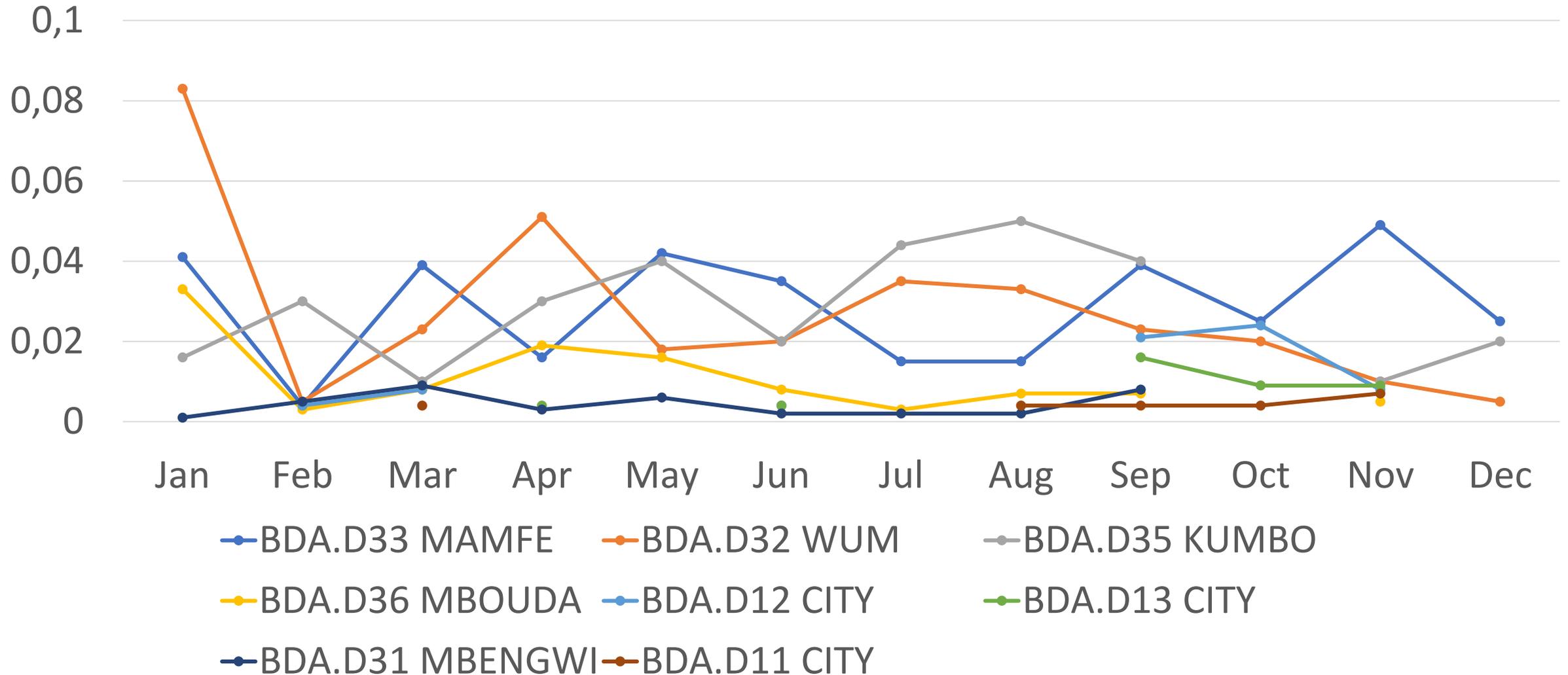
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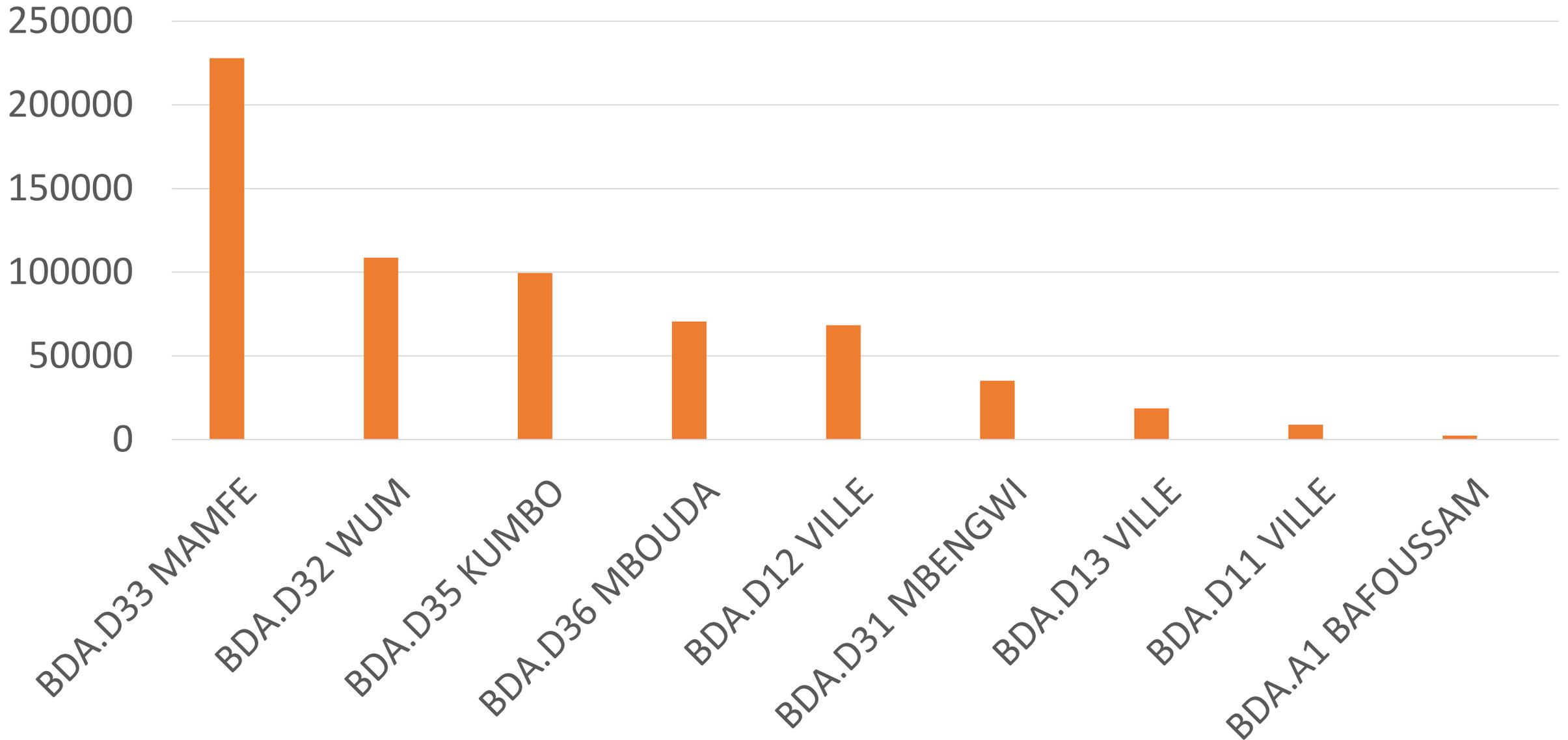

 
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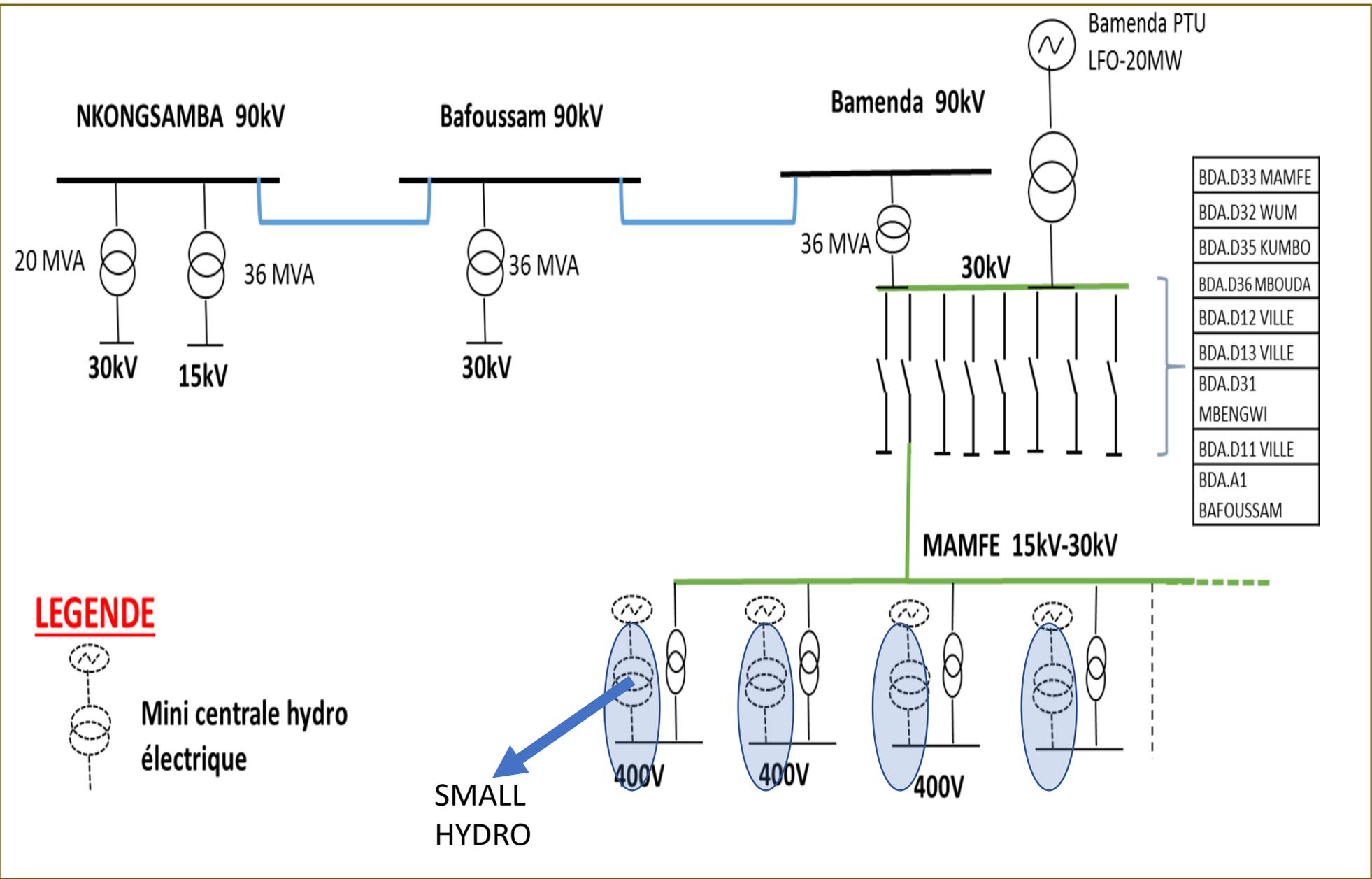
HIGH VOLTAGE DROP IN THE REMOTE NETWORK (24 kV INSTEAD of 30 kV IN THE NETWORK IN NORTH WEST REGION (Other regions are having similar problems)

# SYSTEM AVERAGE INTERRUPTION DURATION INDEX (SAIFI) FOR NORTH WEST REGION



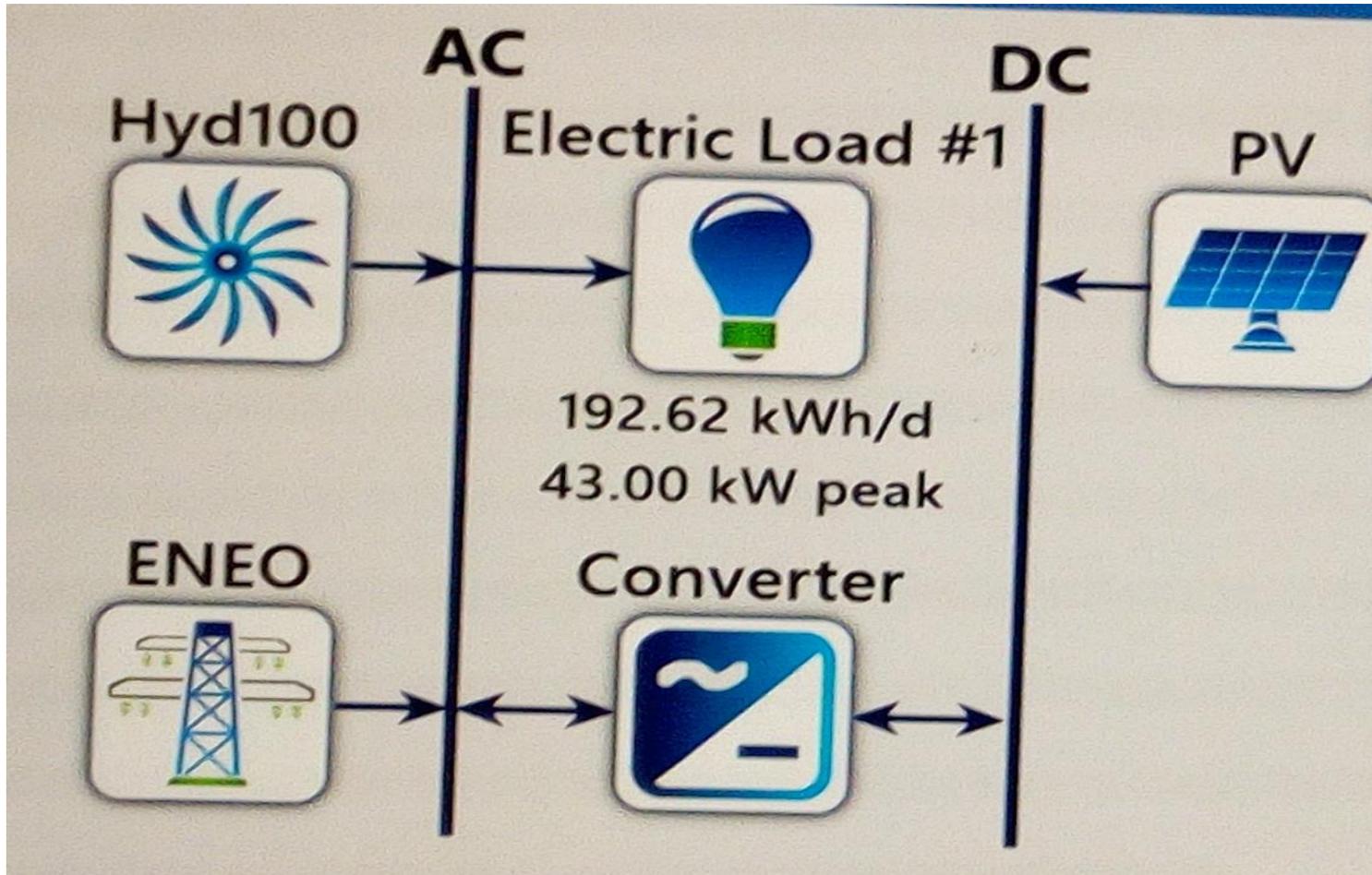
# TOTAL ENERGY NON DISTRIBUTED BY MEDIUM VOLTAGE CIRCUIT





# CURRENT ARCHITECTURE AND UPCOMING CONTRIBUTION OF SMALL HYDRO

# GRID & OFF GRID ISSUES



- Low demand in remote area,
- high capacity for small hydro,
- Long distance medium voltage network,
- Huge voltage drop
- Should envisage grid connected
- To sustain the grid
- For cost effectiveness

# COMPANIES WITH MEMORY OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PROJECTS ABOVE 5 MW

1. ASIAN PACIFIC
2. HYDROCHINA CORPORATION
3. GRENOR CAMEROON SA
4. A2Z MAINTENANCE & ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED ET  
EUROFINA S.A.,
5. CLUB MILLENIUM
6. African Energy Company
7. Hydromine Inc
8. TBEA
9. Kedjom PowerProject (KPP)
10. TBEA

**11. XINJIANG BEIXIN CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING**

**12. CWE**

**13. CWE**

**14. SINO HYDRO**

**15. JOULE AFRICA**

**16. Ximcor (USA)**

**17. SUHN**

**18. China National Electric Equipment Corporation**

**19. APICA**

**20. Alpha Technology**

- 21. ALUCAM**
- 22. RIO TINTO ALCAN**
- 23. CHINA GEZHOUBA GROUP CO**
- 24. CGC OVERSEAS CONSTRUCTION GROUP CO. ;Ltd**
- 25. HYOSUNG CORPORATION**
- 26. POWER CONSTRUCTION CORPORATION OF CHINA**
- 27. DEFEX et son partenaire Technique –ELECNOR**
- 28. SINOHYDRO CORPORATION LIMITED**
- 29. BOUYGUES ENERGIES & SERVICES**
- 30. FABIEN M.ASSIGANA &ASSOCIATES INTERNATIONAL CONSULTING**

- 31. KALPATARU POWER TRANSMISSION LTD,UNE SOCIETE INDIENNE**
- 32. XUAN THIEN AFRICA INVESTMENT S.A**
- 33. ENVIRONMENTAL CHEMICAL CORPORATION**
- 34. CHINA NATIONAL AERO-TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION**
- 35. CHINA NATIONAL AERO-TECHNOLOGY INTERNATIONAL ENGINEERING CORPORATION**
- 36. FINAGESTION S.Adevenue**
- 37. ERANOVE S.A**
- 38. A2Z MAINTENANCE & ENGINEERING SERVICES LIMITED ET EUROFINSA S.A**
- 39. ERG Construction and Trade Co**
- 40. Nurol**

- 41. OZTURK
- 42. Platinuim
- 43. china Railway Construction Corporation**
- 44. NPPC
- 45. CMEC/PBEC
- 46. TBEA Hengyand Transformer
- 47. KALPATARU
- 48. DOUBLE KINGDOM LTD

# MoU for Small hydro 1/2

1. **GREEN WATT**
2. BAMUSSO CITY COUNCIL
3. Fabien M. ASSIGANA & Associates International Consulting
4. FOKOUÉ CITY COUNCIL
5. BERKELEY ENERGY
6. **ADEID**
7. SOLARHYDROWATT
8. BILL

# MoU for Small hydro 1/2

9. HYDROMEKIN

10. ALPHA TECHNOLOGY

11. Kedjom Power Project

12. MINEE/AER/UNIDO

13. AER / Plan VER

14. AER / ERD RUMPI

15. AER / Projet FED

## ONGOING INITIATIVE FOR SMALL HYDRO

The government intends to develop 50 small hydro projects. It is under prefeasibility studies (but lacking funds)

# ABOUT MoUs & OTHER GOVERNMENT INITIATIVES

- Almost all projects are behind schedule,
- Lack of experience (30 years since last plant commissioned),
- Lack of funding,
- Projects initiated by local start up companies,
- Lack of investment banks (poor or no support),
- High interest rate (above 5%)
- But funds available abroad

# HOW CAN WE ADDRESS THE ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO THE LOCAL CONSTRAINTS

THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION



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