

Solar power on school roofs: a win for the whole village

Düsseldorf, 29 December 2025 – With the non-profit PowerOneForOne Foundation (POFO), founded in 2018, the aream Group is improving the living conditions of people in underdeveloped countries by providing green electricity while also strengthening the local economy. In 2025, for example, a solar power system with battery storage was installed on the roof of St. Bruno Vocational School in Uganda.

More than 800 million people still live without direct access to electricity. Energy poverty is one of the biggest obstacles to positive development. Since renewable energies rely primarily on decentralised generation, it is not necessary to build an expensive grid in many areas. "It is often enough to install small systems on school roofs to meet a village's electricity needs", says Janine Voigt, Managing Director of the PowerOneForOne Foundation.

By providing access to sustainable electricity, the PowerOneForOne Foundation improves the livelihoods of rural populations: medical care is facilitated simply by refrigerating medicines. Married women, who are generally not allowed to work outside the home, can contribute to the household income with solar-powered sewing machines, for example. Children's educational opportunities improve when they can read and study in the evening despite the darkness with the help of electric light. And light is especially indispensable for deaf people, enabling them to communicate in the dark using sign language. The projects are built and maintained by local craftsmen. This creates jobs and promotes sustainable regional economic development.

To date, the PowerOneForOne Foundation has supported 13 projects in Guatemala, sub-Saharan Africa, Pakistan and Sri Lanka. In 2025, the focus was on Uganda: the kindergarten at St. Mark VII School for Deaf Children, Ntungamo Mixed Primary School and St. Bruno Vocational School received solar power and light so that deaf children can communicate even in the dark. In South Africa, support is provided to the I-Med Africa Centre, which offers medical training and workshops, IT-supported healthcare and psychological care, among other things.



Solar panels on the roof of St. Mark VII School for Deaf Children in Rwera

About the PowerOneForOne Foundation

The aream Group is stepping up its social commitment with the non-profit PowerOneForOne Foundation (gGmbH). The aim is to provide sustainable energy supplies to particularly disadvantaged people in underdeveloped countries. To this end, the PowerOneForOne Foundation focuses on solar projects and storage systems that provide access to clean and affordable energy. The aream Group is

the largest donor and also covers all of the foundation's administrative costs. This ensures that 100 per cent of all donations go to those in need. For more information, visit www.poweroneforone.org.

About the aream Group

aream Group, founded in 2005, is an investment and asset manager for institutional investors and industrial clients with a focus on sustainable infrastructure in the renewable energy sector. With its three divisions Fund and Asset Management, Project Development and Operation Management, aream covers the entire value chain for renewable energy investments. With a transaction volume of more than 2.5 billion euros, aream is one of the leading asset managers in this market, and its own portfolio of plants generates around 40 million euros worth of green electricity per year. Since 2008, aream has produced more than one billion kWh of green electricity. As part of the growth strategy, several solar and wind parks are to be realized or acquired in the coming years. Through its own project development alone, aream currently has a long development pipeline with great potential. Further information: www.arem.de.