

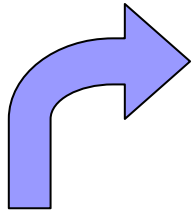
2nd Biomass-Asia Workshop

Towards Pro-poor Biomass Development in Rural Areas



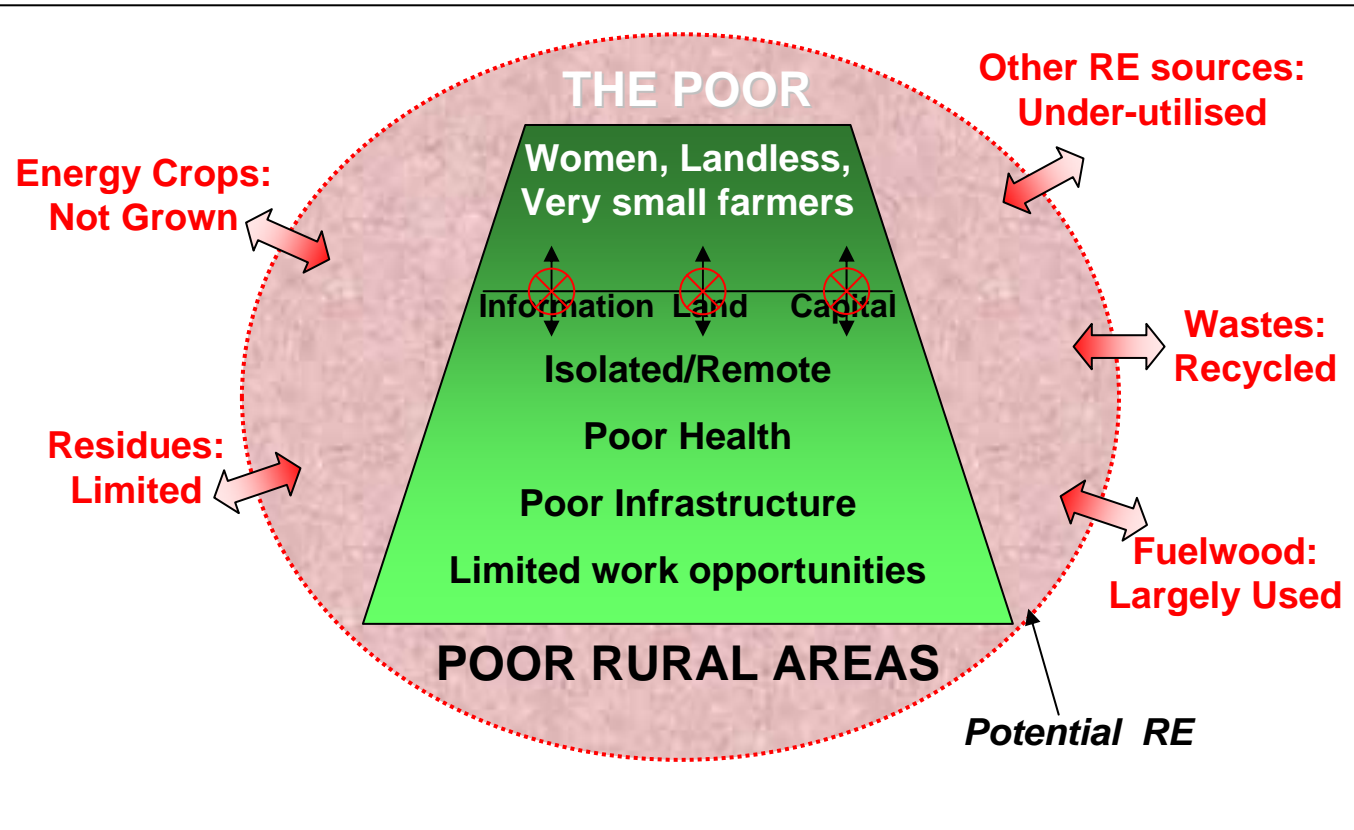
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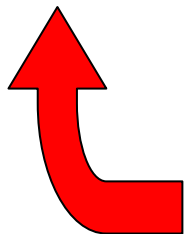
Benefits expected from RE production:

Improve health, Generate jobs,
Increase income, Induce self-reliance



STRATEGY

1. Prioritise local RE development and use
2. Target the Poor in energy-deprived areas
3. Match technology with local socio-economic conditions



Rural areas, the rural Poor and Renewable Energies

Constraints to RE production by and for the rural poor:

No/limited biomass available, Cost of access,
Availability of technologies, Energy crops versus food crops