

HydroSol Executive White Paper

Cooking first and the pathway to productive communities

HydroSol is being developed as a distributed Hydrogen-on-Demand Productive Energy platform, beginning with household cooking and building toward wider enterprise and community applications. This paper explains the experience behind the initiative, its proposed technology and lifecycle architecture, and the validation, commercial and partnership pathway required for responsible deployment.

The immediate task is to establish practical cooking performance, safety, reliability and operating economics. The wider goal is productive communities, where energy connects with people, skills, resources and enterprise to create local value.

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The experience and purpose behind HydroSol

Across much of the Global South, poverty, constrained productive opportunity and environmental degradation can reinforce one another in a cycle that is difficult to escape.

Families without reliable and affordable energy for productive and household needs may depend heavily on wood and charcoal, particularly for cooking and daily energy requirements. As natural resources come under pressure, soils and water systems may become more vulnerable, agricultural productivity may decline, economic opportunities may narrow, and poverty can deepen—creating renewed pressure on already stressed resources.

HydroSol seeks to connect practical household needs and productive development with environmental responsibility. Environmental outcomes must be established through measurement and lifecycle assessment.

HydroSol was conceived as an effort to help interrupt this cycle by strengthening productive capability close to where people live and work.

From Experience To A Productive Energy Quest

Raised in Ethiopia, HydroSol's Chief Architect witnessed the daily burden of collecting firewood for cooking and the resulting pressure on forests. Later, as a customs automation project director within UNCTAD's ASYCUDA program, he helped modernize Ethiopia's customs operations. Visits across African countries—including COMESA and ECOWAS members—to advance customs modernization and regional trade revealed worsening conditions in eight interconnected areas: energy, water, agriculture, healthcare, education, infrastructure, enterprise and mobility. Similar experiences in Southeast Asia deepened his understanding of poverty as an interconnected challenge across the Global South.

These experiences shaped HydroSol's starting point: **cooking,** a basic household need with wider consequences for livelihoods and opportunity. Reducing fuel-collection burdens could release time for education and productive activity, but lasting benefits also require skills, tools, reliable services and access to markets.

Over several years, HydroSol has progressed from an innovative concept toward an integrated Productive Energy platform, supported by systematic engineering, laboratory experimentation, engineering analysis and simulation, operational design and strategic planning.

Its development has also drawn upon multiple disciplines rather than treating the challenge as an engineering problem alone. The five-volume HydroSol Constitutional Series brings together scientific principles, engineering doctrines, operational architecture, development thinking and implementation philosophy into a broader framework for understanding both the technology and its intended productive role.

The work remains evidence-led. Engineering development and laboratory work provide a foundation; prototype, field and independent validation remain essential steps in establishing real-world performance.

Executive Summary

HydroSol is a Hydrogen-on-Demand invention being developed into a distributed Productive Energy platform, beginning with household cooking and building toward wider enterprise and community applications. It is designed to bring useful energy capability closer to users in infrastructure-constrained and resilience-oriented environments.

The platform connects three principal layers:

Distributed Hydrogen-on-Demand Units → Smart Productive Kushets → Regional Production Centers (RPCs)

Within this architecture, distributed units bring productive-energy capability closer to households, enterprises and productive users; Smart Productive Kushets connect energy with community-level productive activity; and Regional Production Centers provide specialized industrial and lifecycle support, including supply, servicing, recovery, logistics, quality support and related functions.

HydroSol is not intended to replace energy systems that already work effectively. Grids, hydropower, solar, wind, batteries, conventional fuels and emerging technologies all have appropriate applications. HydroSol seeks to complement this wider energy landscape, particularly where productive-energy capability remains unavailable, unreliable or economically impractical.

From Engineering To Evidence

The development foundation described above now requires prototype, pilot and real-world validation.

Pilot programs are intended to establish measurable evidence across:

Technical Performance | Safety | Operational Reliability | Productive Applications | Economics | Environmental Outcomes | Development Impact

From Local Deployment To Productive Ecosystem

HydroSol is designed to scale through replication, clustering and interconnection, rather than simply through increasingly large individual installations.

Readers seeking concise answers regarding HydroSol technology, deployment, evidence, partnerships and engagement may consult the HydroSol Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ). This White Paper provides the deeper strategic, technical, operational, environmental and economic framework.

Figure 1 HydroSol pillars of value



Design objectives for cooking first and wider productive opportunity.

1 The Global Productive Energy Challenge

Energy is a foundation of development. It powers homes, supports enterprise, enables healthcare, facilitates communication and drives economic activity.

Across many developing regions, households, farms, enterprises, clinics and community institutions possess productive potential but may lack the reliable energy capability needed to sustain activity over time.

A farmer may have land, labor and markets, yet lack dependable energy for irrigation, processing, preservation or transportation.

An entrepreneur may have skills, ambition and customers, yet remain constrained by unreliable operational capability.

A healthcare facility may have trained personnel and essential equipment, yet struggle to maintain continuity during disruption.

The Structural Energy Gap

Modern economic development has relied heavily on centralized generation, transmission networks, fuel logistics and large-scale infrastructure investment. These systems remain essential and will continue to support development.

But they do not reach every productive need at the same speed, cost or level of resilience.

Communities may continue to face:

Geographic Isolation | Infrastructure Limitations | High Deployment Costs | Fuel Dependence | Operational Complexity | Limited Accessibility

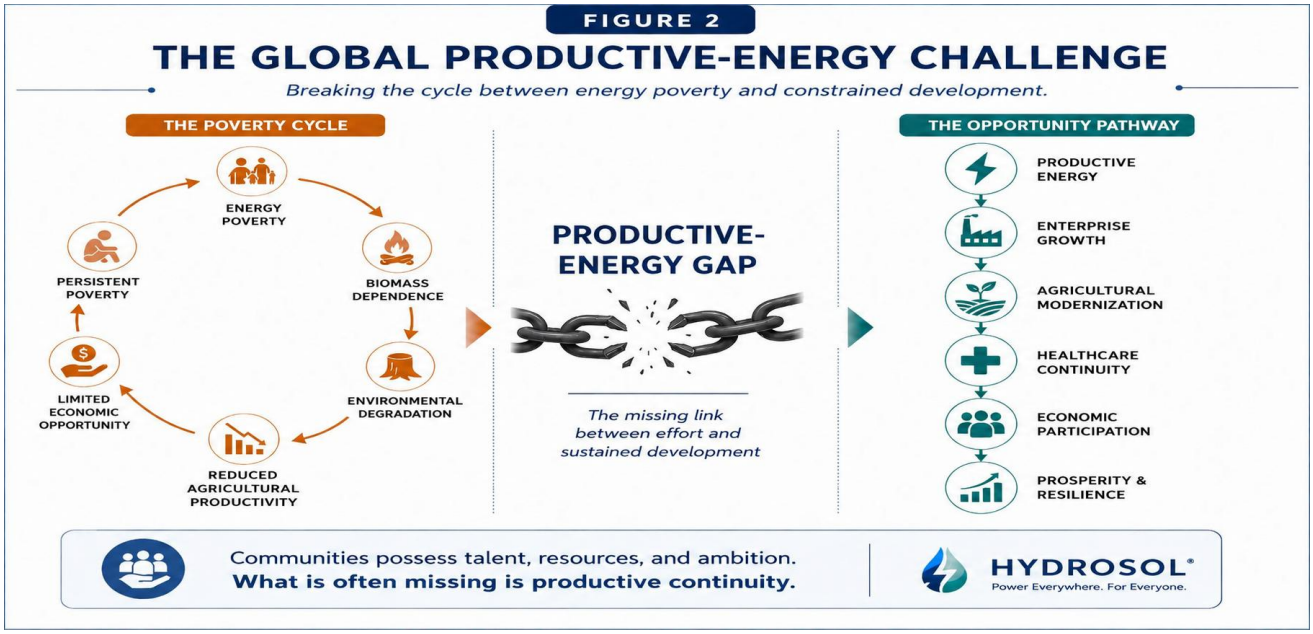
This creates what HydroSol describes as a structural productive-energy gap:

A mismatch between productive energy needs and the ability of existing infrastructure to provide appropriate capability wherever and whenever productive activity occurs.

Interconnected Development Pressures

Energy, agriculture, water, environment, economic productivity and resilience are interconnected.

Figure 2 The global productive energy challenge



Conceptual relationship between reinforcing constraints and potential productive opportunity.

The Opportunity

Across Africa, Asia, Latin America, island economies and emerging economic corridors, communities continue to demonstrate entrepreneurial capacity, innovation and adaptability while seeking greater access to reliable productive capability.

These needs also create significant economic opportunity across distributed energy equipment, productive applications, manufacturing, servicing, logistics, lifecycle support and enterprise development.

HydroSol's commercially addressable market will depend on validated performance, affordability, customer demand and practical service coverage. Its value will be assessed through documented customer segmentation, pricing and adoption assumptions, refined through pilot evidence.

2 From Household Energy to Productive Continuity

Energy development is commonly measured through generation, connections, fuel delivery and consumption.

These measures remain important, but they do not necessarily show what energy enables.

A household may gain electricity access while remaining economically vulnerable. An enterprise may receive power yet remain unable to expand. A community may consume more energy without creating corresponding productive opportunity.

HydroSol therefore makes an important distinction between energy consumption and productive development.

Household Needs And Productive Energy

Household energy supports essential needs such as cooking, lighting, communication and domestic services. Cooking has value in itself through food preparation and daily well-being. Improving access to suitable cooking energy may also reduce fuel-collection burdens and support health, time availability and livelihoods; these effects require assessment in the intended setting.

Within HydroSol's framework, Productive Energy connects useful energy for daily needs with the capability to undertake economically and socially valuable activity. Wider applications may include:

Irrigation | Food Processing | Refrigeration | Agricultural Mechanization | Healthcare | Manufacturing | Workshops | Digital Services | Productive Mobility | Enterprise

Figure 3 From household needs to productive continuity



Household needs connect with skills, tools, services and markets; wider applications require validation.

Productive Continuity

HydroSol extends this idea through the concept of Productive Continuity:

The sustained ability of individuals, enterprises, institutions and communities to perform economically and socially valuable activities through reliable access to productive energy capability. This changes the central question from:

How much energy was consumed?

What productive activity was enabled—and could it continue?

Measuring What Matters

HydroSol considers success through practical household service and wider productive outcomes. Cooking assessment should establish performance, safety, reliability and affordability; subsequent applications can examine:

Agricultural Productivity | Enterprise Growth | Healthcare Continuity | Local Manufacturing | Employment | Livelihoods | Economic Participation | Community Resilience

The purpose is to understand whether energy capability contributes to sustained productive value.

Begin With Productive Activity

Traditional infrastructure planning often begins by asking what energy system should be built.

HydroSol begins one step earlier:

What productive opportunities exist? What activities need continuity? What capabilities require support? What energy capability can enable them?

This approach does not diminish the importance of energy infrastructure. It changes the starting point of the design question.

Productive Need → Required Capability → Appropriate Energy → Productive Activity → Value Creation

Energy becomes an enabler of development rather than the final measure of development.

Established And Emerging Energy Pathways

HydroSol also considered established and emerging energy pathways—including conventional fuels, grids, hydropower, solar, wind, batteries, conventional hydrogen production and synthetic fuels/e-fuels—to understand their respective strengths, limitations and appropriate applications.

Three useful scientific reference points are:

Steam methane reforming with water-gas shift—overall reaction.

SMR: $CH_4 + 2H_2O \rightarrow CO_2 + 4H_2$
Water Electrolysis: $2H_2O$ + Electrical Energy $\rightarrow 2H_2 + O_2$
Synthetic Methane (Sabatier): $CO_2 + 4H_2 \rightarrow CH_4 + 2H_2O$

These pathways provide important scientific and engineering reference points, but their conventional deployment can involve different requirements for energy, infrastructure, production, storage, transportation and delivery.

This comparison helped frame a different question:

Could hydrogen-generation capability be brought closer to where useful energy is required?

3 Introducing HydroSol

HydroSol is a Hydrogen-on-Demand invention being developed into a distributed Productive Energy platform, beginning with cooking and building toward wider household, enterprise and community applications.

Hydrogen is an energy carrier. Productive capability is the objective.

The proposed platform connects local generation, modular hardware, community participation and Regional Production Center support.

The HydroSol Architecture

The architecture brings together four connected elements.

Distributed Hydrogen-on-Demand

HydroSol is intended to generate hydrogen near the point of use through controlled admission of water or a water-based input to a supplied substrate. Hydrogen passes through the gas-delivery system to suitable end-use equipment, while spent material is collected for managed recovery and processing. The substrate supply and any regeneration require external material and energy inputs; this is not energy production from water alone.

This approach could reduce reliance on centralized hydrogen production and long-distance hydrogen delivery. It still requires material supply, logistics and industrial support.

Distributed Hardware

SKU—Stock Keeping Unit—identifies a particular product configuration. HydroSol's initial development focuses on:

SKU-2.5: intended primarily for household cooking and smaller productive applications.

SKU-12: intended primarily for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and larger productive applications.

Additional configurations may follow demonstrated demand and validated performance. The designations alone do not establish hydrogen output, operating duration, useful energy or validated capacity.

Modularity is intended to match equipment to the scale and nature of each application, while supporting servicing and progressive expansion.

Smart Productive Kushet

A Smart Productive Kushet connects useful energy with the economic potential already present in a community:

People | Knowledge | Resources | Skills | Institutions | Needs | Opportunities

Illustrative Kushet and RPC service-planning assumptions are presented together in Section 5.

The objective is to strengthen local capability to:

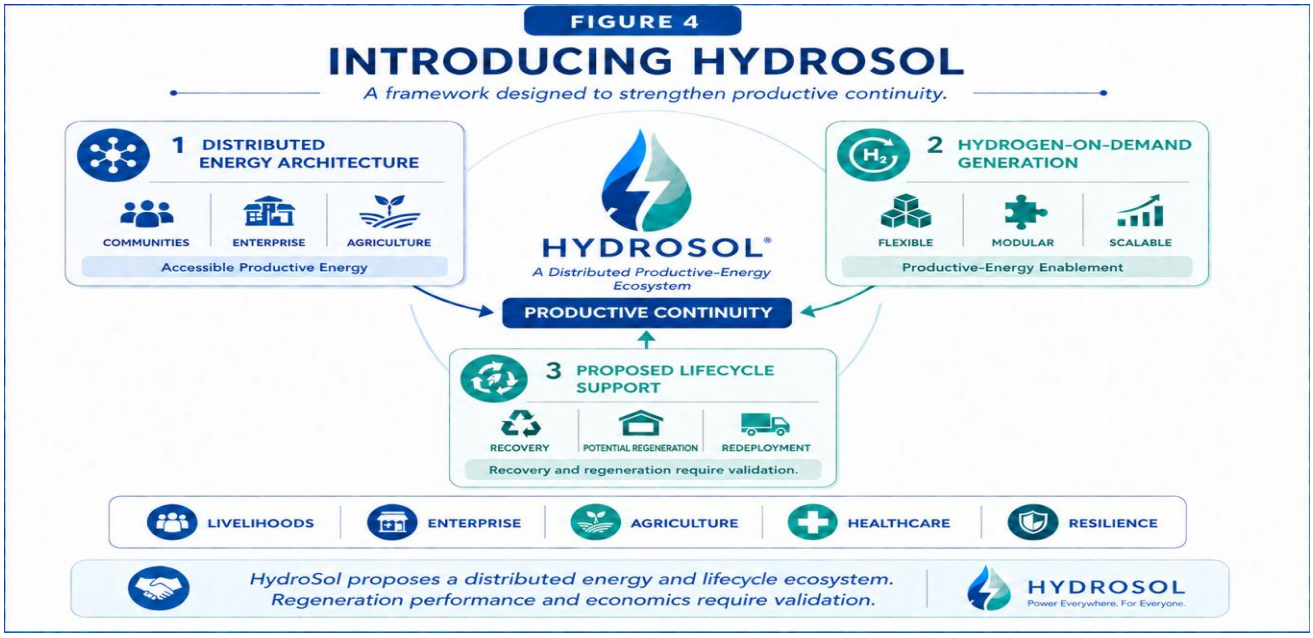
Produce | Process | Repair | Provide Services | Build Enterprise | Create Employment | Retain Local Value

Regional Production Centers

Regional Production Centers (RPCs) would provide specialized industrial and lifecycle support across multiple communities and applications.

Technology should adapt to productive life rather than requiring productive life to adapt to the technology.

Figure 4 — Introducing HydroSol



Proposed distributed energy and lifecycle architecture.

4 The HydroSol Operational Framework

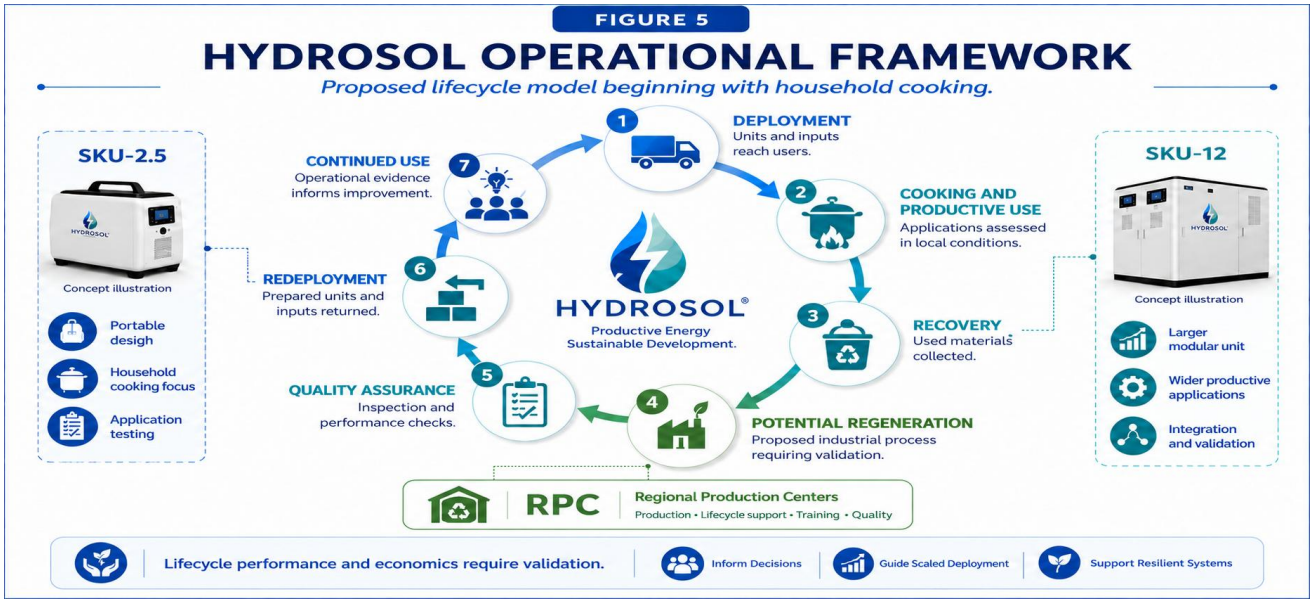
The operational framework connects delivery, use, safe shutdown and return logistics so that distributed equipment can remain accessible and serviceable.

The Operational Cycle

HydroSol's intended operating model follows a continuing cycle:

Supply & Deployment → Productive Use → Recovery → RPC Servicing & Lifecycle Operations → Quality Assurance → Redeployment → Continued Productive Use

Figure 5 HydroSol operational framework



Proposed operating cycle. Apparatus depictions are concept illustrations, not validated product photographs.

Deployment At Different Scales

The configurations introduced in Section 3 may operate individually or, where appropriate, in coordinated clusters to match demand.

Getting Capability To The User

HydroSol is designed around a simple operational principle:

The energy capability travels to the user.

Rather than requiring every household or productive user to wait for new physical energy infrastructure, distributed units and required operational inputs can move through an RPC-supported supply and service network to the point of use—much as familiar household fuels such as wood or charcoal are brought to users, but within a managed Productive Energy system.

Access mechanisms can include PAYGO where appropriate, together with the personnel, logistics, servicing and operational support required to enable productive use at household, enterprise and community level.

Delivering Useful Cooking Heat

HydroSol’s initial application is cooking. The apparatus generates and delivers hydrogen; the burner converts its chemical energy into heat; the stove and vessel determine how much heat reaches the cooking load. These functions must be evaluated together.

A burner may mean the combustion component alone or a complete cooking assembly. This paper distinguishes the hydrogen-generation apparatus, gas-delivery system, combustion component and heat-transfer arrangement so that their performance can be measured clearly.

Useful cooking performance depends on controlled fuel delivery, reliable ignition, flame stability, simmer control, safe shutdown and effective heat transfer. Each fuel requires an appropriate combustion arrangement. Compatibility with hydrogen or other fuels must be demonstrated for the specified configuration.

Hydrogen generation alone does not establish cooking efficiency or affordability. Public results will distinguish calculated scenarios from measured performance and will compare equivalent cooking tasks within consistent cost boundaries.

Safety Through The Lifecycle

Safety is treated as an integrated engineering and operational requirement rather than something added after deployment.

The engineering approach includes controlled operation, pressure and temperature management, gas management, fail-safe behavior and lifecycle procedures.

A central design principle is: **De-energize-to-safe.**

On loss of power, control or communication, the system must enter its defined safe state while preserving local protection. Removing electrical power does not necessarily stop a chemical reaction. Testing must therefore establish residual hydrogen generation, buffer behavior, pressure management and safe handling after shutdown.

These remain engineering design principles and targets whose performance must be established through appropriate testing and validation.

Operation As A Learning System

HydroSol's operational framework does not assume that engineering ends when equipment is deployed.

Field operation can generate evidence concerning:

Performance | Reliability | Safety | Utilization | Maintenance | Economics | User Experience | Productive Outcomes

That evidence can inform engineering improvement, training, servicing, operating practice and subsequent design decisions.

5 RPC Ecosystem and Lifecycle Support

Regional Production Centers would organize shared industrial services for distributed deployments, with capacity and location determined by demand, logistics and operational requirements.

Regional Production Centers

Depending on deployment scale and development stage, RPC functions can include:

Supply | Production & Preparation | Servicing | Recovery | Logistics | Quality Support | Training | Lifecycle Operations | Operational Learning

These capabilities allow individual users and communities to participate in a wider system without having to reproduce specialized industrial infrastructure locally.

Recovery, Reuse and Potential Regeneration

Recovery, reuse and regeneration are distinct activities. Collecting used material does not demonstrate that it can be regenerated economically or returned to its original performance. Any regeneration pathway must establish material quality, process yield, energy and input requirements, waste handling, logistics and total lifecycle cost. Benefits will be reported only where supported by evidence.

From One Kushet To Many

As deployment expands, additional RPCs can support additional networks, allowing HydroSol to grow through replication, clustering and interconnection rather than depending on increasingly large individual installations.

Localization And Economic Participation

RPCs can also become platforms for local and regional economic participation.

As deployment develops, activities associated with the ecosystem may create opportunities in:

Manufacturing & Assembly | Technical Services | Logistics | Maintenance | Training | Quality Support | Enterprise Development | Skills & Employment

Where technically, economically and institutionally appropriate, capabilities that initially depend on external supply can progressively be localized within the countries and regions being served.

RPCs as Learning Nodes

Because RPCs interact with distributed deployments throughout their operating lifecycle, they can also become important sources of operational evidence.

Information from performance, servicing, recovery, quality assurance, utilization and user experience can contribute to engineering and operational improvement.

Planning For Scale

For an illustrative deployment scenario in Tigray, northern Ethiopia, preliminary planning assumes approximately 150,000–250,000 households per Regional Production Center. This service-planning range requires validation of production capacity, household and enterprise demand, transport distances and refill frequency.

Within that scenario, a proposed Smart Productive Kushet service area may encompass approximately 5,000–15,000 households, potentially bringing together several existing communities. Participation and coverage would be developed locally; the range does not define an established administrative boundary.

Equipment counts per household and per Kushet will be established from cooking demand, productive loads, refill frequency, service continuity and customer economics.

From Regional Support To Wider Networks

As productive communities and RPCs multiply, they can progressively connect through markets, logistics, manufacturing, knowledge, training and wider economic relationships.

6 Productive Continuity at Scale

Cooking is the initial application. Wider uses will require equipment matched to the required output: direct heat, mechanical power or electricity. Engines, fuel cells or other conversion equipment would need separate integration and validation; hydrogen generation alone does not provide these services.

Household Cooking and Livelihoods

Household cooking is the initial HydroSol application. Development will examine whether the apparatus and its service model can meet practical cooking needs safely, reliably and at an acceptable total cost. Potential reductions in dependence on firewood and charcoal, fuel-collection time and household exposure must be measured under representative conditions.

Households are not only places of consumption. They can also be centers of learning, communication, enterprise, services and income generation.

Where appropriate productive-energy capability is available, potential applications can extend from basic household needs toward home-based economic activity and greater resilience.

Small and Medium Enterprises

SMEs are important sources of services, employment, innovation and local economic activity, yet their productivity can be constrained when operational capability is unreliable.

Productive Energy can support activities such as:

Workshops | Processing | Refrigeration | Digital Services | Manufacturing | Repair | Commerce

Greater operational continuity can help enterprises maintain production, serve customers, develop skills and pursue growth.

Agriculture and Food Systems

Agriculture connects land and labor with a wider chain of productive activities:

Irrigation → Production → Processing → Preservation → Storage → Transportation → Market

A weakness at any stage can reduce the value ultimately retained by farmers and communities.

HydroSol seeks to support productive-energy capability across appropriate parts of this chain, helping communities move beyond primary production toward processing, preservation and greater local value creation.

Healthcare and Essential Services

Healthcare and other essential community services depend on operational continuity.

Energy capability can support:

Refrigeration | Communications | Information Systems | Diagnostics | Routine Operations | Emergency Support

HydroSol may contribute to these applications where its capabilities are technically appropriate and subsequently validated for the intended use.

Productive Mobility

Mobility connects people and productive activity with markets, healthcare, education, services and commerce.

HydroSol therefore considers mobility as part of the wider Productive Energy ecosystem where technically appropriate.

People and Economic Participation

Infrastructure creates its greatest development value when people can use it to participate productively.

HydroSol therefore seeks to expand opportunities for:

Youth Entrepreneurs | Women-Led Enterprises | Cooperatives | Local Innovators | SMEs | Community Organizations | Productive Users

Productive Energy may help support enterprise creation, skills development, employment, local leadership and wider participation in economic activity.

Where it also reduces time and effort associated with obtaining traditional household fuels, additional opportunities may emerge for education, skills development and productive activity, particularly for women and girls.

Community Level Productive Development

Individual productive applications can become more significant when they begin to connect.

Households, enterprises, farms, workshops, services and institutions can form a wider local productive system:

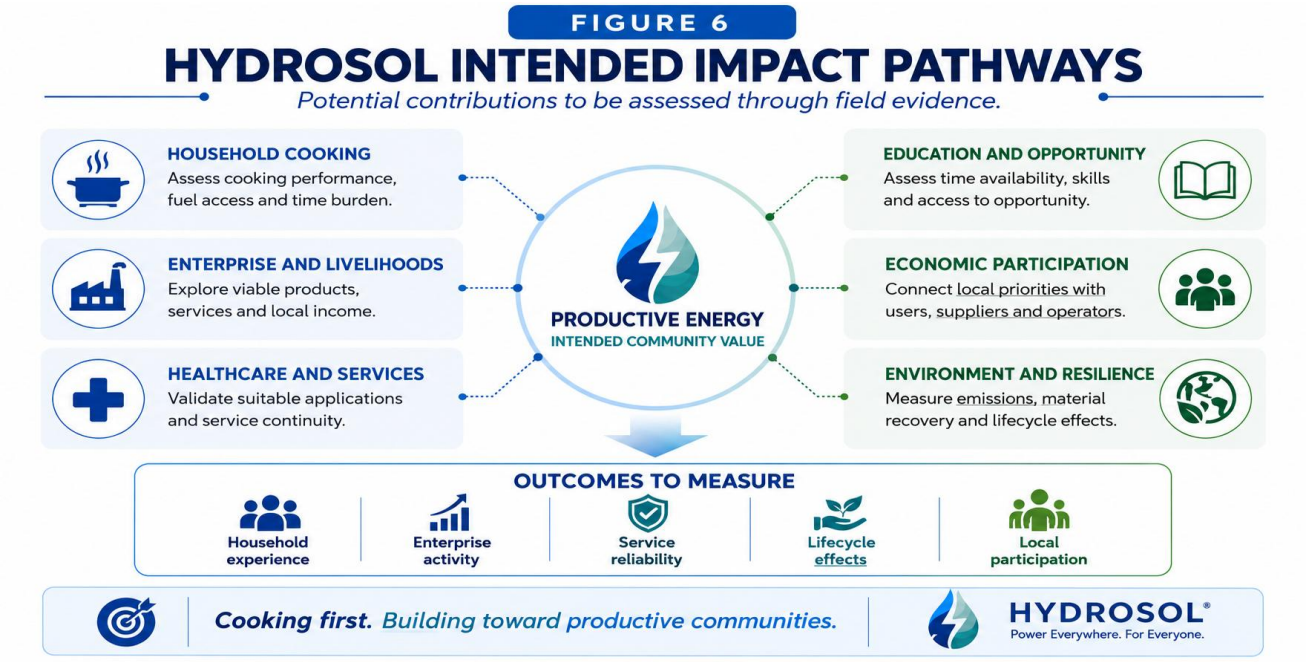
People + Skills + Resources + Productive Energy + Enterprise → Productive Community

The Kushet does not prescribe what every community should produce. Its productive character depends on local resources, skills, markets, geography, needs and opportunities.

Learn globally. Build locally.

Experience from elsewhere can inform development, but it should not become a blueprint imposed on every community.

Figure 6 HydroSol intended impact pathways



Potential household, productive and environmental contributions to be assessed through field evidence.

Energy is the enabler. Productive capability is the objective. Sustainable human development is the larger purpose.

7 Development Finance and Investment

HydroSol's transition from engineering development toward demonstration and validation requires more than technology. It requires capital aligned with evidence, implementation and productive outcomes.

The potential financing landscape includes:

Development Finance Institutions | Climate & Development Funds | Foundations | Family Offices | Institutional Investors | Strategic Investors | Impact-Oriented Capital

Different capital providers have different mandates, risk tolerances and investment criteria. HydroSol's task is therefore not simply to seek funding, but to develop an evidence base capable of supporting appropriate forms of capital at different stages of development.

From Engineering To Investable Evidence

The next capital requirement is principally associated with moving this work toward prototype development, pilot demonstration and real-world validation.

Capital Aligned With Development Outcomes

HydroSol's Productive Energy framework connects potential investment with outcomes extending beyond energy delivery.

Areas of interest can include:

Productive-Energy Access | Agriculture | Enterprise | Employment | Healthcare & Community Services | Resilience | Local Manufacturing | Environmental Performance | Economic Participation

The relevant outcomes must ultimately be measured rather than assumed.

HydroSol therefore seeks to build an investment proposition in which technical performance, economic viability and development outcomes can progressively be demonstrated together.

Capital Recovery and Reinvestment

Long-term scale also requires economic sustainability.

HydroSol's financial architecture considers:

CAPEX | OPEX | Utilization | Pricing | Revenue | Logistics | Lifecycle Cost | Capital Recovery

Preliminary planning and scenario-based assessments—including scenarios developed for Tigray, Ethiopia—have examined the potential economics of household-scale HydroSol units, productive applications and supporting Regional Production Centers.

Preliminary scenarios explore possible capital-recovery pathways. Commercial viability remains to be established through verified equipment and operating costs, demand, utilization, service requirements, financing terms and field performance.

The longer-term objective is:

Investment → Productive Use → Revenue → Capital Recovery → Reinvestment → Replication → Network Expansion

In this way, successful deployment could progressively help finance further productive capability.

Assessing the Commercial Opportunity

HydroSol's opportunity extends beyond individual equipment.

The broader ecosystem can include:

Distributed Hardware | Productive Applications | RPCs | Manufacturing | Servicing | Logistics | Training | Lifecycle Management | Productive Enterprise

The commercial value of these activities remains to be established through documented market segmentation, pricing, customer demand and adoption assumptions. Assessment must distinguish the broader sector’s expenditure from the share HydroSol could practically serve.

8 Infrastructure Light Development

Infrastructure expansion requires capital, time, planning and coordination. HydroSol's Infrastructure-Light Development philosophy asks what useful activity can begin while wider systems continue to develop.

Working Alongside Wider Infrastructure

Infrastructure-light means using appropriately scaled local equipment supported by supply, transport, servicing and regional industrial capacity.

HydroSol proposes a complementary pathway for situations in which conventional infrastructure may be unavailable, delayed, fragmented, costly to extend or insufficient for particular productive needs.

Development Can Grow Progressively

Economic development rarely occurs in a single step.

A household activity may develop into a micro-enterprise. A micro-enterprise may become an SME. Agricultural production may expand into processing, preservation and value-added activity.

Infrastructure can therefore support productive growth progressively rather than always having to precede it at full scale.

Lowering The Threshold For Participation

Yet productive participation can remain constrained when essential capability is inaccessible.

Infrastructure-light development seeks to reduce that threshold by connecting existing community capabilities with appropriately scaled productive infrastructure.

This can support participation across enterprise, agriculture, services, manufacturing and community activity without assuming that energy alone creates those outcomes.

Infrastructure Light Resilience

Distributed equipment may improve operational flexibility, but resilience also depends on input availability, transport, maintenance and RPC continuity. These dependencies must be assessed in field operation.

From Last Mile To Wider Network

As conventional infrastructure expands, distributed Productive Energy can coexist with and complement those systems.

Do not wait for every infrastructure constraint to disappear before productive capability can begin.

Where technically, economically and institutionally appropriate, begin with productive needs, deploy capability at an appropriate scale, learn from operation, and connect progressively with wider systems as development advances.

9 Validation and Evidence Led Scaling

Prototype and pilot work must establish measurable performance under representative operating conditions.

From Engineering To Operational Evidence

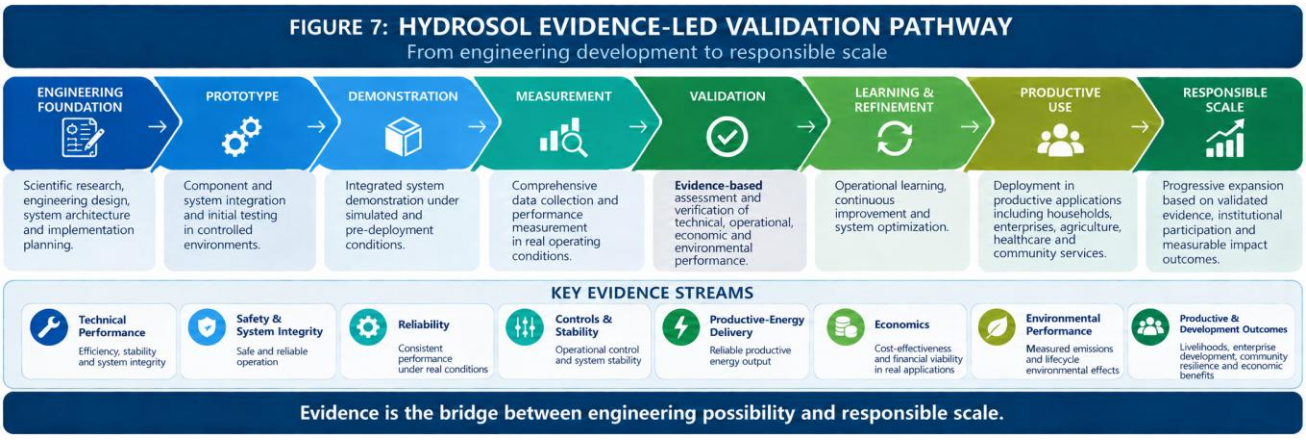
Prototype and pilot deployment are intended to examine the integrated HydroSol system under representative operating conditions.

Validation can address, as appropriate:

Technical Performance | Safety & System Integrity | Reliability | Productive-Energy Delivery | Controls & System Stability | Deployment & Logistics | RPC & Lifecycle Operations | Economics | Environmental Performance | Productive Applications | User & Development Outcomes

Validation must be earned through measurement, reproducibility, operating experience and evidence.

Figure 7 HydroSol evidence led validation pathway



Proposed stages and evidence streams from engineering development toward responsible scale.

Validating The Integrated System

HydroSol requires more than validation of an individual hardware unit.

The wider system includes:

Hydrogen-on-Demand Hardware + Controls + Productive Application + User + Logistics + Servicing + Recovery + RPC Support

Testing should therefore progressively examine both individual components and their interaction within the wider operational architecture.

Important dynamic questions can include:

Reaction Response | Admission Response | Temperature | Pressure | Gas Delivery | Buffer Behavior | Demand Response | Shutdown | Residual Generation

Does the integrated system operate safely, reliably and predictably under representative conditions?

Validation Beyond Technology

HydroSol's purpose also requires evidence beyond engineering performance.

Pilot programs can examine whether productive-energy capability contributes measurably to:

Productive Activity | Enterprise | Agriculture | Service Continuity | Utilization | Economics | Skills & Employment | Environmental Outcomes | Community Resilience

This distinction matters because performance in one application, geography or operating environment should not automatically be generalized to another.

Cooking Comparison in Mekelle

A proposed Mekelle comparison will assess firewood, charcoal, kerosene, LPG and HydroSol against the same completed cooking task. The protocol should define the food or water load, vessel, starting conditions and required final result, with repeated trials under representative local conditions.

Two Comparison Boundaries

Case 1—Equal fuel energy: Compare the quantities and costs of fuels providing the same chemical-energy input. Use a consistent heating-value basis. This establishes an energy-input comparison; it does not establish equal cooking performance.

Case 2—Equal useful cooking service: Compare the fuel quantities and complete costs required to deliver the same useful heat or complete the same defined cooking task. Measure each fuel with its appropriate stove and burner. Differences in efficiency, cooking time and control can change the result.

Where useful heat is measured, the equations are:

Cooking efficiency = Useful heat delivered ÷ Fuel energy supplied

Cost per useful kWh = Total cost within the stated boundary ÷ Useful heat delivered in kWh

State whether the test measures water heating or a complete cooking task. Report time, reliability, emissions and exposure separately unless their valuation is explicitly included.

Measurements should include fuel or substrate consumed, useful heat delivered, cooking time, control and reliability, emissions or exposure where assessed, and the complete cost of the cooking service. Each stove’s efficiency must be assessed separately.

Annual household expenditure should combine fuel or refill consumption with equipment cost allocated over service life, maintenance, delivery and other applicable charges. Collection time and environmental or health effects should be reported separately unless a transparent valuation method is supplied.

Initial HydroSol deployment and RPC-supported operation should be modelled separately. Any recovery or regeneration benefit must include associated energy, materials, processing, quality

assurance and logistics costs. This paper makes no numerical claim of cooking-cost superiority. Any future affordability claim requires a consistent cost model, dated local prices and validated cooking performance.

Record fuel quality and moisture where relevant, ambient conditions, vessel and lid configuration, ignition and simmer operation, and any auxiliary energy consumed. Report repeated-test results with their variability and measurement uncertainty.

Comparative Learning

HydroSol is intended for diverse operating environments.

Validation should therefore progressively generate evidence across different climates, applications, productive loads, logistics conditions and community settings.

Evidence Led Scaling

HydroSol follows a staged scaling philosophy:

Prototype → Demonstrate → Measure → Validate → Learn → Refine → Productive Use → Responsible Scale

Each stage should build upon evidence generated by the preceding stage.

Successful validation can inform subsequent decisions concerning:

Manufacturing | Investment | RPC Development | Supply Chains | Commercialization | Institutional Participation | Regional Deployment | Wider Replication

The strength of HydroSol will ultimately depend not on what is claimed before deployment, but on what can be demonstrated, measured, reproduced and learned from under real operating conditions.

Evidence is the bridge between engineering possibility and responsible scale.

10 From Vision to Action

The next phase is to convert this accumulated work into prototype performance, field evidence, productive use and validated implementation pathways.

The Immediate Priorities

Cooking provides the first defined application for prototype and pilot work. Results will guide household deployment and the subsequent assessment of enterprise and community applications.

The next phase concentrates on three priorities:

Field Prototypes and Pilot Deployment

Develop and operate representative HydroSol systems under real-world conditions.

Validation and Impact Measurement

Measure technical, safety, operational, economic, environmental and productive outcomes, while using evidence to refine the system.

Partnerships For Responsible Scale

Connect the capabilities required for manufacturing, finance, research, implementation, training, productive use and progressive expansion.

A Coalition For Productive Communities

No transformation at this scale can be built by one technology, one company, one government or one institution.

HydroSol's partnership architecture can connect:

Research & Universities — scientific examination, testing and measurement.

Engineering & Technology — design, integration, safety and technical development.

Industry & Manufacturing — production, quality, supply chains and localization.

Investment & Finance — capital aligned with validated productive opportunities.

Governments, UN Bodies & Development Institutions — enabling frameworks, development expertise and implementation pathways.

Communities & Implementation Partners — local knowledge, training and operations.

Entrepreneurs & Productive Users — turning capability into productive activity.

Figure 8 HydroSol partnership model



Potential partner roles in development, implementation and responsible scale.

An Open Call For A Shared Future

HydroSol invites engagement from organizations and individuals able to contribute to research, engineering, validation, pilot implementation, manufacturing, investment, development and responsible scaling.

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Glossary

ASYCUDA — Automated System for Customs Data, UNCTAD's customs automation programme.

CAPEX and OPEX — Capital expenditure and operating expenditure.

COMESA — Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

ECOWAS — Economic Community of West African States.

Hydrogen on Demand — Hydrogen generation near the point of use, controlled in response to an application's requirements.

LPG — Liquefied petroleum gas, a conventional cooking fuel used as a comparison option.

PAYGO — Pay as you go, a possible customer payment arrangement whose suitability depends on the commercial and deployment model.

Productive Energy — Useful energy for daily needs and productive activity, connected with capability and opportunity.

Productive Continuity — The sustained ability to perform economically and socially valuable activities through reliable energy capability and operational support.

RPC — Regional Production Center, providing production and industrial lifecycle support to distributed users.

Smart Productive Kushet — A local community in which energy connects with people, skills, resources, enterprise and market opportunities.

SKU — Stock Keeping Unit, identifying a product configuration. SKU-2.5 is intended primarily for households; SKU-12 for small and medium-sized enterprises and larger productive applications. The names alone do not establish hydrogen output, operating duration, useful energy or validated capacity.

SME — Small or medium-sized enterprise.

UNCTAD — UN Trade and Development, historically the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.