

Dr. Utparn Dubey

Utparn has over 18 years of experience in the development sector, with capabilities ranging from program management, advisory and consulting services, mentoring and project implementation, training and social marketing.

In the mini-grid, solar / RET project development space, Utparn has nearly 11 years of hands-on experience. With Rockefeller Foundation's flagship **Smart Power for Environmentally-sound Economic Development** (SPEED) programme in India, Utparn has been associated as a key team member. As SPRD cluster manager for Uttar Pradesh (UP) and Bihar, he has anchored development of several solar powered, de-centralised, renewable energy powered projects for un-electrified and partially electrified communities.

His responsibilities in the initial phases (2011 – 2015) have included identifying and interacting with potential Energy Service Companies (ESCOs) keen to invest in decentralised energy projects, developing, guiding and supporting project feasibility reports and detailed economic analysis and so on. As the state anchor, he was also involved actively in the setting up of these projects.

In the present phase, Utparn is required to provide advisory inputs to Smart Power India, A Rockefeller Foundation Initiative to upscale the SPEED programme as the SPRD programme, from the present 100-village model to a 1000 villages initiative. Utparn is thus expected to play a mentoring role to newer teams.

In addition, Utparn contributed in several areas in the sector. He was instrumental in development of Technical Toolkits and Program Implementation Guidelines for effective on ground execution and implementation of activities by partner ESCOs and EPC contractors. He was also consulted during preparation of the Uttar Pradesh State Mini Grid Policy, which is a landmark policy at the state level in India.

Finally, he has expertise with Business to Consumer (B2C) activities, especially in the rural markets and understands the nerve of the rural consumer and their expectation and paybacks to any scheme. As a part of his extensive research and experience he has authored/ co-authored numerous research papers and management articles which have been duly published and recognised.