

Part I

Setting the Scene

This part contains three chapters. [Chapter 1](#) introduces the challenge of electricity access and discusses the role that off-grid electrification can play. It also introduces the content of the book. [Chapter 2](#) establishes the link between rural electrification and rural development, and puts the work in its wider context. [Chapter 3](#) provides a review of technology choices for off-grid electrification. The themes of the introductory chapters will recurrently appear in the entire book and hence are presented for setting the background of the book.