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Focus on Poverty: Why the grid isn't always the answer

The World Bank recently announced that between May 2014 and May 2015, Kenya's national energy utility formally connected 150,000 households in urban slums to the electricity grid, up from just 5,000 previously. This massive jump was largely achieved by subsidising families' grid connections (connection fees alone are US$400), an approach the NGO Innovations for Poverty Action is now trialling in rural parts of western Kenya.

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