

Chaninik Wind Group: Harnessing Wind, Building Capacity

**Installation of Village Energy Information
System Smart Grid Controller, Thermal Stoves
and Meters to Enhance the Efficiency of Wind-
Diesel Hybrid Power Generation in Tribal Regions
of Alaska**

The Chananik Wind Group
Our goal is to become the “heartbeat of our region.”

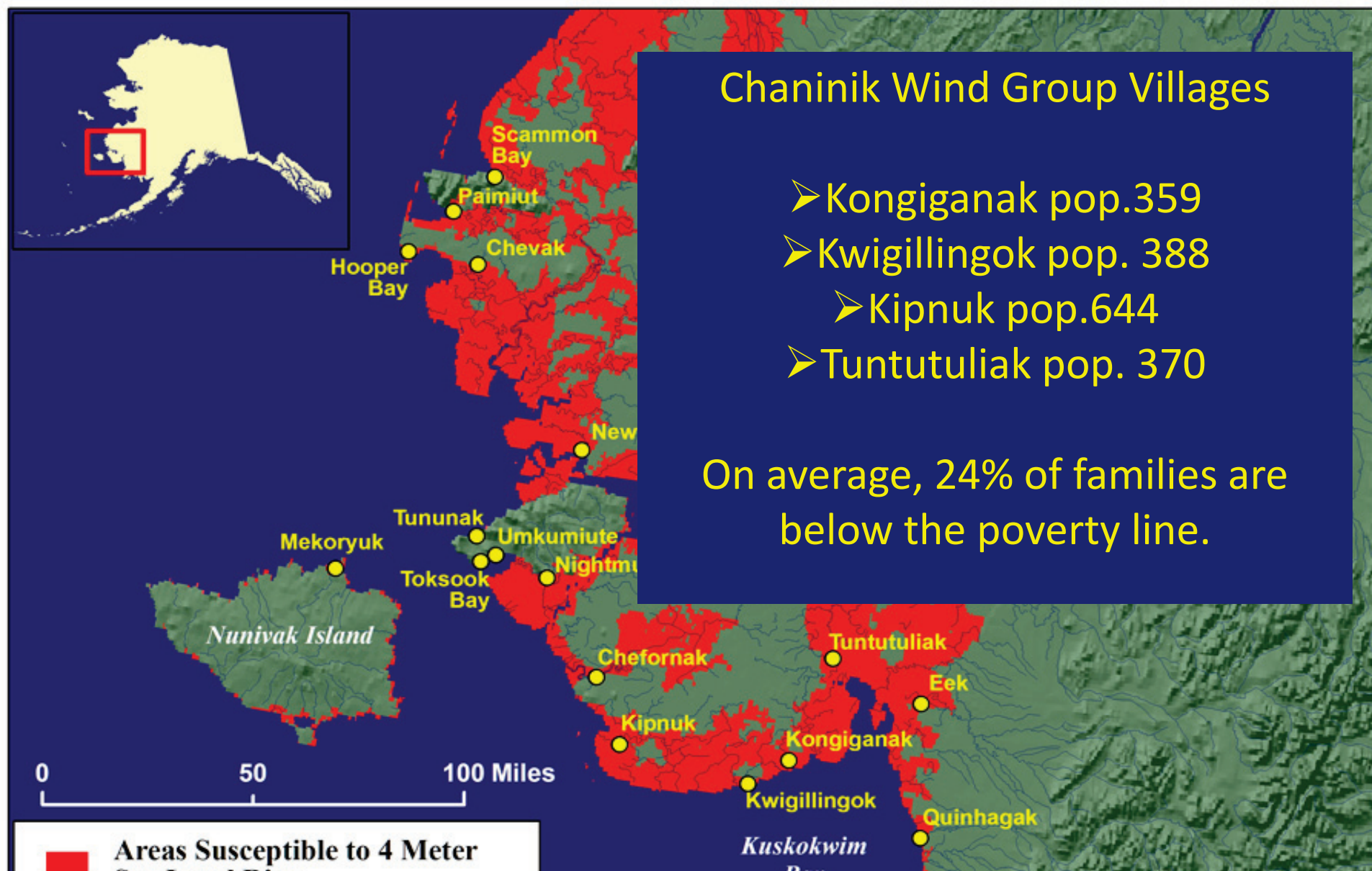


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Chaninik Wind Group Villages

- Kongiganak pop.359
- Kwigillingok pop. 388
 - Kipnuk pop.644
 - Tuntutuliak pop. 370

On average, 24% of families are below the poverty line.







“Wind generators will lower energy costs and improve the fuel efficiency of the power generators in my village. The community can get its electrical needs all from wind generators without depending on diesel generators.”

-Bonnie

Chaninik Wind Group villagers live subsistence lifestyles with few local jobs. These traditional Yupik villages rely on electricity to maintain home lighting, street lighting, telephone service, school service, clinic hours, and freezers to maintain a subsistence lifestyle. Reliable electricity is crucial to the residents of the Chaninik Wind Group.



“We try our best to keep up with costs of fuel and lights, in order to have transportation for survival.”

-Sarah

“Installing wind turbines will be great because of high prices of stove oil is too high. Helping reduce electricity bills would help to buy oil to keep the houses warm.”

-Paul

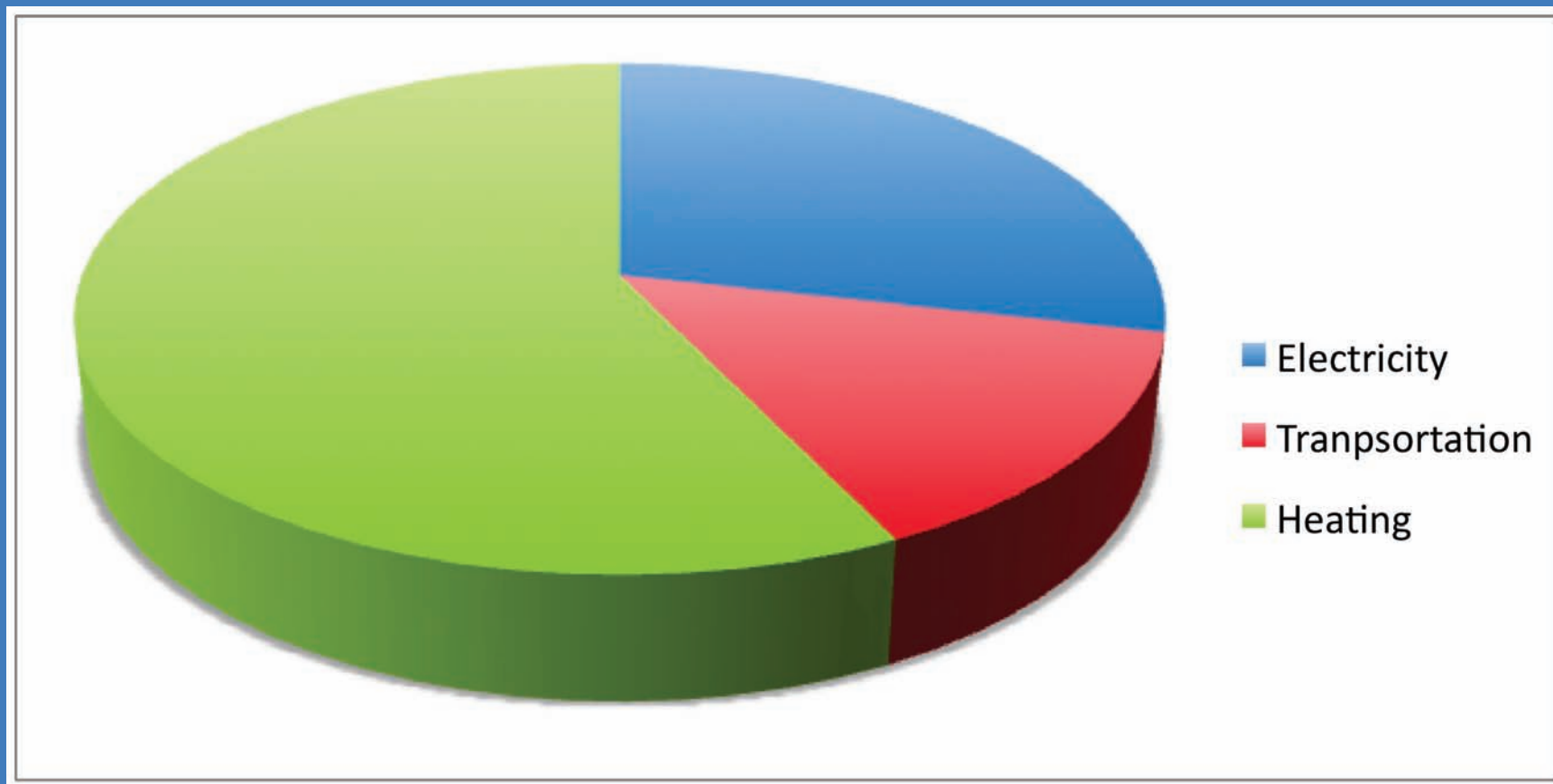


Average Prices of Fuel and Food Items in the CWG Region

- ✧ Stove Oil: \$7.10 per gallon (Bulk)
- ✧ Gasoline: \$6.69 per gallon
- ✧ Propane: \$264.00 per 100 lb 25 gallon bottle
- ✧ Average ticket from Village to Anchorage RT: \$556.36
- ✧ Gallon of Milk: \$9.26
- ✧ Loaf of White Bread: \$4.12
- ✧ 1 lb of Coffee: \$10.28
- ✧ 1 Dozen Grade A Eggs: \$4.36
- ✧ 1 lb of Butter: \$5.00

(Courtesy Calista Region Energy Plan)

Annual Average Village Fuel Usage



A photograph of three workers in winter gear standing on a snowy surface, likely a wind turbine tower. The worker on the left is wearing a yellow hard hat and a dark jacket, with one arm raised. The worker in the center is wearing a white hard hat, sunglasses, and a blue safety harness. The worker on the right is wearing a yellow hard hat and a dark jacket. The background shows the metal structure of the tower and a clear sky.

Chaninik Wind Group Objectives

- ❖ Create value
- ❖ Coordinate and optimize resources
- ❖ Foster new opportunities

A photograph of three workers in safety gear (hard hats, jackets, and harnesses) standing on a metal structure, likely a wind turbine tower, against a clear blue sky. The workers are wearing dark jackets and pants, with yellow and white hard hats. One worker in the center is wearing a white hard hat and a blue harness, while the other two are wearing yellow hard hats. They are all smiling and looking towards the camera.

Strategies for Success

- ❖ Build capacity as a foundation for lasting economic opportunities
- ❖ Good information to make good decisions, lower our costs, and give a pathway to sustainability
- ❖ Adopting innovation to meet our needs and support our values

Current Project Funding Status

Kongiganak, Tuntutuliak, and Kwigillingok each have funding for:

- ✧ Five 95 kW Wind turbines
- ✧ Improve efficiency of diesel plant
- ✧ Preserve power quality through energy recovery
- ✧ Smart metering system
- ✧ Thermal Stoves in residents of village elders

Kipnuk has funding for:

- ✧ Three 95 kW Wind turbines
- ✧ Improve efficiency of diesel plant
- ✧ Preserve power quality through energy recovery

- ✧ Final step will be flywheels for grid stabilization



**Kongiganak construction completed Summer 2009
and awaiting commissioning.**

**Kwigillingok and Tuntutuliak scheduled for
construction Spring 2010**

**Kipnuk pursuing additional funding
and
preparing for construction
Summer
2010**

Village Wind Heat

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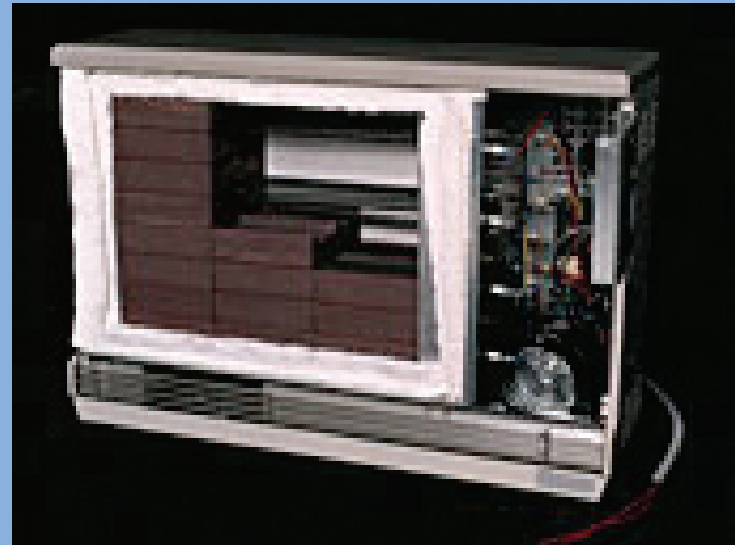


Thermal Stove Heater

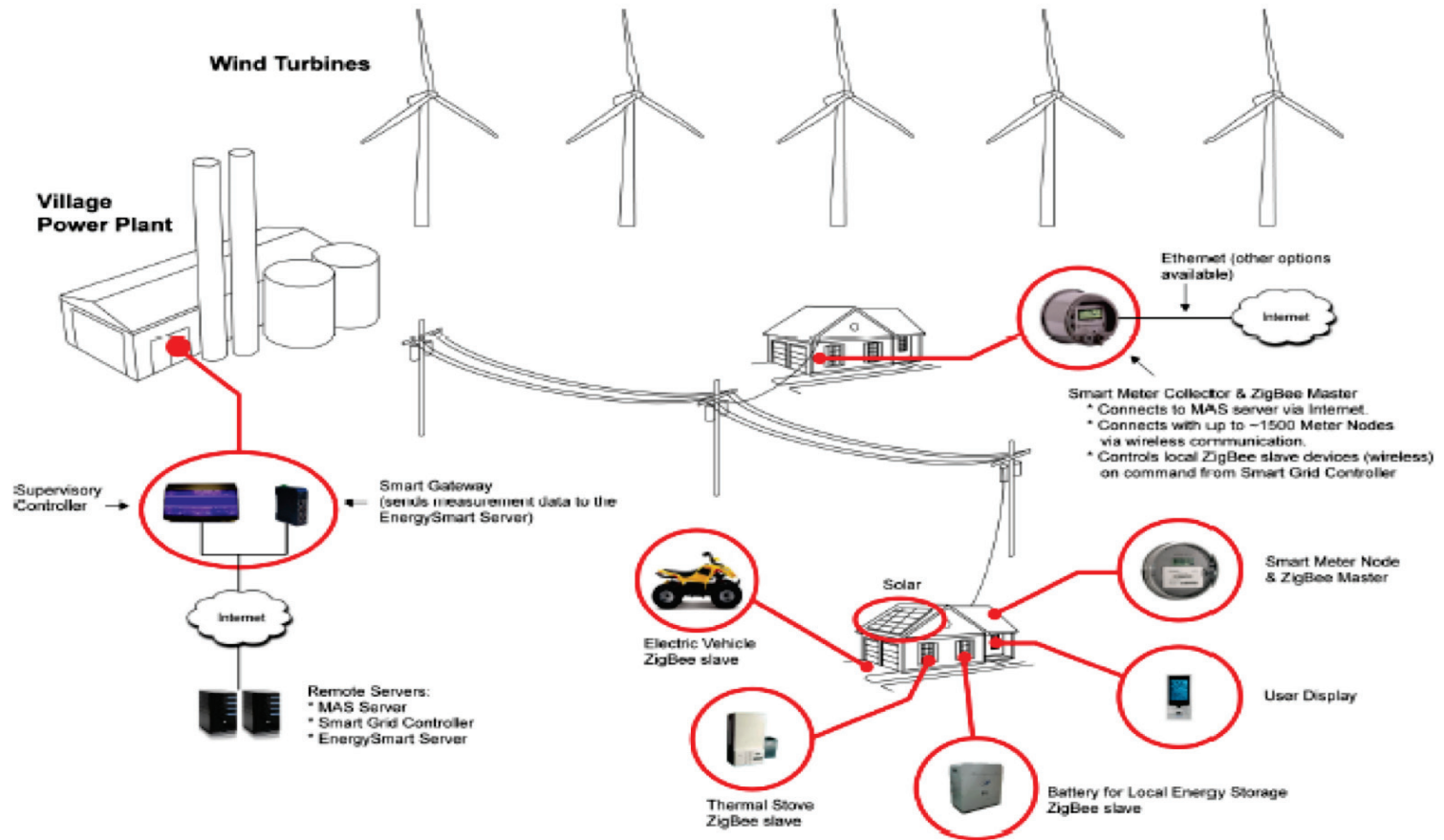
Front View



Interior View



Village Wind Diesel Smart Grids



Accomplishments

- ✧ Wind projects under construction
- ✧ Smart Grid moving forward
- ✧ Some funding secured for training
- ✧ Preliminary identification of training candidates



Lessons Learned

- ✧ Getting help in timely manner
- ✧ More resources needed to build capacity
- ✧ New opportunities reveal themselves everyday
- ✧ Failure is not an option

Activities To Be Completed

- ✧ Complete Smart Grid
- ✧ Expand system with stoves, wind power, and flywheels
- ✧ Regional workforce development in local communities
- ✧ Begin to address transportation issues

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