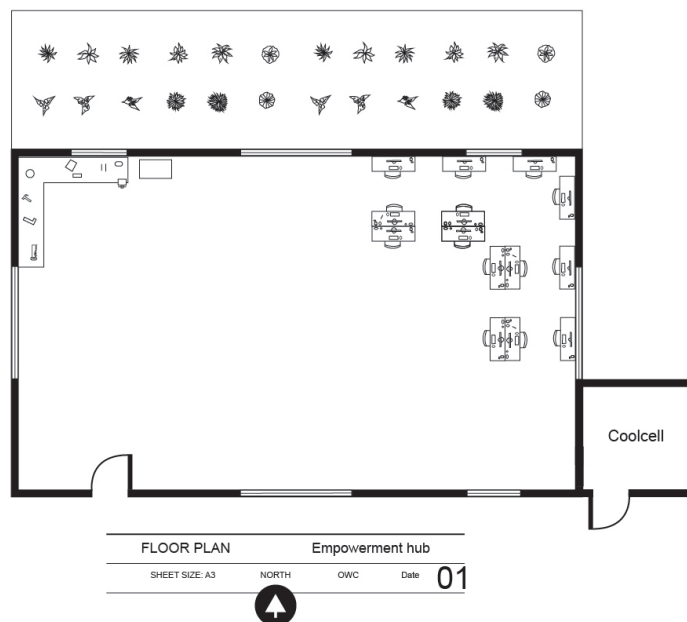


Empowerment hub for Dusego, Rwanda (and the country!)

- Our vision is to electrify the “A dreaming child” center in Dusego to create a so-called empowerment hub for the people.
- The center will have sufficient electricity generation to support empowering activities that will be **chosen by the residents** themselves. Inspiration for choices and applications can be drawn from a manual consisting of carefully selected and worked out propositions. (ideas see figure 1)
 - Either a) private enterprises or b) local actors will deploy the energy solution
 - The possible energy solutions are evaluated in our *Context Dossier* which also elaborates on the relevant policies, regulations, financial aspects, infrastructure and logistics
- The beauty in not imposing certain uses of electricity is that **residents are encouraged to take agency** for their own choices which will inevitably lead to self-reliance and -sufficiency
- For our team, electricity constitutes the means for rural empowerment; the ends are several activities that facilitate productive processes to **lift living standards, (quality of) education, business creation** etc. (see figure 1)
- The created empowerment hub can be **replicated** across the country, providing benefits not only to the village of Dusego but all of Rwanda
- We want to ensure that **installations are maintained** to a) prevent e-waste generation and b) provide a long-term solution that empowers the villagers
 - The possibilities for financing the project are elaborated in the *Context Dossier*
 - The currently discussed ideas revolve around a business plan for an app/website that collects money from donors in the form of an "Empower Rwanda" annual subscription fee or utilizing government financing schemes



Visualization of our vision. The ideal empowerment hub. This one exists out of an ICT bubble, a crafts corner, a coolcell which can be used to store **products** and a garden in which agricultural knowledge can be obtained.