

Who financed the Guinea-Bissau solar project?

The entire solar and hybrid project is being financed by the Government of Guinea-Bissau with a \$42.9 million loan from the West African Development Bank (BOAD). This financing was granted as early as 2017. The solar project, for which Sinohydro signed the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract, involves three facilities.

Does Guinea-Bissau have solar power?

Guinea-Bissau relies on fossil fuels and solar has seen limited development, with the exception of rural electrification initiatives. The nation has one of the lowest electrification rates in Africa, as well as electricity prices among the highest on the continent.

Will China build Guinea-Bissau's first solar power plant?

A Chinese state-owned company has been contracted to build Guinea-Bissau's first large scale photovoltaic project, the Gardete solar power plant. The African Biofuel and Renewable Energy Company (ABREC), which promotes renewables and energy efficiency in several countries, has awarded the contract to China's hydropower entity, Sinohydro.

How much power does Guinea-Bissau have?

The AfDB recently stated Guinea-Bissau has only 11 MW of installed power generation capacity, almost all of being thermal generation. "Real capacity is only 8 MW, only 5 MW of which is available 24 hours per day due to the maintenance required and the inability of the electric power utility to obtain the necessary fuel," a report by the bank said.

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The World Bank, IDA, ESMAP, and GCF are funding Guinea-Bissau's first solar power plants with a \$78.15 million investment to support decarbonization and expand electricity access. The project will build solar plants near Bissau and install mini-grids on the Bijag's islands, thereby providing electricity to 1,200 households and SMEs.



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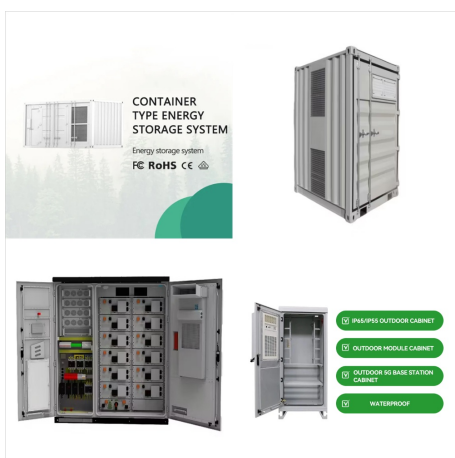
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The solar project, for which Sinohydro signed the engineering, procurement and construction (EPC) contract, involves three facilities. The first is a photovoltaic solar power plant to be built in Gardete, a town located 8km from the capital city, Bissau. The solar plant will sell power to the national utility EAGB under a long-term contract.

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"Guinea-Bissau receives very high levels of solar irradiation of 5.6 kWh/m²/day and a specific yield of 4.5 kWh/kWp/day indicating a very strong technical feasibility for solar in the country. "Guinea-Bissau is planning to construct a 20 MW solar PV power plant near Bissau and two 1 MW hybrid mini-grid



In a significant move towards enhancing energy access and sustainability, the World Bank's Board of Executive Directors has approved a \$35 million grant aimed at bolstering solar power generation in Guinea-Bissau.