

Is Kenya building 136 solar powered mini-grids?

NAIROBI, Feb 27 (Reuters) - Kenya is constructing 136 solar powered mini-grids in far-flung areas not properly served by the national electricity grid, the country's energy minister said on Monday. Off-grid solar power, spearheaded by start-ups, has gained popularity in Africa in recent years for homes left off mainstream electricity grids.

How will a minigrid work in Kenya?

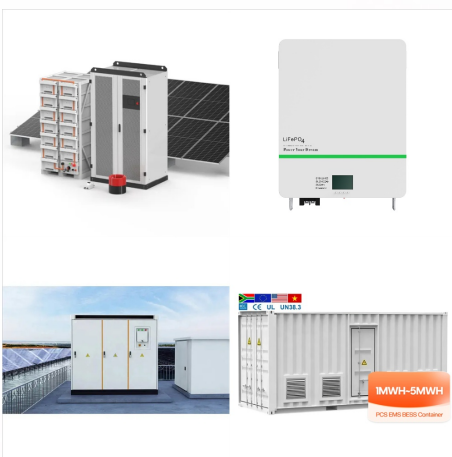
They will also power water pumps for 380 boreholes. The project will give access to electricity to approximately 277,000 households, or 1.5 million people. "Kenya has deployed minigrids to serve communities that are not connected to the main grid," says Kenya's Cabinet Secretary Ministry of Energy Davis Chirchir.

Is Africa a good place to install solar minigrids?

"While Africa remains the least electrified continent, it also has the biggest potential for solar minigrid deployment," said Gabriela Elizondo Azuela, manager of the World Bank's Energy Sector Management Assistance Program (ESMAP). "Solar minigrids can reach populations today that would otherwise wait years to be reached by the grid.

How many solar mini-grids are there in Sub-Saharan Africa?

There are more than 3,000 installed solar mini-grids in sub-Saharan Africa, up from 500 in 2010, the World Bank said. Another 9,000 are planned, according to the bank, including the ones to be constructed in Kenya.



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