



Will Kengen implement a 100MW Bess project in 2024?

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Who is the implementing agency for the Kenyan battery energy storage system?

The Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC(KenGen),has been designated to be the Implementing Agency for the Kenyan Battery Energy Storage System (BESS),which is part of the Kenya Green and Resilient Expansion of Energy (GREEN) program,funded by the World Bank.

What is the Bess project?

The BESS project has been identified as a possible solution to increased proportion of intermittent energy to the Kenyan power system and energy curtailment during off peak hours. The BESS project will reduce the impact of intermittency on the grid and store power for use during peak hours.

How much Bess is needed in Kenya?

KP believes that more than 480MWof BESS is required across different locations in the country,such as western Kenya,where there is inadequate transmission capacity at peak times as well as at substations along Kenya's coast.

What is a Bess & how does it work?

The BESS will be utilized in the storage of excess energy generated by geothermal plants and help address grid instability arising from high levels of intermittent power by providing load balancing power to the grid.



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Incorporating BESS facilities into the grid is not a novel concept in Africa, and Kenya can take cues from neighbouring countries such as Malawi (where the Golomoti solar project features a 10MWh BESS) and South Africa (where the Kenhardt projects will boast a battery storage capacity of 1,140MWh) that have already embraced BESS technologies.



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The LCPDP's demand forecast includes Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) to be used to support the integration of variable renewable energy technologies and system support. BESS features prominently in the generation capacity expansion plan which includes 50MW of BESS in the generation mix by 2022 with the number rising to 250MW by 2026.



The BESS Component of the GREEN Project phase 2 will be implemented by the Kenya Electricity Generating Company PLC (KenGen) on behalf of the Government of Kenya. The Consultant engaged by MoE& P to study BESS integration to the national grid has recommended installation of the BESS capacity as indicated in the table below.



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conducted a study on integration of BESS to the national grid. The preliminary analysis indicates the need for Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) in the grid. The BESS are expected to store the excess energy from geothermal and VRE capacity in the national grid hence assist in load balancing while offering ancillary services to the grid.



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