

Kenya Microgrid Access Project

Why are mini-grids not being developed in Kenya?

The private sector development of mini-grids has also been restricted due to limited policy support, although this will be improved with the proposed mini-grid regulations in the new Energy Act 2019 [Section 1.2.3]. The Government of Kenya has set a target for 100% access to electricity by 2022.

How many solar minigrids are in Kenya?

Kenya's government plans to build 137 solar minigrids across remote locations in the East African country. The project received \$150 million in funding from the World Bank. The Kenyan Government, in partnership with the Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP), is developing 137 solar minigrids in 12 of the country's 14 counties.

What is Kenya's off-grid solar access project?

In Kenya, a combination of geospatial planning, favorable policies and regulations, and a robust business model based on public-private partnership is underpinning the World Bank-supported Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project, which is targeting almost 150 new mini grids in areas with low electricity access rates.

Where are the mini-grids located in Kenya?

The selected sites have a range of 80-420 potential households each and are spread across West Pokot, Turkana, Marsabit, Samburu, Isiolo, Mandera, Wajir, Garissa, Tana River, Lamu, Kajiado, Narok, and Homa Bay counties. The construction of these mini-grids will be carried out under the K-OSAP project (Government of Kenya, 2018a).

How do Kenyan mini-grids work?

Due to a very good year-round availability of the solar energy resource, Kenyan mini-grids typically combine PV generation with battery energy storage, and they also have a diesel generator for a back-up power supply. Table 1.

How much does a mini-grid cost in Kenya?

In Kenya, the approved private sector mini-grid tariffs range between USD 0.5 and 0.85/kWh (Hendricksen, 2019), compared to the much lower national domestic tariff, set at USD 0.10/kWh (KES 10/kWh) for the first 100 kWh consumed per month (ERC, 2018). This puts the private sector mini-grids at a disadvantage.

The number of mini-grids operating in Kenya will need to grow significantly over the next years to achieve the targets set by the KNECS. 152 mini-grids have been planned under the Kenya Off ...

The project is scheduled for completion in 2016. "Our microgrid technology solutions can significantly boost renewable integration and can play a key role in helping isolated and remote communities to gain access to



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The republic of Kenya has set ambitious targets in its long-term development plan ("Kenya Vision 2030"): to achieve universal access to electricity by 2030, as well as to ensure reliable, clean, and affordable energy for all ...

The objective of the Off-grid Solar Access Project for Underserved Counties is to increase access to modern energy services in underserved counties of Kenya. There are four components to ...

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This paper aims to fill some of the identified gaps in the existing literature, on the modelling and validation of PV mini-grids, by utilizing data and measurements from an actual mini-grid in Kenya and presenting average ...

Under the KOSAP, 136 solar mini-grids will be constructed in 14 counties of Kenya. The locations of these mini-grids were published in the official gazette in April last year. ...

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