



# Malawi solar energy project

Which solar projects are being developed in Malawi?

InfraCo Africa, JCM Clean Power Development Fund (JCM), and a local developer, Matswani, recently co-developed the 60 MW Salima Solar project. The PV plant is situated 75 km east of Malawi's capital, Lilongwe, and is now delivering to Malawi's national grid. The Golomoti solar plant is another recent addition.

Where is Malawi's first solar power plant located?

The centrally located facility is Malawi's first solar power plant connected to the national grid, a project successfully completed under a public-private partnership (PPP). The President of the Republic of Malawi Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera visited the Salima district, 101 km from the capital Lilongwe, on November 16, 2021.

Is Malawi a good place to invest in solar energy?

"Salima Solar is the first solar PV plant in Malawi to be connected to the national grid. As such, it is a model for future projects in several ways... In particular, it demonstrates that Malawi is an attractive destination for private sector investment in energy," says President Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera at the plant's inauguration ceremony.

What is a new power plant in Malawi?

The agreement was signed under Malawi's Public-Private Partnership framework. The 350 MW plant will be located on the Shire River. The generation facility is composed of two plants -- a 309 MW peaking plant and a 41 MW downstream plant. This new plant will help raise Malawi's generation capacity to close to 1 GW.

What is delivering power to Malawi's national grid?

This is another welcome development that is now delivering some much-needed power to Malawi's national grid. The Golomoti solar plant is the first utility scale plant in Malawi that is integrated with a battery energy storage system.

Are solar panels affordable in Malawi?

A man welding a frame to mount solar panels in Malawi. The reduced cost of solar electricity has made electricity access affordable even to low-income households.

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EGENCO is diversifying power sources through construction of hydropower plants in Central & Northern regions of the country, away from Shire River, and development of alternative power generation technologies using solar, geothermal and coal energy sources.

The 2019 ambitious \$100 million Malawi Energy Access Project (MEAP) aims to fast-track electrification efforts and provide electricity access to approximately 1.9 million people, constituting 9.5% of the population.

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QUANTEL announced the project in May 2019, a renewable energy producer. More than a dozen other energy companies have signed on to the deal to create the Bwengu Solar Park, marking a milestone in creating a sustainable energy supply in Malawi.

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The Golomoti Solar PV and Battery Energy Storage Project in Malawi has successfully entered commercial operations. The project will feed 20 megawatt (MW) of clean electricity into...

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