

# Solar power for residential Mozambique

Can Mozambique take full advantage of its solar potential?

In a new monthly column for <b>pv magazine</b>, SolarPower Europe describes how Mozambique may take full advantage of its huge solar potential by implementing its recently launched Renewable Energy Auctions Programme for large-scale projects, while also pushing for more off-grid renewables in remote areas.

Is Mozambique a good place to invest in solar energy?

Mozambique has an abundant and unexploited solar resource which could be harnessed for utility scale as well as residential PV for both on/off grid electrification. The following map shows the global horizontal irradiation profile of Mozambique which varies between 1,785 and 2,206 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year.

Does Mozambique need off-grid solar power?

Mozambique, off-grid solar power is increasingly a cost-effective option to realize full electrification in Mozambique, especially in rural areas. Despite the enormous potential and recent effort

Does Mozambique need a solar PV system?

le (and support expansion of access to nearby communities) in countries like India and Bangladesh. In Mozambique, such a model has not materialized. At present, telecom towers are often not operated 24 hours in Mozambique (affecting mobile connectivity), and there is a perception that solar PV systems are more susceptible to theft. As operators inc

Are solar panels taxable in Mozambique?

a. In Mozambique, this continues to be a major barrier, as all renewable energy products, including for solar panels, are charged at a high 17% VAT. Additionally, solar products are charged an import duty of 7.5%, regardless of their application. For exam

How much does a solar system cost in Mozambique?

such as a solar home system is estimated to be less than ~\$200 in Mozambique - a mere 6% compared to the ~\$3,500 required for a grid connection. Consumers in Africa are found to save on average \$3.15 for every dollar spent on a pico-PV system (ICF, 2018)<sup>6</sup> compared to relying on fossil fuel. In addition to saving costs on fuel,

The transition to solar thermal systems could transform this scenario: Reduce electricity consumption by up to 65.7%; A drop in carbon emissions of 78.7%; Average annual savings per family of 244 USD.

This report looks into the investment opportunities for solar deployment in Mozambique. The report focuses on the energy context, relevant actors and the regulatory framework for investments in renewables.

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components (solar panels, inverters, batteries), off-grid and grid-tie solar systems for commercial, industrial and residential applications, battery energy storage systems, energy efficient LED lighting systems, solar water heating products ...

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The project involves the design, financing, construction and operation of a 40 MWp solar photovoltaic power plant in the Dondo district, about 30 km from the port city of Beira. The plant will generate electricity to feed into the grid of EDM and is due to start construction before the end of 2023.

power generation, solar power is an increasingly attractive off-grid electrification option for Mozambique. Solar irradiation in the country compares with the world's best, averaging at around 2000 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/year as evident from figure 1(a) (southern Germany receives ~1200 kWh/ m<sup>2</sup>/year). Driven by rapidly increasing investment and

For a country like Mozambique, solar energy could help sustainably reduce the energy gaps between the urban and rural areas (SDG 7), while responding to the climate change challenge (SDG 13).



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