

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Burundi communication base station power supply energy



## Overview

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Scheduled for completion in December 2024, the substation will be the injection point for energy produced by the Ruzizi III regional hydroelectric power station, which is also receiving funding from the Bank. How does Burundi benefit from electricity imports?

Burundi also benefits from imports from the regional hydro plants of Rusizi I and II, which are operated by Société Nationale d'Electricité (SNEL), and SINEAC, respectively. Currently, these imports account for 40% of the electricity consumption.

What type of energy is used in Burundi?

Renewable energy here is the sum of hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, modern biomass and wave and tidal energy. Traditional biomass – the burning of charcoal, crop waste, and other organic matter – is not included. This can be an important energy source in lower-income settings. Burundi: How much of the country's energy comes from nuclear power?

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Nuclear power – alongside renewables – is a low-carbon source of electricity.

What is the most common off-grid electricity source in Burundi?

Solar energy is the most common off-grid electricity source in Burundi, although the number of systems installed is very slow. With the global price dropping of solar technologies a small solar sector emerged in the recent years, that offer smaller systems for private households, businesses and public

institutions.

Which technology is most important for power generation in Burundi?

Hydropower is the most important technology for power generation in Burundi, representing 95% of the total national generation capacity. This energy is transported through elevated lines of average voltage and distributed to the customers by lines of low voltage. The levels of transport voltage in Burundi are 110 kV, 30 kV and 10 kV.

What is the power sector like in Burundi?

A key feature of the power sector in Burundi is the very low level of electrification. Less than 5% of the population have access to the national grid (average in Sub-Saharan Africa 26%), and even they are facing power cuts on a daily basis during dry season.

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