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How much does solar energy cost in Rwanda



Overview

Rwanda's retail tariff for household customers is one of the highest in the region at USD0.22/kWh (for a 15-50kWh/month consumption block). Is there a market for solar energy in Rwanda?

Only few companies in Rwanda are active in the field of solar energy. They focus mainly on the market for larger systems for public institutions, e.g. hospitals, schools etc through public tenders. In addition they and others are also trying to sell solar home systems but the market for solar lanterns and small home systems is still in its infancy.

How much does a solar home system cost in Rwanda?

Energy Private Developers (EPD) has currently registered over 40 solar companies who have invested in Solar Home System (SHS) business. SHS kits Capacities available on Rwandan market are those of 12W, 20W, 40W, 50 W, 100W, 120W, 200W and 300W with average price per a kit of 67,678 Rwf.

How many solar power plants are in Rwanda?

Currently, Rwanda's total on-grid installed solar energy is 12.050 MW originating from 3 solar power plants namely Jali power plant generating 0.25MW, Rwamagana Gigawatt generating 8.5 MW, and the Nasho Solar plant generating 3.3 MW.

How much electricity does Rwanda have in 2021?

By May 2021, Rwanda's generation capacity installed is currently 238.052MW. 1,752,345 households have been connected to electricity where 1,278,601 households are on grid and 473,744 households connected to Off-grid mainly solar. Solar energy is a promising solution to meet the demand for rural households' electricity services in remote locations.

Is Rwanda a significant source of solar energy?

Rwanda has a moderate source of solar energy, with an average solar

radiation of 4 – 6 kWh per square meter per day. It has had a useful experience with the 250 kW Kigali solar project and solar water heaters. However, Rwanda's energy mix is currently dominated by biomass, which accounts for about 85% of primary energy use.

What is the current energy generation in Rwanda?

The current energy generation (2017) is at 210.9 MW installed capacity. Grid-connected generation capacity tripled since 2010. Power Generation mix is currently diversified as follow: hydro power 48%, thermal 32%, solar PV 5.7% , methane-to-power 14.3%. Rwanda has achieved 40.5% access rate.

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