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# Power supply in Zimbabwe



## Overview

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Sustainable economic growth is anchored on affordable, reliable and stable supply of energy to industry and households. Zimbabwe is currently facing power shortages with estimated reliable generation of about 1049 MW against an estimated suppressed peak demand of 2200MW. Currently power imports.

Harare- Zimbabwe's power generation has plummeted to its lowest level in over 12 months, with daily electricity production hitting a dismal 736 MW on December 16. This marks a new low for 2024, surpassing the previous low of 796 MW recorded on October 29. The primary source of power, Hwange Thermal.

The IEG is a crucial measure of power production as it tracks changes in the volume of electricity generated over time using 2019 as the benchmark period. A rise in the index signifies increased production, while a drop indicates a decline. The latest official figures, showing a quarter-on-quarter.

Zimbabwe is currently experiencing a severe power generation deficit, producing only 866 MW out of the national daily requirement of 2400 MW. The country's main sources—Hwange Thermal Power Station, Kariba Hydroelectric Power Station, and Independent Power Producers—contribute 639 MW, 184

MW, and.

ZIMBABWE stands at a critical juncture in its economic journey, with ambitious aspirations of achieving upper-middle-income status by 2030. However, a formidable obstacle threatens to derail these lofty goals: The nation's persistent and crippling power shortages. A recent World Bank report has. What is Zimbabwe's Electricity sector like?

Zimbabwe's electricity sector is characterized by a lack of diversification, with Hwange Coal Station supplying 68.1% of the power supply while the Kariba Hydroelectric Station supplies 27.5%. The country's daily peak demand is estimated at 1900 megawatts, well above the maximum output of 1200 megawatts by Hwange and Kariba.

Why is Zimbabwe's Electricity production so low?

It revealed the significant challenges faced by the Zimbabwe Power Company (ZPC), which have led to critically low levels of electricity production. Currently, Zimbabwe's main power sources are operating far below their capacity.

How much power does Zimbabwe have?

Currently, Zimbabwe's main power sources are operating far below their capacity. While these sources have a combined generation capacity of 2,570 megawatts (MW), they are producing only 1,079 MW, leaving the country with a staggering deficit of 1,560 MW.

Which projects will increase electricity supply in Zimbabwe?

The biggest planned increase in electricity supply comes from the Batoka Gorge Project along the border with Zambia (1,200 MW for Zimbabwe) projected for completion after 2034, and the Devil's Gorge (1,200 MW) to be completed by 2040.

How do power shortages affect Zimbabwe's economy?

Power shortages have a significant adverse impact on the productive sector and result in higher costs for Zimbabwe's economy. Despite recent achievements, Zimbabwe's electricity sector still faces power supply deficits and slow progress toward universal electricity access.

What are Zimbabwe's energy projects?

The Government of Zimbabwe has prioritised energy projects as one of the key enablers to economic growth and development. The prioritised projects include new plants and the optimization of existing plants and are expected to add additional power to the grid as follows:

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