



# Business energy storage project financing options in Ecuador 2026

Why is Ecuador a good place to start a business?

Ecuador provides significant business opportunities in electricity generation, transmission, and distribution. Electricity demand continues to increase, and Ecuador urgently needs to increase generation capacity and accelerate investments to meet demand.

How did Ecuador's power outages affect economic activity in 2024?

During a prolonged dry season in 2024, Ecuador's over-reliance on hydropower (78 percent of total generation) resulted in daily blackouts of up to 14 hours, hurting economic activity. According to Ecuador's Central Bank, power outages caused economic losses of about \$2 billion in 2024.

How much energy did Ecuador lose in 2024?

According to Ecuador's Central Bank, power outages caused economic losses of about \$2 billion in 2024. In 2024, Ecuador's generation capacity was 9,255 megawatts (MW), of which 5,686 MW (61 percent) was renewable energy sources, and 3,569 MW (39 percent) was non-renewable energy sources (fossil fuels derived from oil and natural gas).

What type of energy does Ecuador use?

Ecuador's renewable energy is comprised of hydro power (5,419 MW), biomass (1,550 MW), wind (71 MW), photovoltaic (29 MW), and biogas (11 MW). Hydroelectric power plants are in three regions: coastal (2 provinces), Andes (9 provinces), and Amazon (4 provinces).

How much electricity does Ecuador need?

Ecuador had a peak demand of 5,110 MW in May 2025, and according to CENACE, electricity demand grows by 360 MW every year. Ecuador's energy shortage could result in a recurrence of power outages, particularly in the dry season of September through December. Ecuador has added minimal generation in recent years.

Can Ecuador add nuclear energy to its energy mix?

Ecuador is also exploring opportunities to add nuclear energy to its energy mix, though it has not allocated budgetary resources to this sector. Ecuador's nuclear energy plan contemplates a 300 MW small modular reactor in the medium term and a 1 GW reactor in the long term.

The Energy Storage Association (ESA) has an energy storage vision "of 100 GW by 2030" and that goal is right on schedule, even with the economic downturn and global pandemic. The growth is primarily comprised of large grid-connected ...

The rapid growth in the energy storage market is similarly driving demand for project financing. Like any other project-financed asset class, lenders will analyze both the amount and probability of receiving cash flows



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