



# How is the commercial and industrial energy storage in Botswana

Does Botswana utilize solar energy?

Botswana has one of the highest levels of solar insolation in the world, but until recently, there were no reports of significant use of solar energy. However, as of September 2012, the first solar power generation plant in the country has been opened. The Botswana Renewable Energy Conference was held on 11-12 August 2014.

How is energy used in Botswana?

Total energy supply (TES) includes all the energy produced in or imported to a country, minus that which is exported or stored. It represents all the energy required to supply end users in the country.

Why does Botswana need a secure electricity supply?

There is need to improve the security of power supply to support higher productivity. The country's national electricity access rate increased from 62.6% in 2017 to 81.5% in 2020, in line with Vision 2036 that targets universal access by 2030. The average electricity demand for Botswana is at 850 megawatts (MW), against a generation capacity of 893 MW.

How much electricity does Botswana need?

The average electricity demand for Botswana is at 850 megawatts (MW), against a generation capacity of 893 MW. Demand of electricity is projected to grow to over 1200 MW by 2030. Additional energy is imported from South Africa. Botswana generates 48% of its power and imports 52% from the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP).

Can Botswana meet its energy needs in 2021?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Botswana could meet 15% of its energy needs in 2030 from its indigenous solar, wind, and bioenergy resources. (2021 evaluation)

Where does Botswana get its power?

In 2023, BPC agreed to procure up to 600 MW of power generation from a yet-to-be-built coal-fired power station. Additionally, Botswana imports the bulk of its power from South African utility Eskom, and the rest from Nampower (Namibia), Zesco (Zambia), and the Southern African Power Pool (SAPP), to make up for any production shortfalls.



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