

# Turnkey microgrid storage EPC contract price in Tanzania

Are mini-grid electrification projects profitable in Tanzania?

Additionally, using an optimization technique, we assess the profitability of a mini-grid electrification project in Tanzania from a private investment perspective. We find that the approved standardized small power producers' tariffs and subsidy scheme in Tanzania still do not allow mini-grid for rural electrification projects to be profitable.

What challenges do mini-grid developers face in Tanzania?

Mini-grid Projects in Tanzania. After several years of operations, mini-grid developers in Tanzania still face some challenges, including a lack of regulatory framework and a specific tariff policy for mini-grid systems.

Are subsidies enough for mini-grid projects in Tanzania?

However, most of the subsidies for mini-grid projects in Tanzania were implemented between 2008 and 2014 (Org et al., 2016). Even if we apply the subsidies that used to be in place (Marching Grant and Performance Grant), they will not be enough to make the project profitable.

Can a mini-grid extend electricity access to rural communities in Tanzania?

Given the dispersed type of settlement in rural Tanzania, grid extension is not a cost-effective option for extending electricity access to rural consumers. Therefore, TANESCO, the national utility company, uses standalone mini-grid systems powered by diesel and natural gas to extend electricity access to isolated communities.

Where can I get a loan for a mini-grid project in Tanzania?

The loan facility is accessible through the Tanzania Investment Bank with 15 years payback period. Additionally, the World Bank has also made available \$75 million under the Renewable Energy Rural Electrification Program to support the development of mini-grid projects between 2015 and 2019 (Org et al. 2016).

Is the Mwenga mini-grid project similar to the proposed project?

Ghosh et al. (2017) include case-studies of two mini-grids systems in Tanzania, of which the Mwenga mini-grid project is of comparable size as the proposed project, in terms of similar household types, commercial, community and agricultural activities.



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