

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Haiti solar power generation for home use



## Overview

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Haiti's struggle with severe fuel shortages and an unstable grid has sparked a wave of innovative approaches aimed at expanding energy access through decentralized renewable energy (DRE), particularly through off-grid solar networks. Can solar energy be used effectively in Haiti?

Solar energy can be used effectively in Haiti, offering energy self-sufficiency to the most isolated cities in the absence of a power grid. The country's location in the tropics gives it very strong solar energy potential. It is believed that solar energy will play a fundamental role in access to electricity over the next 10 to 15 years.

Why is distributed solar PV the only energy source in Haiti?

Since only about 13% of the people even have grid access, distributed solar pv is the only energy source that can supply all the people electricity for now. Haiti has limited energy resources: no petroleum or gas resources, small hydroelectricity potential and rapidly declining supplies of wood fuels.

Is Haiti a solar power market?

Recently, many solar companies have seen Haiti as a huge market potential for solar energy. The founder of 10Power estimates that the potential solar power market is worth over \$500 million. In 2013, the completion of Hôpital Universitaire de Mirebalais came to an end. This hospital is the largest solar-powered hospital in the world.

What is the solar power plant capacity in Haiti?

The solar power plant in Haiti has a capacity of 1.2 MWp. It is located in the Commune of Jacmel, South-East Department, and is connected to the regional electricity network of Jacmel.

Why are electricity rates so high in Haiti?

Electricity rates in Haiti are higher than the average in the region due to EDH's

inability to provide reliable, centrally-supplied power. This lack of reliable power continues to drive demand for alternative power solutions, such as new electrical power systems, generators, inverters, solar panels, and batteries, as well as their maintenance.

What are Haiti's potential power generating sites?

The Haitian government prioritizes the procurement of fuel to reliably supply turbines. There are plans for 10MW facilities in Port-de-Paix and Jacmel and a 5MW array in Jeremie. Grand'Anse and Nippes Departments in the southern region were also targeted for smaller power generating facilities.

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