

SolarTech Power Solutions

Lesotho Small Off-Grid Energy Storage Power Station



Overview

Lesotho is taking a groundbreaking step toward energy independence with the construction of the Letsatsi Solar Power Station, a 70-megawatt (MW) photovoltaic facility near Likhakeng in the Butha-Buthe District. Will Lesotho be able to pilot a hybrid solar PV mini-grid?

Successful pilot hybrid solar PV mini-grid in Lesotho paves way for a further 10 mini-grids that will provide first-time energy access to 30,000 people and clean power to seven health clinics.

Is Lesotho launching a solar mini-grid project?

The second phase of a pioneering solar mini-grids project in Lesotho is underway following the completion of a pilot project funded by REPP in Ha Makebe village, north-east of Maseru.

What is Lesotho's new mini-grid?

The pilot mini-grid and those of the planned larger portfolio are solar PV hybrids with battery storage and limited LPG backup generation. The hybrid nature of the design is to ensure 24-hour, year-round electricity supply, including Lesotho's harsh winters.

How is power generated in Lesotho?

Power generation is provided by solar panels mounted on trackers manufactured in Lesotho, deep-cycle batteries, and a backup generator at each site. The engineering design of each system individually ensures that a backup generator (typically LPG) accounts for no more than 6% of total consumption.

What is onepower Lesotho?

OnePower Lesotho provides grid-quality options for powering rural communities. As of May 2022, OnePower is rolling out 10 mini-grids in Lesotho based on a structured and optimized schedule. Rather than looking at each

minigrid in isolation, OnePower has bundled construction and operation into an efficient portfolio approach.

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