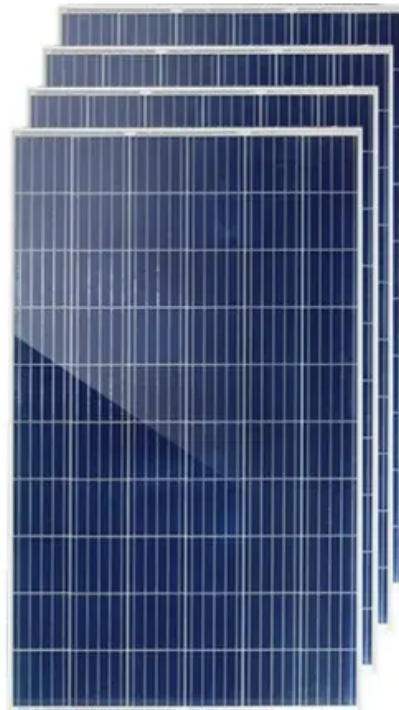
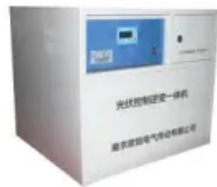


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Overview

How many mini-solar plants are there in Mali?

The rural electrification agency says 32 mini-solar plants like the one in Karan are in four regions in Mali's south and southwest of the country, providing power for more than 2 million people, and are run by WeLight and German-owned Africa GreenTec. "We started with 48 connections and now we have more than 200.

Is solar power a good idea in Mali?

Solar power is a recent development in the country. The government is encouraging the use of it by exempting equipment from customs duties and promising to subsidize the price of solar kits. Without such subsidies, solar energy in Mali is about twice the price of the traditional fossil fuel energy used in cities.

How long does a solar power project last in Mali?

This project has an estimated lifespan of 25 years. / Mali is a landlocked country in the Sahel belt of West Africa where 80% of the population in the rural areas do not have access to electricity, while those with access are getting most of the electricity from diesel generators.

How much does it cost to get electricity in Mali?

Studies have shown that achieving universal access to electricity in Mali would require an investment of around \$1.3 billion to extend networks and create more mini-grids, Sissoko said. Solar power is a recent development in the country.

Which Mali city is lit by solar-powered street lamps?

The main street of Karan, Mali, is lit by solar-powered street lamps, on Feb. 5, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed) A technical agent cleans the mini solar plant's panels in Karan, Mali, on Feb. 6, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed) Samba Diakité

bakes bread in Karan, Mali, on Feb. 6, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed).

Why is solar expansion a problem in Mali?

Insecurity caused by extremist attacks is another challenge to expansion in Mali, especially in the north, limiting the areas where companies can safely set up solar mini-grids.

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