

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Power supply in Somalia



## Overview

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What type of energy is used in Somalia?

Renewable energy here is the sum of hydropower, wind, solar, geothermal, modern biomass and wave and tidal energy. Traditional biomass – the burning of charcoal, crop waste, and other organic matter – is not included. This can be an important energy source in lower-income settings. Somalia: How much of the country's energy comes from nuclear power?

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How much power does Somalia have?

Current generation capacity is 106 megawatts, largely composed of expensive and pollutant diesel generators, though Somalia has great potential for solar and offshore wind power generation that can support a transition to green energy and reduce GHG emissions.

Did Somalia import energy?

Somalia did not import energy. Energy sources, particularly fossil fuels, are often transformed into more useful or practical forms before being used. For example, crude oil is refined into many different kinds of fuels and products, while coal, oil and natural gas can be burned to generate electricity and heat.

Who generates electricity in Somalia?

Small and medium-sized private sector companies are the main providers of electricity generation and distribution, primarily running diesel powered systems through off-grid networks. Private Somali companies generate approximately 128MW; most companies generate and distribute electricity independently.

Which companies provide off-grid solar energy solutions in Somalia?

In addition, several other companies exist that provide off-grid solar energy

solutions, including Blue Sky, Solargen, Delta, and others. Financing represents the biggest obstacle to Somalia realizing its potential as a hub for renewable energy. International development partners are providing support in the solar energy sector.

Does Somalia have a power grid?

There is no national power grid. Diesel generators are the primary source of electricity. Most generators and distribution equipment are old and inefficient, resulting in a low-quality electricity supply. Regarding costs per kilowatt-hour of electricity, Somalia has one of the highest unit prices in Africa.

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