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Somaliland household energy storage



Overview

What kind of energy is used in Somalia?

Domestic use of energy: Most Somali households use fossil fuels such as charcoal and firewood for household cooking. Charcoal (47.9 percent) and firewood (41.3 percent) are the two energy sources most used for cooking, while gas or electricity are only minimally used.

How many people in Somalia have access to electricity?

While variations exist between rural and urban areas, in 2023 the Somali Household Budget survey estimated more than half of the population (61.9 percent) had access to electricity, demonstrating progress on the expansion of electricity services in the country.

How much does electricity cost in Somalia?

Regarding costs per kilowatt-hour of electricity, Somalia has one of the highest unit prices in Africa. Somalia has higher tariffs than neighboring countries Kenya and Ethiopia, ranging from 50-125 cents/kWh compared to 0.15 cents/kWh in Kenya and 0.6 cents/kWh in Ethiopia. Somalia's energy sector is considered promising for growth and investment.

Is the electricity regulator established in Somalia?

In addition to the state level environmental policies and regulations. Regarding a follow-up question on the existing Somali electricity regulation; the PIUs has responded that the electricity regulator is not established, currently the Ministry of Energy and Water Resources exercises this mandate to act as a regulator.

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

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What is an example of a solar farm in Mogadishu?

For example, Benadir Energy Company (BECO)—Somalia’s largest electric utility and the only provider in Mogadishu—developed a 10MW solar farm outside Mogadishu and connected to its power generation and transmission.

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