

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Haiti Power Grid Energy Storage Power Station Safety



## Overview

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How does electricity work in Haiti?

With very limited access to electricity, most of the population in Haiti depends on charcoal as a source of energy. The National Electricity Company (Electricité d'Haïti – EDH) was created in 1971 to operate the newly built Péligre hydroelectric plant and the nation's power system.

What is the institutional framework of the electricity sector in Haiti?

The institutional framework of the electricity sector in Haiti is weak. The entity in charge of the energy sector is the Ministry of Public Works, Transports and Communications (MTPTC). The minister is also the president of the executive board of the state-owned power company, EdH (Haiti Electricity Company).

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.

How does a lack of capacity affect the electricity sector in Haiti?

Since the MTPTC is the main government body in charge of the electricity sector, this lack of capacity affects directly the performance of the sector. In 2017, the World Bank invested a total of \$35 million to Haiti in order to improve access and expansion of renewable energy.

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.

What challenges does Haiti face in generating and distributing electricity?

Haiti faces significant challenges in generating and distributing electricity reliably. The lack of access to affordable and reliable power significantly hinders investment and business development. The majority of electricity is produced using imported fossil fuels.

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