



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **Mali household off-grid energy storage power station**



## Overview

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The Fekola Hybrid Power Station ( Centrale électrique hybride de Fekola) is a 115 MW (154,000 hp) power plant in . The power system comprises 68 MW of , 30 MW of and 17.3 MW of . The power station is owned by , a Canadian mining company. Dornier Suntrace GmbH (also Suntrace) and , two German engineering consulting and construction companies were hired to advise.

What is the energy access problem in Mali?

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Are solar mini-grids a viable option in southwestern Mali?

Southwestern Mali alone has 53 Gigawatt of solar potential, enough to meet the whole country's power demand. Solar mini-grids are not only a viable option for last-mile communities but are also at the heart of economic development and improved healthcare in those areas.

Does Mali need solar power?

While more than 83 per cent of Mali's population are still lacking energy access, the country has considerable potential to scale up clean energy access through solar power. Southwestern Mali alone has 53 Gigawatt of solar potential, enough to meet the whole country's power demand.

Why is energy du Mali struggling with load shedding?

Power generation is limited (Annex A.17), forcing Energie du Mali (EDM, the power utility) to have recourse to frequent load shedding. EDM's difficulties stem from the discrepancy between the average price (CFAF96 per KWh) and the power production cost (CFAF130 per kWh) in 2019.

Does Mali have a rural electrification strategy?

Mali's current rural electrification strategy relies on decentralised diesel-powered mini-grids. However, there is an increased effort to decarbonise them.

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