

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Mali produces solar energy for mobile base station equipment



## Overview

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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.

Are mini solar power plants coming to Mali?

In response to the persistent outages from EDM, which primarily relies on generators and diesel, innovative ideas for mini solar power plants are starting to take root in Mali's more isolated villages, which are largely untouched by the armed groups opposing the military government.

How can Mali improve the energy sector?

The unreliable electrical grid is the main barrier to the development of the mining sector, one of Mali's most important industries. To address these challenges, the transition government is working to expand electricity supply, including off-grid solutions in rural areas, and encourage investment in the energy sector to stimulate the economy.

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.

Can Mali achieve universal access to electricity?

In rural areas, access is as low as 25%, according to Abdoulaye Makan Sissoko, an official with Mali's rural electrification agency. 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.

Is Mali a good country for energy development?

Mali is endowed with plentiful solar and hydro potential, and energy sector development remains a priority for the Malian transition government.

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