

# **The Democratic Republic of Congo Energy Storage Power Station's grid-connected electricity price**



## Overview

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What is the electricity access rate in the Democratic Republic of Congo?

The public version of the resulting report of the effort is available here. The Democratic Republic of Congo's national electricity access rate is estimated at 19%. Less than 1% of the rural population and 41% of the urban population has energy access. Of the country's 10 million households, only 1.6 million have access to electricity.

What is the main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector?

The main priority for the Democratic Republic of Congo's power sector is to increase access to electricity. The Democratic Republic of Congo is a large country with 10 million households of which 1.6 million have access to electricity. This makes it the third largest population in the world without access to electricity.

How much would it cost to get grid electricity in DRC?

Providing all households of the 26 provincial capitals of DRC access to grid electricity through a mix of mid-sized hydro and solar power plants would cost approximately USD 10.5 billion in CAPEX. This would raise the access rate to about a third of the population, at a cost equivalent to 30% of GDP.

How many people in eastern DRC will have access to electricity?

As a result, over 28,000 households and businesses in eastern DRC will have access to more affordable and reliable electricity. "Though it was a complicated transaction, MIGA worked diligently to innovate and provide guarantees to de-risk this metro-grid investment," said Jessica Stiefler, Senior Underwriter and Distributed Energy Lead at MIGA.

What is the government's vision for power generation in Congo?

The government's vision is to increase the service level to 32 percent by

2030. Lack of access to modern electricity services impairs the health, education, and income-generating potential of millions of Congolese people. Most power generation development is directed and funded by mining companies seeking to power their facilities.

Why does DRC have a high electricity demand?

All segments of electricity demand are severely constrained by supply. Most demand in the residential sector is unmet, partly because DRC has one of the largest deficits in electricity access in the world and high geographical disparities (see chapter 2 for information about access). So is industrial demand.

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