

Advantages of distributed energy storage in Kenya





Overview

What is a battery energy storage system?

Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) have emerged as a pivotal solution, storing excess solar energy generated during the day for use at night or during periods of high demand. Storage batteries can also be integrated with existing grid power to stabilise use between peak and off-peak usage.

What are the opportunities for utility scale battery energy storage systems?

There are opportunities for Utility Scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) Two thirds of Kenya's electricity is generated from renewable/clean energy sources. Of this, wind power accounts for 15% (435MW) while solar accounts for just under 2% of total installed capacity (51MW) with these numbers expected to continue to grow.

Why do we need energy storage solutions?

This discrepancy complicates the alignment of supply with demand, and periods of low sunlight hinder consistent access to power for households and businesses. Effective energy storage solutions bridge this gap between supply and demand.

How can governments reduce battery storage costs?

First, governments and international organisations can provide financial incentives such as grants, subsidies, or low-interest loans to lower the upfront costs associated with battery storage technology. Addressing infrastructure challenges requires a coordinated approach to upgrading existing grid systems and ensuring reliable maintenance.

How much Bess is needed in Kenya?

KP believes that more than 480MW of BESS is required across different locations in the country, such as western Kenya, where there is inadequate transmission capacity at peak times as well as at substations along Kenya's



coast.



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While the long-term benefits of DESS, such as grid resilience and operational cost savings, are substantial, addressing the high initial capital cost remains crucial for fostering ...

How Distributed Energy Storage Systems Can Improve Grid Stability

Conclusion In conclusion, distributed energy storage systems represent a promising solution for enhancing grid stability and reliability. By allowing localized energy management, ...



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