

# North Korea s solar power generation for home use







#### **Overview**

Does North Korea still use solar power?

In this installment of our series on North Korea's energy sector, we move away from official and commercial uses of solar and seek to understand the growing use of solar power for personal energy consumption in a country where its people still suffer from an unreliable power supply nationwide.

Is solar energy making inroads in North Korea's Power Sector?

Solar energy is making inroads into North Korea's power sector as residents are looking to install panels to have the lights on, at least partially, as the regime is failing to supply its citizens with electricity while prioritizing power to factories.

How will solar power help North Korea's rural communities?

Solar panels and wind turbines are off-grid energy sources, meaning that their generated energy will be able to power nearby rural communities rather than large military and industrial sites. This will be especially helpful to improve the living standards of North Korea's rural residents.

How much energy does North Korea use?

North Korea is a net energy exporter. Primary energy use in North Korea was 224 TWh and 9 TWh per million people in 2009. The country's primary sources of power are hydro and coal after Kim Jong II implemented plans that saw the construction of large hydroelectric power stations across the country.

Does North Korea have a good energy sector?

North Korea's energy sector requires a lot of attention. North Korea struggles to meet energy demands as domestic energy production and consumption have been generally declining for years. As of 2020, 48% of the North Korean population did not have access to electricity, and in 2016, only 10.8% had access to clean fuel for cooking.



Can solar power solve North Korea's energy problems?

Jeong-hyeon, a North Korean escapee, told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung, the second-most populous city, "relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television". But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country's energy woes.



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2 days ago. The introduction of renewable energy is being promoted on North Korean farms. According to central government directives, the installation of solar power







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