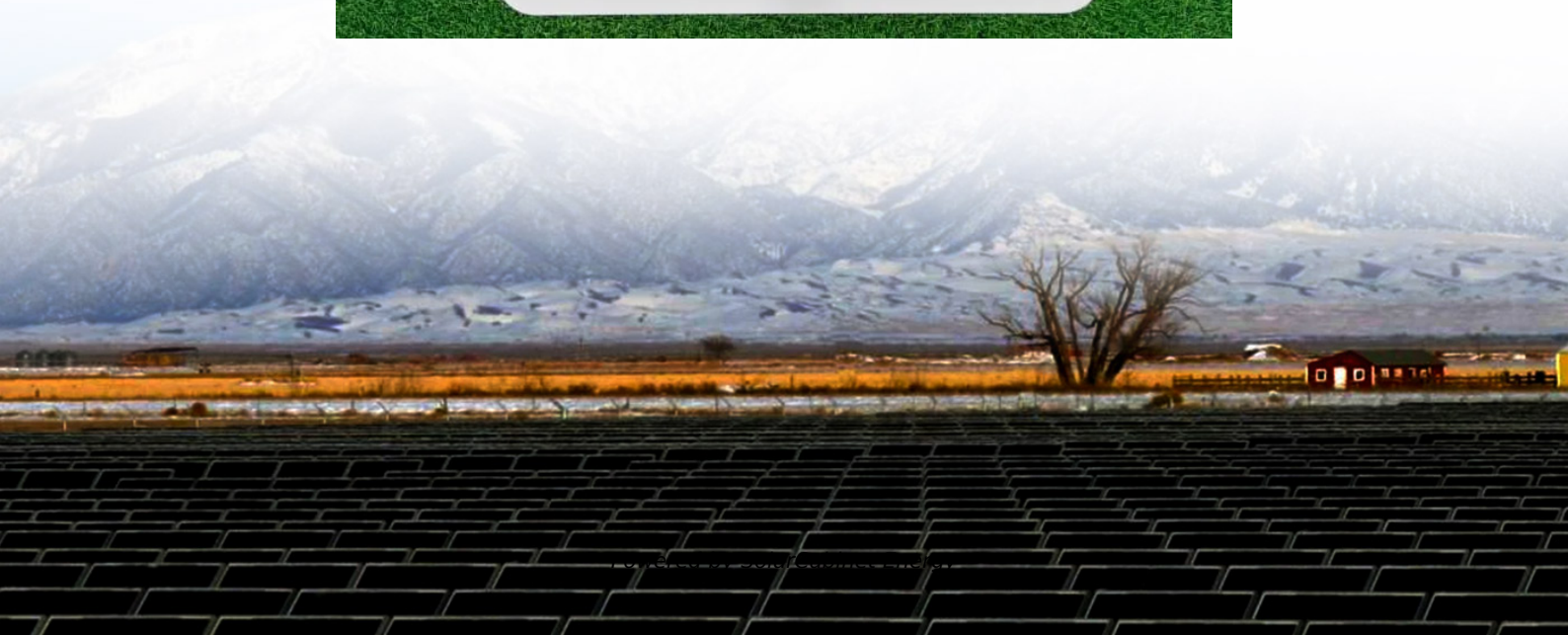


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Overview

This project — a collaboration between the Rwandan government, Hakan Madencilik, and Energy Solutions — will meet the electricity needs of over 300,000 households and support the country's goal of achieving 100% electrification by 2024. How many solar power plants are in Rwanda?

Currently, Rwanda's total on-grid installed solar energy is 12.050 MW originating from 3 solar power plants namely Jali power plant generating 0.25MW, Rwamagana Gigawatt generating 8.5 MW, and the Nasho Solar plant generating 3.3 MW.

How much solar power does Rwanda have in 2022?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Rwanda had around 25 MW of installed solar capacity at the end of 2022. No new PV capacity has been deployed in the sub-Saharan country over the past three years. Total power generation capacity currently stands at just 259 MW and only 35% of the population has access to electricity.

What is the current energy generation in Rwanda?

The current energy generation capacity in Rwanda (as of 2017) is at 210.9 MW. Grid-connected generation capacity has tripled since 2010. The power generation mix is currently diversified with hydro power accounting for 48%, thermal for 32%, solar PV for 5.7%, and methane-to-power for 14.3%. Rwanda has achieved an access rate of 40.5%.

Is Rwanda a significant source of solar energy?

Rwanda has a moderate source of solar energy, with an average solar radiation of 4 – 6 kWh per square meter per day. It has had a useful experience with the 250 kW Kigali solar project and solar water heaters. However, Rwanda's energy mix is currently dominated by biomass, which accounts for about 85% of primary energy use.

Is there a market for solar energy in Rwanda?



Only few companies in Rwanda are active in the field of solar energy. They focus mainly on the market for larger systems for public institutions, e.g. hospitals, schools etc through public tenders. In addition they and others are also trying to sell solar home systems but the market for solar lanterns and small home systems is still in its infancy.

Is wind power applicable in Rwanda?

Though wind energy potential in Rwanda has not been fully exploited for power generation, quite a few studies have shown that wind power may offer possible solutions to electricity generation, water pumping, and windmill in some parts of Rwanda.



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