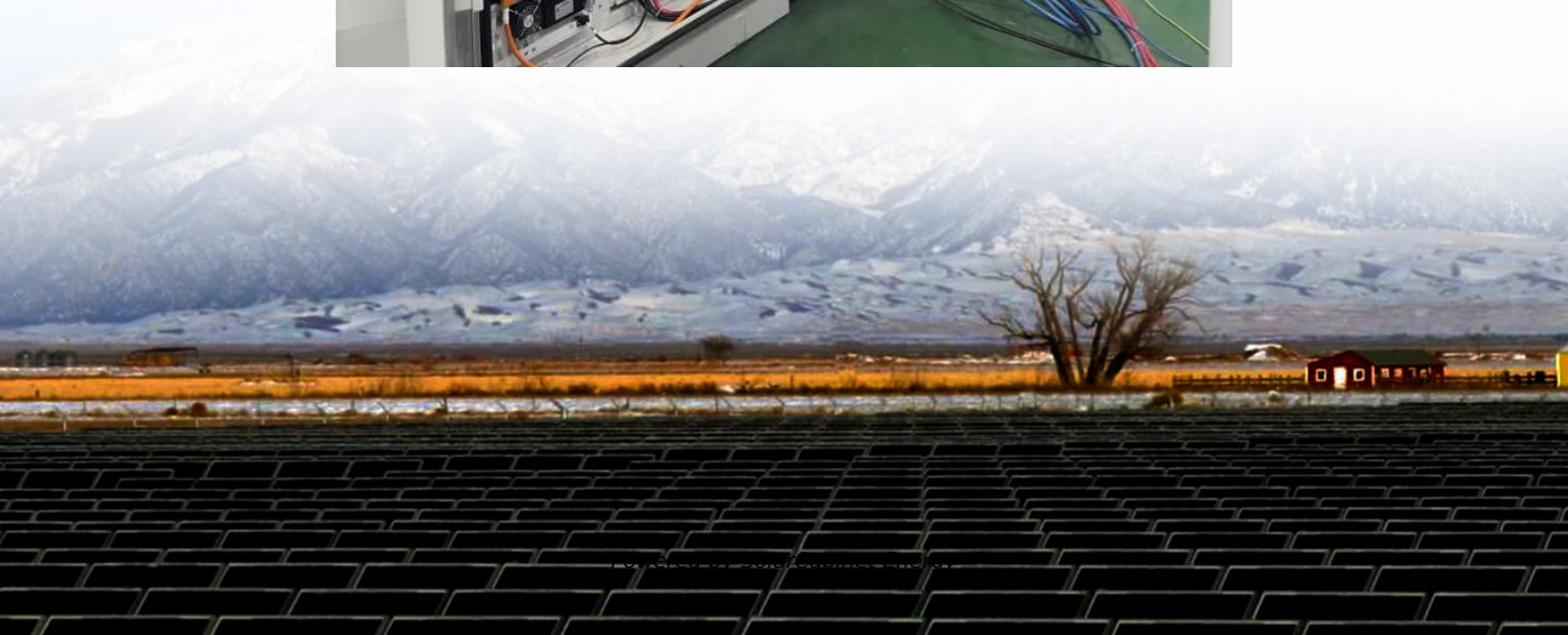


# **The latest pros and cons of solar panels in Mali**





## Overview

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Mali's rural areas see a solar power boom, but political instability, insecurity, and funding gaps hinder widespread electrification. 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.

Why is solar expansion a problem in Mali?

Insecurity caused by extremist attacks is another challenge to expansion in Mali, especially in the north, limiting the areas where companies can safely set up solar mini-grids.

Why is the energy crisis affecting Mali's economy?

Although power cuts are currently shorter than last year, an energy crisis continues to weaken Mali's economy, which is already reeling from the consequences of two coups since 2020 and attacks by armed separatist groups from the north or jihadists linked to Al Qaeda and the Islamic State Group.

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.

How many mini-solar plants are there in Mali?

The rural electrification agency says 32 mini-solar plants like the one in Karan are in four regions in Mali's south and southwest of the country, providing



power for more than 2 million people, and are run by WeLight and German-owned Africa GreenTec. “We started with 48 connections and now we have more than 200.

Can a solar power plant jolt a village to life?

(AP Photo/Baba Ahmed) KARAN, Mali (AP) — A solar power plant in this rural corner of Mali has jolted a village to life and awakened dreams of steady power in other areas of this West African nation as it sees unprecedented growth in renewable energy. The border village of Karan and its 3,000 people used to go days without electricity.



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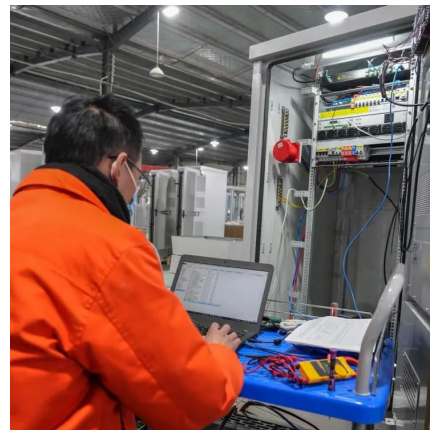


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