



# Cost of solar power Malawi

Are solar panels affordable in Malawi?

A man welding a frame to mount solar panels in Malawi. The reduced cost of solar electricity has made electricity access affordable even to low-income households.

How much does it cost to build a solar power plant in Malawi?

The Bwengu Solar PV Power Plant in Malawi, led by US-based Quantel Renewable Energy, is expected to be built at a cost of \$65 million within 12 months. Construction has begun on the 50 MW solar power plant, which will spread over 105 hectares of land in Bwengu, Mzimba District.

How much solar power does Malawi currently have?

Malawi had an installed solar power of around 24 MW at the end of 2020, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency. With a population of approximately 19 million people, the landlocked nation has a power generation capacity of around 363 MW, around 90% of which comes from hydropower.

How much does a solar-powered irrigation system cost in Malawi?

In Malawi, a solar-powered irrigation system, consisting of a solar-powered submersible pump, water tank, and drip irrigation lines covering an area of 500m<sup>2</sup>, is provided on loan to farmers. The approximately \$750 cost is more up front than the annual income for an average Malawian.

How many people have access to electricity in Malawi?

This is about 3.5% of the population provided with access in the past 12 months, bringing the total access rate in Malawi to around 23%, up from 19%. The target is to give access to 180,000 on-grid households and 200,000 Off-Grid households by the end of June 2025, translating to an additional 1.9 million people having access to electricity.

Is it possible to live without electricity in Malawi?

We Believe it is Possible! 90% of the Malawian population live without any access to affordable and reliable electricity and light.

Zutari was the Engineer for the Golomoti Solar Project in Malawi and undertook detailed design for this 28.5 MWp solar PV and Battery Energy Storage (BESS) project. The solar plant is coupled with a 5 MW/10MWh battery storage system and will provide the Malawian power grid with 20 MW of much-needed power.

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