



# Lesotho 1 kw hybrid solar system

Will Lesotho be able to pilot a hybrid solar PV mini-grid?

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Is Lesotho launching a solar mini-grid project?

The second phase of a pioneering solar mini-grids project in Lesotho is underway following the completion of a pilot project funded by REPP in Ha Makebe village, north-east of Maseru.

What is Lesotho's new mini-grid?

The pilot mini-grid and those of the planned larger portfolio are solar PV hybrids with battery storage and limited LPG backup generation. The hybrid nature of the design is to ensure 24-hour, year-round electricity supply, including Lesotho's harsh winters.

Does Lesotho have electricity?

Known as the kingdom in the sky, Lesotho is a small, developing country crossed by mountain ranges and rivers, making it difficult to get electricity to rural regions. Recent estimates suggest that less than half of all households have electricity.

Why did OnePower move to Lesotho?

The move coincided with OnePower's successful bid to develop the first utility-scale solar project in Lesotho, a 20-megawatt project that will sell electricity to Lesotho's central grid in addition to OnePower's mini-grid work. OnePower expects that project, named Neo 1, to start delivering power to Lesotho's central electric grid next year.

What is REPP doing with Lesotho's first solar-battery mini-grid?

In 2019, REPP extended a LSL 7m loan to IPWR to finance Lesotho's first solar-battery mini-grid at the village of Ha Makebe. This project became operational in 2021 and now services 215 households and businesses in the community.

**Solar PV & Battery Technology.** Powered primarily from solar energy, these mini-grids minimize the carbon footprint of energy access by optimizing engineering design of battery storage and a backup generator to ensure power flows even when the sun is down.

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