

## On grid solar system شرØ- Sierra Leone

How many solar mini-grid sites are there in Sierra Leone?

In 2020 Power Leone signed an MOU with the Government of Sierra Leone to construct and operate 40 solar mini-grid sites with 1.4 MW capacity across rural Sierra Leone. In 2024, Sierra Leone is constructing and commissioning 17 of these mini-grid sites (800 kW).

## What will GOSL do for Sierra Leone?

GOSL will remove barriers hampering the effective development, implementation and dissemination of renewable energy technologies. Also, the draft Energy Policy estimates that Solar PV generation capacity in Sierra Leone is expected to start at 31 MW in 2020 and increase to 156 MW by 2023.

Does Sierra Leone have a solar energy resource?

Ministry of Finance The Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) recognises that the country is endowed with a significant solar energy resource. This potential however remains largely untapped.

What is the National Development Strategy of Sierra Leone?

This is one of the key documents on the overall national development strategy of Sierra Leone, including, among other areas - the energy and solar generation sector. It is a recent document, indicating the actual strategic direction of the Government with clear targets and policy actions.

Who regulates the energy sector in Sierra Leone?

The primary law regulating energy sector in Sierra Leone is the National Electricity Act 2011("Electricity Act"). This Act incorporates EGTC and establishes EDSA, both of which started operations in 2015. It also sets the legal provisions under which those entities are governed, managed, functioning and are funded.

Does Sierra Leone have duty-free & GST exemptions for solar PV equipment?

Despite these duty-free and GST exemptionsfor the solar PV equipment in Sierra Leone, the process of its application is reported to take quite long and more stream-lining and clear procedures of collaboration between the institutions is needed.

The project company, Off-Grid Power (SL) Ltd (OGP) financed, developed, constructed, commissioned, and now owns and operates a portfolio of forty solar hybrid mini-grids serving over 99,000 people across the southern and eastern half of Sierra Leone.

This report is prepared at the request of the Government of Sierra Leone as part of the World-Bank-funded project on Unlocking the Potential for Grid-Connected Solar Power through Private Sector Investment Sierra Leone. This report provides the gap analysis of legal and regulatory framework for IPPs with particular focus on grid-connected solar



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As of 2020, Sierra Leone"s rural electrification rate stood at a mere 4.8%, making it one of the lowest rates in sub-Saharan Africa. Acknowledging the challenges posed by costly grid expansion, the Government of Sierra Leone (GoSL) has identified off-grid solutions as a viable approach to meet the electricity demands of its rural communities.

The preferred solution is a sustainable renewable energy mini-grid operation system. The choice of solar PV technology for the first 50 systems of this project is based on the long-term outlook for the sake of the environment and the future budgetary impacts.

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The Government of Sierra Leone through the Ministry of Energy developed a strategy for active participation and involvement of the private sector in the operation and maintenance of solar mini-grid systems through Public-Private Partnership arrangements.

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This milestone project, implemented by Off-Grid Power \* (funded by PIDG company, InfraCo Africa) aimed to provide first-time electricity to 6,657 households & businesses in Sierra Leone, making it the largest off-grid solar ...

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