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Why is off-grid access important in Malawi?

For Malawi,Off-Grid access plays a very critical role in rapidly scaling up electricity accessin many households that are far from the national grid and where affordability remains a challenge. The reduced cost of solar electricity has made electricity access affordable even to low-income households.

What strategies will Malawi use in the mini-grid market?

Some strategies Malawi intends to use include adopting appropriate policies and regulations, operationalizing innovative business models, and increasing awareness and network opportunities in the mini-grid market.

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.

What is AMP doing in Malawi?

At just 18% of electricity access,AMP in Malawi is building on existing activities and directly aligned with the National Energy Policy, which recognizes the role of off-grid and mini-grid systems in closing the electricity supply deficit.

Are solar panels affordable in Malawi?

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

How many households are connected in Malawi?

So far, more than 140,000 householdshave been connected. 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%.

At least 90% of the rural population in Malawi does not have access to electricity, presenting a market of up to 13 million people. Though the country has a largely rural economy, at 3.5%, it has the highest urbanisation rate in sub-Sahara Africa. In Malawi's Renewable Energy Strategy 2017, the country seeks to use

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of the currently available lead-acid off-grid battery electricity

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Malawi, with aims to use this project as a platform to set up further microgrids at other identified sites across Malawi. Since it's installation the microgrid at Mthembanji has been collecting valuable data on technical, economic and social impact performance through smart meters, remote monitoring and enumerator surveys.

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