

How many people in Senegal will get solar power?

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Does Senegal need a solar power plant?

Senegal's power sector has been historically reliant on costly fuel imports, with about 80 percent of its energy mix being oil-based. "The Kael and Kahone solar power plants exemplify our commitment to supporting Senegal's transition to cleaner, more affordable energy, while creating business opportunities for local communities.

How many jobs will the new solar power plants create in Senegal?

The addition of the solar power plants form part of the World Bank Group's Scaling Solar program and are funded by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), European Investment Bank and Proparco. The project estimates that more than 400 jobs in the towns benefit from the existence of the new solar power plants in Senegal.

Who sponsors Senegal's solar power plants?

The PV plants, located in Western Senegal, are sponsored by Engie, Meridiam, and the Senegalese Sovereign Wealth Fund for Strategic Investments ( FONSIS ). The competitive tendering process was led by Senegal's Energy Regulatory Commission ( CRSE ). For more information, please read the press release [here](#).

Can Senegal develop 60 megawatts of solar power?

The government of Senegal has been working with the World Bank Group to develop 60 megawatts of solar power through Scaling Solar. According to World Bank data, over 70% of the population of Senegal currently has access to electricity.

Will solar be Senegal's cheapest energy source?

The planned Scaling Solar projects underscore Senegal's commitment to integrating renewable energy resources into its energy mix. The successful tender set a new benchmark for the region. With prices under 4 US cents per kWh, solar energy will become Senegal's cheapest energy source. Questions or Interest? [Subscribe to our mailing list](#).

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As of now, Senegal does not have a widely available and specific count of residential solar panel installations. However, there are efforts underway to increase solar energy adoption, driven by various programs and investments.

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Scaling Solar-tendered PV Plants Bring Clean Energy to More Than 500,000 in Senegal. The Kael and Kahone solar plants, the first financed and tendered under the Scaling Solar program in Senegal, became operational in May 2021.

The solar revolution in Senegal has been greatly aided by breakthroughs in solar technology as well as financial support. Solar panels are now substantially more efficient, allowing for the production of more electricity from a less surface area.

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ENGIE, Meridiam and FONSIS (Senegal's Sovereign Strategic Investment Fund) announce the commissioning of two photovoltaic power plants in Senegal with a total production capacity of 60MW - Kahone Solaire SA (35MW) and Kael Solaire SA (25MW) - located respectively in the regions of Kaolack and Diourbel, in the center of the country.

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