

How many people in Senegal will get solar power?

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How much does a solar power plant cost in Senegal?

The paired solar power plants cost \$40.77 million, providing electricity to 540,000 people at under four cents per kWh - not only the cheapest energy in Senegal but among the most cost-effective across sub-Saharan Africa.

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.

How can solar power plants benefit Senegal?

The project estimates that more than 400 jobs in the towns benefit from the existence of the new solar power plants in Senegal. Because Senegal mainly relies on imported oil for electricity, solar power plants offer a more reliable and sustainable green energy source that costs less.

How much electricity does Senegal have?

As it stands, 70.4% of the Senegalese population has access to electricity, of which less than a third is generated from domestic sources - total installed capacity currently sits at 1,555 MW. However, under the government-backed World Bank Scaling Solar program, 60 MW was added to Senegal's domestic power generation last year alone through solar.

When will Kael & Kahone solar plants be available in Senegal?

Meanwhile, the Kael and Kahone solar plants came online in May 2021, developed by Engie and Meridiam following competitive tendering by Senegal's Energy Regulatory Commission, financed by the International Finance Corporation, European Investment Bank, Proparco and Senegalese sovereign wealth fund, FONSIS.

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ENGIE, Meridiam and FONSI (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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