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## Overview

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Can off-grid refrigerators be used in developing countries?

Regarding the deployment of cold storage for households, more improvements in energy efficiency and cost reduction must be made to scale up the penetration of off-grid refrigerators in developing countries.

Can solar off-grid cold storage be used for small businesses?

This research presents technologies that provide solar off-grid cold storage to houses, health centers, retail shops (off-grid refrigerators), and small farms or street markets (off-grid cold rooms).

Should farmers use solar off-grid cold rooms?

Alternatively, solar off-grid cold rooms for storing agricultural produce offer more storage capacity, and their inside temperature may vary depending on the stored produce, allowing from small producers on farms to sellers in street markets to benefit by extending the shelf-life of their produce [2, 33, 88].

Are solar-powered cold chains the future of Agriculture in Africa?

Notably, sub-Saharan Africa's total market demand for solar-powered cold chains for agriculture is estimated at approximately 6.5 million farmers . These aspects reinforce the need to enhance the region's electricity access and energy infrastructure.



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