

# Solar energy storage in rural Ethiopia





## Overview

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Why is solar energy so expensive in rural Ethiopia?

The reason is that in the context of rural Ethiopia, access to grid electricity is higher in areas closer to town than in remote villages. Moreover, the cost of solar installation (transportation cost in particular) is much higher for households distant to town (market) than those closer.

Does solar PV work in rural Ethiopia?

Multiple linear regression and econometric analyses were used to analyse the data. Findings showed that the use of solar PV systems in rural Ethiopia is growing and its impact appears significant.

Are stand-alone solar PV systems gaining popularity in Ethiopia?

In line with the findings of a study by Lakew et al. (2017), results from this study suggest that the adoption and use of stand-alone solar PV systems such as SHSs and PicoPVs in off-grid and rural areas of southern Ethiopia is steadily growing.

Can solar power transform Ethiopia's energy landscape?

Among these, solar energy emerges as a beacon of hope, poised to transform Ethiopia's energy landscape and drive socioeconomic development. Significantly, the country has relied heavily on hydropower, which accounts for more than 90% of its electricity generation.



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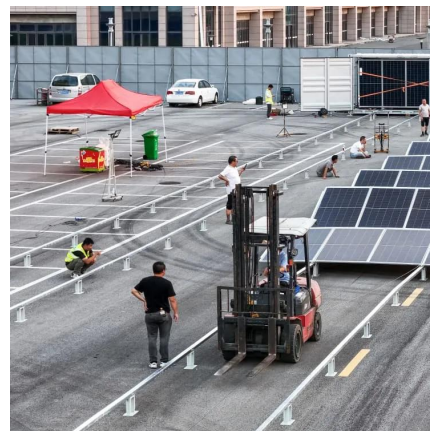
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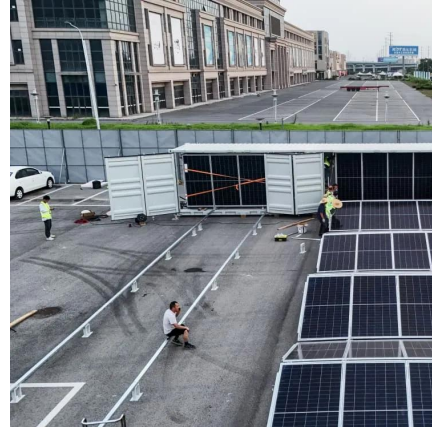
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