

# Zambia energy storage power generation project

Will GEI power be Zambia's first solar plant with battery storage?

Turkey's YEO is partnering with Zambian sustainable energy company GEI Power to develop a 60 MW/20 MWh solar plant with battery storage in Choma district, southern Zambia. The facility has been touted as Zambia's first solar plant with battery storage.

Can battery storage be used with solar photovoltaics in Zambia?

The Zambian regulation foresees customs duty and VAT exemptions for most equipment used in renewable energy or battery storage projects. Detailed information is provided in In this section, we discuss the opportunity of battery storage in combination with solar photovoltaics from a financial point of view.

Why is Zambia preparing for a future powered by renewables?

To address this, Zambia will need to invest in energy storage solutions, such as batteries, to ensure a consistent and reliable supply of power. Despite these challenges, Zambia is actively taking steps to pave the way for a future powered by renewables.

How can Zambia improve energy security?

Enhanced Energy Security: By diversifying its energy mix and reducing dependence on a single source like hydropower, Zambia can mitigate the risks associated with climate variability. Droughts and fluctuating water levels will have a less significant impact on overall electricity generation.

How much solar power does Zambia have?

Zambia's installed solar capacity stood at 124 MW at the end of 2023, according to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA). This content is protected by copyright and may not be reused. If you want to cooperate with us and would like to reuse some of our content, please contact: [editors@pv-magazine.com](mailto:editors@pv-magazine.com).

Will Zambia increase its solar power capacity by 2030?

The Zambian government has set a target to increase its installed solar and wind capacity to 600 MW by 2030. However, the current installed capacity for solar photovoltaics is only 90 MWp, indicating significant underutilisation of Zambia's potential in the renewable energy sector.

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only 1,040 MW, resulting in a deficit of 1,360 MW. In response to this crisis, Zesco launched a Net Metering Program ...

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Zambia currently faces a shortage of reliable electricity, due both to increasing demand and reduced hydropower generation caused by declines in precipitation linked to climate change. This is USTDA's second ...

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