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## Overview

Is solar power suitable for use in Afghanistan?

Solar power can be a perfect solution for the energy shortage in Afghanistan, as it is theoretically, practically, and economically suitable for the country according to this paper, with a main focus on PV power technology.

Is the cost of PV technology reasonable in Afghanistan?

The cost of PV technology and services in Afghanistan is reasonable, but the lack of capital investment in big PV projects has hindered its development in the country. (D. Gencer).

What is the energy situation in Afghanistan?

The energy situation in Afghanistan is limited and heavily dependent on fossil fuels and imported electricity. Due to rapid population growth and progress in the industry, services, and agriculture sectors, the existing energy sources are not currently meeting the energy needs of the country.

Which country has the highest solar power potential in Afghanistan?

The southern and western provinces of Afghanistan, including Helmand, Kandahar, Herat, Farah, and Nimroz, have the highest solar power potential in the country, with an overall capacity of 142.568 MW or 64% of the total potential. The distribution of solar resources in Afghanistan indicates that these provinces have the capacity for installing PV technology.

How much solar energy does Afghanistan generate per m2?

Afghanistan's Direct Normal Irradiation (DNI) ranges from 3.38 to 7 kWh per m2 and, Global Horizontal Irradiance or GHI is estimated at 4.0 to 6.0 kWh per m2 per day. This suggests that every 10 m2 of the country’s territory can generate 1 kW of solar energy specifically through solar PV technology.

How much electricity does Afghanistan have?

Roughly, 89% of electricity in Afghanistan is consumed by households. For instance, in the capital Kabul, 95 % of the population usually has access to electricity, while in Zabol province the access rate is only 37%.

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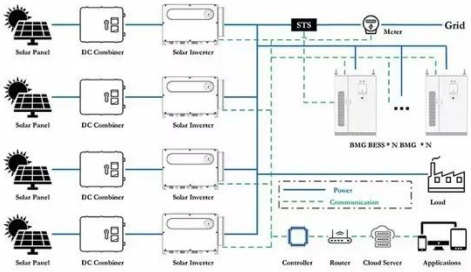


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