

# Battery storage for solar Panama

Can battery storage be used independently of solar panels?

Many homeowners aren't aware that battery storage can be used independently of solar panels, by capturing power from the grid and storing it for power outages or peak demand times. Having this backup allows you to both save money and improve your energy efficiency without necessarily having to install solar panels.

How much energy does Panama need?

Panama expects total energy demand to more than double between 2017 and 2030 (+113%), with peak demand growing from 1.6 GW to 3.5 GW. Panama is currently connected to Costa Rica via a 300 MW transmission line. A 400 MW high-voltage direct current (HVDC) interconnector with Colombia is expected to be commissioned by 2022.

What is Panama's power system like in 2017?

In 2017, Panama's power system had very large installed hydropower capacity (54% of total capacity) and substantial VRE capacity (45.3%). The generation breakdown was 64% renewable energy (36% run-of-river hydro, 18% reservoir hydro, 8% wind, 2% solar photovoltaics (PV)) and 36% thermal generation (29% oil and 7% coal).

Does Panama have a flextool?

Panama has taken part in power sector activities under the Clean Energy Corridor Central America (CECCA), for which it is a pilot country. Country experts expect to use the FlexTool in scenarios and studies by ETESA, CND and SNE.

In January 2024, the Panamanian utility regulator, ASEP, initiated a consultation to incorporate battery energy storage systems (BESS) into the transmission network. High investment costs and the lack of regulation has hindered storage development in Panama, but ASEP's

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additional solar PV capacity and 164+ investmentsMW (82 MWh) of battery storage, increasing the renewable energy share from 58% to 69%. 2 In the case of Panama, the expansion includes solar PV and wind capacity and battery storage. Domestic transmission capacity expansion is not relevant in this case given that it is a single-node model.

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