

# Benin solar power battery system

## Who can benefit from a new off-grid solar scheme in Benin?

Households, smallholders and entrepreneurs in remote locations across Benin will be able to access reliable and cheap electricity for the first time under a new off-grid solar scheme agreed between leading solar energy company ENGIE Energy Access and the European Investment Bank, one of the world's largest financiers of renewable energy.

## Who is responsible for generating electricity in Benin?

Societe Beninoise d'Energie Electrique (SBEE) is responsible for generating around 13% of electricityin Benin through diesel generators. ABERME (Agence Beninoise d'Electrification Rurale et de Maitrise d'Energie),on the other hand,is responsible for rural energy supply.

#### How will a European Investment Bank loan help Benin?

The European Investment Bank has agreed to provide a EUR 10 million loan to support the deployment of 107,000 high-quality solar home systems or Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for 643,000 people. The solar home systems include solar panels and battery storage to be sold on Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) contracts.

#### Will EIB support Engie to deploy off-grid solar power in Benin?

The new Benin cooperation follows EIB's previous support for ENGIE to deploy off-grid solar power in Uganda. Benin is the sixth African country to benefit from the EIB's streamlined supportfor African off-grid energy investment,following recent backing for projects in Mozambique,Uganda,Chad,the Democratic Republic of Congo and the Comoros.

What is the electrification rate in Benin Republic?

Benin Republic currently has one of the lowest national electrification rate in SSA (only about 30.4%), with a strong disparity in favour of urban areas closer to the main grid [17,18]. In rural areas the electrification rate is 6.9% against 54.5% in urban areas [19].

How many people in Benin rely on kerosene?

More than one million households are dependent on polluting and inefficient lighting by kerosene or candles, and increasingly expensive generators. Less than one in five people living in remote and rural communities across Benin have access to reliable electricity and only 10% of households are using off-grid solar products.

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They will start by working on rural electrification projects in 12 localities, aiming to install 1.7MW of solar PV and 3MWh of battery storage within 12 months. The project will create minigrids that are autonomous, connected ...

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3E, Egnon Consulting and Socrège have been assigned by the Société Béninoise d"Energie Électrique (SBEE) to provide owner"s engineering services for Benin"s first utility-scale solar ...

The analysis showed that hybrid solar photovoltaics (PV)/diesel generator (DG)/battery (of 150 kW/62.5 kVA/637 kWh) is the least cost optimal system. This system ensures a reliable power ...

The project will finance the deployment of solar home systems in Benin. The solar home systems are composed of a solar panel, a central unit (including battery storage, an energy management system / charge controller ...

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