

Is decentralised solar power a cost-effective way to power Madagascar?

A costly expansion of the national electricity grid is a long way off and not the most cost-effective way either. Madagascar is one of the sunniest countries in the world with more than 3,000 hours of sunshine per year, so decentralised solar power supply to rural areas is not only easier but also cheaper.

How will WeLight's new solar mini-grids benefit Madagascar?

The investment will enable WeLight to build and develop solar mini-grids to supply electricity to over 120 villages in Madagascar which currently have no access to the national electricity grid. The new mini-grids will provide residents in off-grid rural villages access to clean and affordable energy.

Can off-grid solar technology improve rural electrification in Madagascar?

Off-grid solar technology has proven to be a fast and effective solution to accelerate economic growth and sustainable development in regions where connection to the grid is still challenging. Romain de Villeneuve, Chief Executive Officer of WeLight Madagascar, said this new project will significantly improve rural electrification in Madagascar.

How can off-grid energy access help Madagascar?

Off-grid energy access. Image source SNV A new collective investment of \$20.5 million into off-grid solar technology will help bring clean and affordable energy to more than 120 villages in Madagascar.

Does EIB support off-grid solar energy in Madagascar?

EIB Vice-President Ambroise Fayolle explained that the project continues their longstanding backing of off-grid solar energy in rural Africa, following successful projects in Benin, Chad, the Comoro Islands, Mozambique and Uganda. "I am very happy that we can now implement such a project in Madagascar.

Will WeLight Madagascar improve rural electrification?

Romain de Villeneuve, Chief Executive Officer of WeLight Madagascar, said this new project will significantly improve rural electrification in Madagascar. "It will also positively impact hundreds of thousands of people, greatly enhancing living standards, the local economy and people's well-being.

Solar panels sit on the roof of a rural hospital in Antsahadinta, in rural Madagascar which is still unconnected to the national electricity and water grid. Several rural hospitals such ...

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lowland forests, and rich agricultural land - when the sun sets, the local ...

Solar mini-grids are particularly suited to conditions in remote Malagasy villages, where the national grid is yet to reach as a result of rough rural roads and poor infrastructure.

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