

What is the Niger solar energy access project?

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Why is solar energy important in Niger?

Increasing access to electricity through solar energy in Niger, especially in rural areas, is key to economic transformation and empowerment. Making use of the support and credit provided by our project, farmers really increase yields, rotate, and even diversify their crops, which is so important for food security.

Is solar energy a key to economic transformation in Niger?

"Increasing access to electricity through solar energy in Niger, especially in rural areas, is key to economic transformation and empowerment," says Kwawu Mensan Gaba, Practice Manager at the World Bank.

How many solar pumps are there in Niger?

Four solar pump companies accounting for half of all pump sales in Niger have tapped into the credit line, bringing 800 solar pumps to Niger's farms since 2017. NESAP has loaned more than \$1.5 million to solar system importers, wholesalers, retailers, installers, and solar electricity service providers.

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Can solar-powered irrigation pumps transform Niger?

Solar-powered irrigation pumps and other appliances have demonstrated their power to transform Niger by increasing crop yields and production. "Previously, I irrigated only a tiny plot using diesel water pumps," says Alzouma. "With solar irrigation, we now grow fruit trees, onions, tomatoes, and moringa.

On June 14, 2021, the International Finance Corporation (IFC), a member of the World Bank Group, and the Government of Niger announced a partnership under the World Bank Group's Scaling Solar program to develop up to 50 megawatts of grid-connected solar power, equivalent to roughly 20 percent of the country's current installed capacity.

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Savannah Energy, a British independent power company, enters into an agreement with the Niger government to develop two solar photovoltaic power plants with a combined capacity of 200 MW. Learn about the project's timeline, potential impact on the country's electricity grid, and efforts to reduce carbon emissions.

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The OPEC Fund's loan will finance the construction and grid integration of the 10 MW Dosso solar plant. Only around 20 percent of the population of Niger have access to electricity; one of the lowest rates in Sub-Saharan Africa and with significant disparities between urban and rural areas and regions.

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