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Overview

Backed by Norway's development finance institution Norfund and the Facility for Energy Inclusion (FEI), CREI is set to deploy hybrid solar-battery systems across 2,876 mobile towers in Mali, marking its largest project to date. Is solar power a good idea in Mali?

Solar power is a recent development in the country. The government is encouraging the use of it by exempting equipment from customs duties and promising to subsidize the price of solar kits. Without such subsidies, solar energy in Mali is about twice the price of the traditional fossil fuel energy used in cities.

How many mini-solar plants are there in Mali?

The rural electrification agency says 32 mini-solar plants like the one in Karan are in four regions in Mali's south and southwest of the country, providing power for more than 2 million people, and are run by WeLight and German-owned Africa GreenTec. "We started with 48 connections and now we have more than 200.

How much does it cost to get electricity in Mali?

Studies have shown that achieving universal access to electricity in Mali would require an investment of around \$1.3 billion to extend networks and create more mini-grids, Sissoko said. Solar power is a recent development in the country.

Where does Mali get its electricity from?

The other source is the Manantali dam, in Mali, which stores about 11 billion cubic meters of water. The nearby Manantali 200 MW hydropower station is the main one in the region and, supplies 55 percent of its electricity to Mali, while the rest is equally shared between Mauritania and Senegal.

Why is solar expansion a problem in Mali?

Insecurity caused by extremist attacks is another challenge to expansion in Mali, especially in the north, limiting the areas where companies can safely set up solar mini-grids.

Which Mali city is lit by solar-powered street lamps?

The main street of Karan, Mali, is lit by solar-powered street lamps, on Feb. 5, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed) A technical agent cleans the mini solar plant's panels in Karan, Mali, on Feb. 6, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed) Samba Diakité bakes bread in Karan, Mali, on Feb. 6, 2025. (AP Photo/Baba Ahmed)

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