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With a potential of 4.5 kWh per m<sup>2</sup> per day and approximately 5 peak sun hours, solar energy has a huge potentiality in Rwanda. Currently, Rwanda's total on-grid installed solar energy is 12.050MW originating from 3 solar power plants namely Jali power plant generating 0.25MW, Rwamagana Gigawatt generating 8.5 MW, and the Nasho Solar plant generating 3.3 MW.

Rwanda is generally characterized by Savannah climate and its geographical location endows it with sufficient solar radiation intensity approximately equal to 5kWh/m<sup>2</sup>/day and peak sun hours of approximately 5 hours per day.

Rwanda's total on-grid installed solar energy is 12.08 MW. Households far away from the planned national grid coverage are encouraged to use standalone solar photovoltaic (PVs) to reduce the cost of access to electricity.

By May 2021, Rwanda's generation capacity installed is currently 238.052MW. 1,752,345 households have been connected to electricity where 1,278,601 households are on grid and 473,744 households connected to Off-grid mainly solar.

Solar energy is a promising solution to meet the demand for rural households' electricity services in remote locations. As of May 2021, 16 % of Rwandan households are accessing electricity through off-grid systems, mainly solar. The Energy sector strategic plan underscores the universal access to electricity by 2024 with 48% of the households connected through off-grid power systems.

Around 500,000 new households will be electrified through off-grid solutions and given forecast population increases, 3.72 million households (100%) will have access to electricity through both on-grid and off-grid connections.



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