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# Bolivia Energy Storage Project



## Overview

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The role of energy storage in Bolivia's energy transition is a crucial factor in the country's efforts to shift towards a more sustainable and environmentally friendly energy landscape. As Bolivia aims to increase its reliance on renewable energy sources, such as solar and wind power, the need for.

Bolivia's ambitious plan to triple its renewable energy capacity by 2026—adding 902 MW of wind and solar—sounds like a green energy dream come true. But here's the kicker: intermittent renewables need a reliable sidekick. Enter pumped hydropower storage (PSH), the "Swiss Army knife" of energy.

Lithium, the 27th most abundant element, concentrated in South America's Lithium Triangle, is a key resource, primarily in Bolivia. This project aims to accelerate Bolivia's Upscaling LiFePO<sub>4</sub> battery production for Bolivia REGION Bolivia, Latin America and the Caribbean Technology Energy storage. Where is the largest lithium-ion battery storage system in Bolivia?

The site in the municipality of Baures, Bolivia. Image: Cegasa. The largest lithium-ion battery storage system in Bolivia is nearing completion at a co-located solar PV site, with project partners including Jinko, SMA and battery

storage provider Cegasa.

What type of energy system does Bolivia use?

Similar to the country's total energy system, the power sector relies heavily on natural gas (AETN, 2016). The electricity network in Bolivia is broken into two classifications: the National Interconnected System (SIN) and the Isolated Systems (SAs).

Can solar PV reduce energy poverty in Bolivia?

These efficiency savings can be estimated to about 22%, 14%, and 26% for BPS-1, BPS-2, and BPS-3, respectively. Furthermore, large-scale development of solar PV, particularly in off-grid communities, can serve to reduce energy poverty in Bolivia (Sovacool, 2012).

How much solar power does Bolivia have?

In the study of Jacobson et al. (2017), Bolivia's all-purpose end load would be covered by 22% wind energy, 15% geothermal, 3% hydropower, 49% solar PV, and 10% CSP. For the whole of South America, Löffler et al. (2017), find roughly 40% shares of both hydropower and solar PV, with the remaining 10% covered by wind offshore and onshore.

Should Bolivia use solar energy to generate synthetic fuels?

Using Bolivia's own excellent solar resources to generate synthetic fuels in BPS-1 and BPS-2 would result in energy independence and security. Due to the lack of GHG emission costs in BPS-3 fuel costs remain for the fossil fuels used in the heat and transport sectors. Fig. 23.

Does Bolivia have a long-term energy plan?

As previously mentioned, the Bolivian government does not provide any long-term energy planning study, however, the UNFCC (2015b) states that RE will compose 81% of electricity generation by 2030. Bolivia's scenario for 2027 according to MHE (2009) states that biomass sources will comprise 8% of total final energy demand.

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