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# Guinea-Bissau s new solar power station generates electricity



## Overview

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The project will build solar plants near Bissau and install mini-grids on the Bijagós islands, thereby providing electricity to 1,200 households and SMEs. The World Bank has announced substantial financial support for Guinea-Bissau's innovative solar power project aimed at reducing carbon emissions and increasing electricity access.

Who is funding Guinea-Bissau's first solar power plant?

The World Bank, IDA, ESMAP, and GCF are funding Guinea-Bissau's first solar power plants with a \$78.15 million investment to support decarbonization and expand electricity access. The project will build solar plants near Bissau and install mini-grids on the Bijagós islands, thereby providing electricity to 1,200 households and SMEs.

Does Guinea-Bissau have electricity?

Currently, only 33% of Guinea-Bissau's population has access to electricity, with the capital city of Bissau facing particularly high costs. The Solar Energy Scale-up and Access Project is expected to benefit residential, commercial, and industrial consumers nationwide — including those on the islands.

What is the solar energy development & electricity access project?

The Solar Energy Development and Electricity Access Project will see the construction of several solar power plants and battery storage units with private sector involvement. A 30 MW solar power plant will be developed near the capital, Bissau, to reduce electricity costs and diversify the energy mix.

What is the solar energy scale-up & access project?

The Solar Energy Scale-up and Access Project is expected to benefit

residential, commercial, and industrial consumers nationwide — including those on the islands. It aligns with the government’s strategy to encourage private sector participation, stimulate economic growth, and create sustainable job opportunities.

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