

# Community solar projects The Gambia

How much solar power does Gambia have in 2022?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Gambia only had 2 MW of installed PV capacity at the end of 2022. Gambian utility Nawec recently started building a 23 MW solar project in Jambur, in Gambia's West Coast Region.

Why should the Gambia invest in solar energy?

To match the rising demand and to provide sustainable and accessible energy to all Gambians, the potential for solar energy investment is immense in The Gambia. The government of The Gambia seeks to increase RE's contribution to 40% from 2% presently in the coming years.

Will a new solar plant increase energy demand in the Gambia?

Energy demand in The Gambia has increased by 5.5% per year in recent years and today's connection of the new 23 MWp solar plant to the national energy grid will significantly increase Gambia's current generation capacity of 98 MW and enable electrification of rural areas. A strong commitment

Is Gambia ready for a new era of renewables?

Gambia: strong international support for a new era of renewables with inauguration of historic 23 MWp solar plant. A significant strategic project with strong substantial economic and social impacts, the recently inaugurated solar photovoltaic plant in Jambur is poised to supply electricity to approximately 18,500 households.

How does a large scale solar PV project benefit the Gambia?

The project contributes to gainful employment creation in The Gambia with 1,250 direct jobs created from the construction phase to operation and maintenance. To ensure sustainability, a three-year operations and maintenance contract (O&M) has been signed as large scale solar PV is entirely new to the sector.

Why is NAWEC launching a solar plant in the Gambia?

This marks the first time in the Gambia's history where a utility scale solar plant of 23 Megawatts Solar PV capacity and 8-Megawatt hours battery storage is being commissioned. This solar plant allows NAWEC to finally shift away from expensive heavy fuel oil-based generation which is costly and harmful to the environment.

On Saturday, at a historic occasion in the Community of Kombo Jambur, President Barrow led the official inauguration ceremony of the now completed 23 Megawatt Solar Plant and an eight Megawatt Battery Energy ...

a. Identify and prepare regional solar power generation projects and related network investments, in close coordination with WAPP members, IFC, MIGA and development partners. Such ...



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Working with a range of partners both in the UK and in The Gambia, Project Gambia has, since 2007, established a range of projects in schools, villages, and farms to provide education, support, and funding to enable people to find a ...

The Gambian government is holding a ceremony to lay the foundation stone for a 23 MWp solar photovoltaic power plant. The country's largest solar park is funded by the European Union (EU) and the World Bank.

This project component consists in the construction of a new 23 MWp solar park tied with 8MWh battery storage and aims to revolutionize power generation in the Gambia by serving as a direct complement to current ...

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