

# Lebanon eskom solar households pricing changes

How much does a solar energy system cost in Lebanon?

But the lack of regulation in the nascent sector also means that prices fluctuate significantly between providers and regions. Samir Haj Ali, a local solar energy systems provider in southern Lebanon, told FRANCE 24 that he charges at least \$2,500 for a modest 5-amp energy system - a price that is out of reach for most Lebanese.

Why are Lebanese turning to solar energy?

Almost three years into Lebanon's trifecta of economic, social and political crises, many Lebanese are desperate to find solutions. With no reliable source of electricity, those who can afford it are leading a shift towards green energy, predominantly solar.

Is Lebanon ready for solar energy?

Lebanon has a large amount of land that is appropriate for solar and wind energy and receives roughly 300 days of sunshine annually. But large-scale solar projects designed to harness this resource are lacking. Obeid noted that a large-scale transition to solar energy would need to involve action at the individual, community and municipal levels.

How much solar power will Lebanon have in 2022?

Over 650 megawatts (MW) were installed in 2022 alone, says El-Khoury, bringing Lebanon's total solar capacity to 870MW, according to his figures. "Installed capacity should reach 1,000MW in June," he says. He estimates that the installed capacity of diesel generators, meanwhile, likely amounts to 1,000-1,500MW.

What's behind Lebanon's solar boom?

The solar boom is a byproduct of Lebanon's crisis. Private installations in businesses and homes since 2020 will have added 350MW of renewable power -- about 5-7 per cent of Lebanon's annual energy needs -- by year-end, said Pierre El Khoury, head of the state-affiliated Lebanese Center for Energy Conservation.

Can Lebanon get 30% of its electricity from renewable sources?

Nevertheless, the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) estimates that Lebanon could cost-effectively source 30% of its electricity supply from renewable sources by 2030 - if the right plans are put in place. Lebanon has a large amount of land that is appropriate for solar and wind energy and receives roughly 300 days of sunshine annually.

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