



# Malawi solar power project investment

Is Malawi a good place to invest in solar energy?

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Where is Malawi's first solar power plant located?

The centrally located facility is Malawi's first solar power plant connected to the national grid, a project successfully completed under a public-private partnership (PPP). The President of the Republic of Malawi Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera visited the Salima district, 101 km from the capital Lilongwe, on November 16, 2021.

What is Malawi's first utility-scale solar photovoltaic plant?

With DFC's support, the new solar photovoltaic plant is the first utility-scale grid-connected project in Malawi with a 5MW/10MWh battery energy storage system included in the plant.

Where is the power plant located in Malawi?

Located at Dedza, approximately 100km southeast of Malawi's capital, Lilongwe, the plant is connected to the adjacent Golomoti substation which provides much-needed power to Malawi's national grid. Have you read?

How many GWh will the Salima solar power plant produce?

The Salima solar plant will be capable of producing 154 GWh per year. The Salima solar power plant is the result of a public-private partnership (PPP) project originally developed by JCM Power Corporation, Matswani, and InfraCo Africa, a Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) company.

What does DFC's \$25m investment in Golomoti solar mean for Malawi?

"DFC's \$25m investment in Golomoti Solar will support a new solar energy plant in Malawi, delivering electricity to the national power grid to directly benefit Malawian businesses and communities," said DFC CEO Scott Nathan.

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One of the first solar projects in southeast African country Malawi has reached financial close after attracting



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investment totalling \$67m. Initial site works have now begun in Nkhotakota and construction of the first phase is targeted for completion by March next year. Once complete, the project will add 46 MW of energy to the local power supply.

The renewable energy power plant includes a 28,5MWp solar array, coupled with a 5MW/10MWh lithium-ion battery. The solar energy facility will provide 20MW of much needed power to Malawi's grid. The Golomoti power plant is JCM Power's second renewable energy project in Malawi after the 60MW Salima Solar project entered operations in October ...

The Nkhotakota Solar Power Plant is one of Malawi's first commercial scale-independent solar power projects and it is being developed in two phases of 21 MWac and 16 MWac. The project is part of the Malawian government's plan to move the East African country from its reliance on hydropower, which currently represents over 90% of its energy mix.

The president of Malawi, Lazarus Chakwera, this week officially launched the 60 MW Salima Solar PV plant. Developed by JCM Matswani Solar Corp Limited, a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) owned by the Canadian Independent Power Producer (IPP) JCM Power and InfraCo Africa Limited, the facility becomes Malawi's first commercial solar project to ...

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"The partnership makes it possible for independent power producers like JCM Power to deliver projects that have a positive impact on the renewable energy sector in Africa." JCM is an existing MIGA client, having ...

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The project aims to support ESCOM, which is a government-owned utility in Malawi, in its efforts to reduce poverty and business costs. This will be done by revitalising the country's power supply and expanding access to power through the promotion of renewable energy development.

al Investment Guarantee Agency (MIGA), World Bank Group are financing the Salima Solar Power Project in Malawi. USD 59 million guarantee JCM Power is implement-ing the project through a locally registered compa-ny, JCM Matswani Solar Corporation Limited. SUMEC Group Corpora-tion is responsible for building, operating and maintaining the project.

"Investment in solar-plus-storage power projects will be a big boost for a country that currently relies on



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hydroelectric power, which at the moment comprises approximately 70% of Malawi's installed generation capacity." Power Africa said the region's prolonged drought leaves Malawi vulnerable to frequent power cuts.

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The DFC's Chief Executive Officer Scott Nathan signed a commitment letter for a \$25 million loan to support the Golomoti Solar project, a 20MW solar photovoltaic power plant and 5MW/10MWh battery energy ...

The Golomoti project is Malawi's second solar IPP after JCM's Salima solar project and proudly boasts the first utility-scale grid-connected battery energy storage system in sub-Saharan Africa, having connected to the grid in ...

The EUR70 million investment will cover the construction of the 80-hectare solar farm, which is expected to employ over 100 Malawians during its construction phase. Additionally, the project will sustain 80 jobs at any given time for ...

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