

Lesotho New Energy Small Container Mei Station





Overview

Is Lesotho launching a solar mini-grid project?

The second phase of a pioneering solar mini-grids project in Lesotho is underway following the completion of a pilot project funded by REPP in Ha Makebe village, north-east of Maseru.

What is Repp doing with Lesotho's first solar-battery mini-grid?

In 2019, REPP extended a LSL 7m loan to 1PWR to finance Lesotho's first solar-battery mini-grid at the village of Ha Makebe. This project became operational in 2021 and now services 215 households and businesses in the community.

Does Lesotho have a low electrification rate?

Lesotho, a landlocked nation surrounded by South Africa, has one of the lowest electrification rates on the continent, with about 62% of the population lacking access to electricity and with a rural electrification rate estimated at below 20%.

What is Lesotho's new mini-grid?

The pilot mini-grid and those of the planned larger portfolio are solar PV hybrids with battery storage and limited LPG backup generation. The hybrid nature of the design is to ensure 24-hour, year-round electricity supply, including Lesotho's harsh winters.

Will Lesotho be able to pilot a hybrid solar PV mini-grid?

Successful pilot hybrid solar PV mini-grid in Lesotho paves way for a further 10 mini-grids that will provide first-time energy access to 30,000 people and clean power to seven health clinics.

Where are LEC hydro power stations located?

Initially LEC had four small mini hydro-power stations in the mountainous



areas of Semonkong, Mantšonyane, Tlokoeng (Mokhotlong) and Tsoelike (Qacha's Nek). The two stations of Tsoelike and Tlokoeng have been decommissioned because of both technical and operational problems.



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The primary objective of this project is to enhance electricity access in rural and peri-urban areas of Lesotho in alignment with the Lesotho Energy Policy 2015- 2025, ...

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Lesotho's challenging terrain complicates efforts to provide universal energy access, despite its significant untapped renewable energy potential. Effectively harnessing this potential could ...

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The Semonkong mini-grid is operated by the state-owned Lesotho Electricity Company, and was originally constructed in 1989 with assistance from Norwegian development funds.

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Lesotho's energy balance is largely dominated by combustible renewable resources. However, the country is well endowed with hydropower resources for the development of both large and ...

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In addition to hydro, LEC manages a mini-grid station located in Semonkong. Lesotho Electric and Water Authority (LEWA) regulates the electric sector in the country. Lesotho's electricity ...

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The National Policy 2015-2025 guides the sector and envisions the development of the renewable energy sector. The total amount of energy available is 75 MW as against a demand of 165 MW, ...

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As to small scale hydro, there are currently four mini hydro-power stations in the mountains at Semonkong, Tlokoeng, Tsoelike and Mants'onyane. It is estimated that there are roughly other ...

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