

Somali-style power station for power generation





Overview

Does Somalia have a power grid?

There is no national power grid. Diesel generators are the primary source of electricity. Most generators and distribution equipment are old and inefficient, resulting in a low-quality electricity supply. Regarding costs per kilowatt-hour of electricity, Somalia has one of the highest unit prices in Africa.

Who generates electricity in Somalia?

Small and medium-sized private sector companies are the main providers of electricity generation and distribution, primarily running diesel powered systems through off-grid networks. Private Somali companies generate approximately 128MW; most companies generate and distribute electricity independently.

What is the energy sector like in Somalia?

Somalia's energy sector is considered promising for growth and investment. Small and medium-sized private sector companies are the main providers of electricity generation and distribution, primarily running diesel powered systems through off-grid networks.

How much power does Somalia have?

Current generation capacity is 106 megawatts, largely composed of expensive and pollutant diesel generators, though Somalia has great potential for solar and offshore wind power generation that can support a transition to green energy and reduce GHG emissions.

How much does electricity cost in Somalia?

Regarding costs per kilowatt-hour of electricity, Somalia has one of the highest unit prices in Africa. Somalia has higher tariffs than neighboring countries Kenya and Ethiopia, ranging from 50-125 cents/kWh compared to 0.15 cents/kWh in Kenya and 0.6 cents/kWh in Ethiopia. Somalia's energy



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What happened to the energy infrastructure in Somalia?

When the 1991 uprising threw Somalia into a lasting civil war, the nationalized energy infrastructure was completely privatized overnight without regulation. What happened immediately was a total blackout with almost no electricity accessible to the country.



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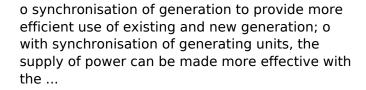
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