

Will a 120 MW solar plant be built in Yemen?

Masdar has signed a joint cooperation agreement with Yemen's Ministry of Electricity and Energy to build a 120 MW solar plant in Aden. It will be the country's first large-scale renewable energy project. Image: IFC, Al Kuraimi. Masdar, an Abu Dhabi-based renewables developer, is set to build a 120 MW solar plant in Yemen.

How much solar power does Yemen have?

According to the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA), Yemen's cumulative renewable capacity was 253 MW at the end of 2021, all from solar. Reports from local NGOs and the Ministry of Electricity and Energy put the country's total installed solar capacity between 300 MW and 400 MW in 2018.

What is a solar project in Yemen?

The deal includes the construction of transmission lines and transformer stations. The solar project will be built in Aden. The 120 MW plant will be the "first and the largest strategic project to generate electricity through clean and renewable energy" in Yemen, according to the Yemeni Energy Minister Manea bin Yameen.

Is solar power a lifeline in Yemen?

"For many in Yemen, especially for farmers, solar power has been a lifeline," says Matt Leonard, who specializes in microfinance with IFC. "The key now is to scale up its use." Yemen has long been the poorest country in the Middle East and North Africa, but a conflict that broke out in 2014 has pushed the country to the brink.

Can solar power irrigate a famine in Yemen?

Across Yemen, a growing number of farmers are turning to solar power to irrigate their fields, a shift that comes as the country tries to stave off what the United Nations warns is an impending famine.

Why are people moving to solar power in Yemen?

The migration to solar power is part of what researchers say is an energy revolution in the country of 28 million, where the electric grid has been decimated by fighting. More than 50 percent of Yemeni households rely on the sun as their main source of energy, and solar arrays power everything from shops to schools to hospitals.

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This report describes briefly the electricity profile in Yemen and digs deeper into eight vital dynamic sectors in Yemen to estimate the technical potential, and assess PV application specifically, and energy aspects generally.

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