

# Zimbabwe s electricity demandside energy storage policy







### **Overview**

Why is there a disparity between electricity supply & demand in Zimbabwe?

Zimbabwe's electrical grid is sorely in need of maintenance and upgrades, which has led to a disparity between the supply and demand of electrical energy. While the total demand for electricity is 2029 MW, the supply is only around 1200 MW. This disparity is also created by the outdated status of the electrical power stations.

What is Zimbabwe's energy infrastructure?

Without a doubt, Zimbabwe's energy infrastructure is in dire need of massive improvements in order to stabilize and centralize the nation's domestic energy output. The renewable energy potential of Zimbabwe is revolves around 3 main aspects: hydropower, solar power, and biogas.

How polarized is electrical access in Zimbabwe?

Electrical access is extremely polarized in Zimbabwe. Approximately 80% of the urban population has access to electricity while it is only 21% in rural areas. Zimbabwe's electrical grid is sorely in need of maintenance and upgrades, which has led to a disparity between the supply and demand of electrical energy.

Why does Zimbabwe have a lack of electrical power?

This disparity is also created by the outdated status of the electrical power stations. Zimbabwe's electrical power is generated by two methods: coal and hydropower. None of the coal powered plants (Hwange, Bulawayo, Harare, Munyati) meet their advertised power output.

What is the energy profile of Zimbabwe?

Fig. 1: The Kariba Dam, which provides Zimbabwe with much of its hydropower, as seen from Zimbabwe. (Source: Wikimedia Commons) Zimbabwe is a landlocked country with an energy profile mainly divided



amongst wood fuel (61%), petroleum (18%), electricity (13%), and coal (8%).

How is electricity produced in Zimbabwe?

Zimbabwe's electrical power is generated by two methods: coal and hydropower. None of the coal powered plants (Hwange, Bulawayo, Harare, Munyati) meet their advertised power output. The Hwange plant boasts an installed capacity of 920 MW (megawatts), yet it only produces about 400-500 MW.



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### Zimbabwe Attracts Global Bids for Large-Scale Electricity Storage

Several global companies have submitted bids to construct three large-scale energy storage facilities in Zimbabwe. These systems will store excess electricity produced during low ...

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