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Overview

How many households in Benin use off-grid solar?

Only 10% of households are currently using off-grid solar products. “More than one million households don’t have access to modern and sustainable energy in Benin alone,” says Hendrik Engelmann-Pilger, a senior economist in the European Investment Bank’s energy transition programmes division.

Who is Engie energy access Benin?

The European Investment Bank signed a loan of €10 million to ENGIE Energy Access Benin, a subsidiary of ENGIE, to support the deployment of 107 000 high-quality solar home systems in Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for an estimated 643 000 people in the West African country.

Are solar home systems a problem for low- and medium-income households?

Clean and sustainable energy sources like solar devices and solar home systems for off-grid households have high up-front costs that present a challenge to low- and medium-income households. ENGIE Energy Access, the leading pay-as-you-go and mini-grids provider in Africa, is offering a solution.

Can solar energy solve rural electrification challenges?

Solar energy has emerged as a transformative solution to address rural electrification challenges in regions with limited or unreliable grid infrastructure.

Can Solar-Integrated microgrids improve rural electrification?

The study employs a simulation-based approach to optimize solar-integrated microgrid configurations for rural electrification. The project deployed a solar-integrated pilot microgrid at the Songhai agroecological center in Benin to address key challenges, including load profile estimation, energy balancing, and diesel dependency reduction.

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