

# Burundi communication base station hybrid energy infrastructure

# Who produces electricity in Burundi?

The main electricity producer is REGIDESO. The state-owned, vertically integrated company produces and operates over 97% of the electricity in Burundi and is responsible for production, transmission, distribution, and marketing of electricity (Mtoka 2019). It operates under the supervision of the Ministry of Energy and Mines.

### Why should Burundi invest in a large-scale energy infrastructure?

Located in Bururi province, this large-scale infrastructure marks a key step forward in the country's pursuit of energy self-sufficiency. It is also a strong signal for an investment-friendly climate to ensure more inclusive and sustainable economic development for Burundi.

### How many people in Burundi have electricity?

Approximately 7% of the population of Burundi has access to electricity. In rural areas, only 1% of the population has access. 49% of the urban population has access to electricity ("Burundi" 2022). In sub-Saharan Africa, the electrification rate is 26% on average ("Burundi" 2021). For those connected to electricity, quality is low.

# What can a Burundi Energy Center do?

For example, such a center in Burundi could focus on funding and implementing solar-plus-storage technologies for rural and remote households. The 2015 Electricity Act enables foreign investments into the power sector. In addition, laws in Burundi allow tax benefits for energy investment and public-private partnership.

## What is the primary energy supply in Burundi?

The remainder of the primary energy supply is from oil("Burundi Energy Profile" 2021). However,a majority (98%) of the renewable energy supply in Burundi is bioenergy. The remainder of the renewable energy supply is hydroelectric, and solar power ("Burundi Energy Profile" 2021).

## Does Burundi have solar power?

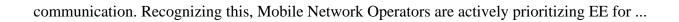
However, solar makes up a small fraction of energy supplied in Burundi due to its relatively low installed capacity of 5 MW ("Burundi Energy Profile" 2021). Solar made up 5% of all installed capacity in 2020, generating a total of 8 GWh of electricity for the year, which accounted for 2% of annual electricity generation in Burundi.

The new infrastructure will enhance the reliability and stability of the electricity network in Bujumbura, the economic hub of Burundi, and will connect to existing power lines until the ...

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