

# Burundi power grid control system

Does Burundi have access to electricity?

Access to Electricity Burundi remains the least country in the world in terms of access to electricity. Statistics from the World Development Indicator show that more than 90% of the Burundian population doesn't access to electricity in 2017. Access to electricity benefits much more urban areas (61.8%) than rural ones (2%).

How can Burundi improve electricity generation?

The electricity generation may be diversified. Burundi may continue its interconnection program with the neighboring countries in order to import electricity, reduce technical losses. It has to prioritize regional projects for generation, transmission and cross-border trade.

Why is Burundi launching a power generation master plan?

The project aims to support the development of a power generation master plan expected to highlight the various renewable energy options for Burundi in the 'power generation segment', paving the way for strong private sector participation which is critical for meeting the massive challenges of the power sector in the country.

What causes low access to electricity in Burundi?

The lack of investments in power generation is one of the main causes of low access to electricity in Burundi. When the last hydroelectric plant was commissioned in 1989, Burundi accounts for 13,799 customers, which increased to 119,132 in 2017.

How much electricity does Burundi use a year?

Blimpo & Cosgrove-Davies (2019) show that in 2014, average consumption per capita in SSA is 483 kWh. It's an amount needed to power a 50-watt lightbulb continuously a year. In Burundi, consumption per capita remains around 20 kWh per year and is one of the lowest values in East Africa and the World.

Where does Burundi's energy come from?

The majority of Burundi's existing 34 MW capacity comes from domestic hydropower, with the remainder coming from 6 MW of installed thermal capacity, one grid-connected 400 kWp solar plant and imported hydro energy from the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Since Burundi is a small country and all power lines are shorter than 80 km (except for the power line connecting Ruzizi I and SNEL which is 112 km) power lines are approximated as short lines.

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Two Part Pilot Project In Off-grid Burundi o Street lighting mini-grid o Community mini-grid -Anchor-Based Consumer Model -Phase 2: connect school and medical clinic -Additional SHS component o Long-term goal: create a replicable model to ultimately reach 1 million Burundians

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In Burundi, the REGIDESO was established as a State-owned company in 1968 to produce and distribute electricity and water in the main and secondary cities. The electricity sector reform dates

to support its development, the Government of Burundi is encouraging private sector actors to participate in power production and supply to meet demand. In addition, Burundi is firmly committed to the integration of the regional energy market through interconnections and common production infrastructure to reduce its energy deficit.

Weza Power targets electricity access for 70% of East African nation. The creation of a new privately-owned and operated electricity distribution company that will bring grid power to almost 70% of Burundi's population was announced at the Africa Climate Summit in ...

The aim of this paper is to investigate the organization of the electricity sector in Burundi and its impact on the performance. Specifically, we describe the electricity sector and the main actors.

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