

# Uganda decentralized power generation

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What percentage of Uganda's energy is renewable?

While a high percentage of 92% renewable energy in Uganda's total energy supply seems astounding, the figure is a bit more complicated than it appears at first glance. Out of its total energy supply, 92% is derived from renewable sources, with 98% coming from bioenergy.

Does decentralized governance benefit the energy sector?

The few detailed explorations of this relationship suggest that decentralized governance has significant potential benefits for the energy sector. One such study was the UK Government-funded Renewable Energy and Decentralization (READ) project which explored the cases of Kenya and Rwanda.

Are solar energy-based off-grid solutions a viable option in Uganda?

Solar energy-based off-grid solutions could provide access to sustainable energy in rural and remote areas. Certainly, the potential for renewable energy in Uganda is extremely high, but the big question remains about where the investments will come from.

Why is energy a problem in Uganda?

Energy and fuel run machinery is still unavailable to the majority of farmers. Also, food security is a challenge and according to the World Bank, 41.4% of Uganda's population lives in poverty on less than \$2.15 per day. Socio-economic development, poverty reduction and food security hinge on a sustainable and reliable energy supply.

Are there opportunities for hydro and solar energy in Uganda?

There are still great opportunities for hydro and solar energy. Figure 1 shows Uganda's yearly global irradiation, the total solar radiation incident on a horizontal surface, which reaches at least 1600 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>; nearly all over Uganda and in many parts of the country even above 2000 kWh/m<sup>2</sup>.

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Outages during disasters hamper recovery efforts and mean whole communities can be left without power. Decentralized generation has a role to play in increasing resilience to disasters - in all countries, not just those with energy access challenges. Decentralization means that the entire network is not interrupted when one weak point fails.

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making, and power relations between central and local governments, and between higher and lower local governments. (i) In 1995, the Local Government system was ... To explore the debate on whether decentralisation in Uganda has brought services nearer to the people and indeed strengthened local governance, the paper presents six thematic policy ...

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Fig. 4 shows a map with identified sites for geothermal power generation in Uganda. From the study carried out, three major potential areas including Kibiro, Katwe, and Bulanga were found to have high potential for geothermal power generation with combined estimated power potential of 450 MW. These three area sites are characterized by high ...

Current Power Capacity Mix. Uganda has an installed solar capacity of 24 MW and hydropower capacity of 813 MW. According to the country's nationally determined contribution document updated in September 2022, the total installed generation capacity has grown from 60 MW in 1954 to 1,267.2 MW in 2020 (MEMD, 2020).

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However, the study also highlights challenges faced during the implementation of decentralization, including resource constraints, capacity gaps, and uneven distribution of power.

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In this paper, the resources potential and status of exploitation of renewable based distributed generation in Uganda are investigated. The study covers biomass, hydropower, solar, wind, and geothermal energy resources as well as the existing policies on RE.

The Board of Directors of the African Development Bank (AfDB) approved a project preparation grant of USD 2.3 million to kick-start future investments in decentralized power systems in rural and urban areas in Uganda.

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Uganda's current base power source is the power generated from hydroelectric power stations located at Nalubaale and Kiira Power Stations (formally Owen falls dam) in Jinja. In addition, there are thermal, mini- and micro-hydro power stations scattered around the country, some of which contribute to the national power grid and some that ...

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