

Malawi Energy Internet Ecosystem



AI Overview

Malawi's energy ecosystem is rapidly evolving, combining grid expansion, mini-grids, renewable energy, and digital planning tools to achieve universal energy access by 2030.

Energy Access and Infrastructure

Malawi's energy sector is heavily reliant on biomass, with approximately 94% of energy coming from charcoal and wood fuel . Electricity access remains limited, with only 10% of the population electrified nationally, including 37% in urban areas and just 2% in rural regions . The country's installed electricity capacity was 554.24 MW in 2025, with 18.2% from solar . Hydropower dominates grid-connected generation, primarily along the Shire River, with a total of 351 MW, expected to rise to 369 MW with new projects . Peak demand is around 350 MW, growing at 6% annually, highlighting the need for grid expansion and flexibility .

Renewable Energy and Mini-Grids

Malawi has significant untapped renewable potential, including hydropower, solar, and small-scale mini-grids . Mini-grids are increasingly deployed in remote villages, using solar PV, small hydropower, and hybrid systems, often supported by a mix of grants, loans, and private investment . Successful projects emphasize community involvement, ongoing maintenance, and affordable tariffs, ensuring sustainability and local engagement .

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