
Distributed solar panels in Pakistan

What is the Pakistan distributed solar project?

The Pakistan Distributed Solar Project already uses a GCF-backed guarantee to finance 43 megawatts of solar PV installations for households, agribusinesses and small- and medium-sized enterprises.

Are solar PV systems cost-effective in Pakistan?

"With rapidly decreasing solar panel costs and rising consumer electricity tariffs, distributed solar photovoltaic (PV) systems in Pakistan are becoming increasingly cost-effective," says Haneea Isaad, an Energy Finance Specialist at IEEFA.

How much solar energy did Pakistan import in 2024?

In 2024, Pakistan imported 17 gigawatts (GW) of solar photovoltaic (PV). The country also imported an estimated 1.25 gigawatt-hours (GWh) of lithium-ion battery packs in 2024. These are substantial additions to an energy system with approximately 40 GW of total installed capacity.

How will solar power affect rural Pakistan?

Estimates by experts suggest that half of the tube wells will switch to solar power, adding 5.6 GW to 7.5 GW of distributed PV capacity -- equivalent to 1 million U.S. residential rooftop solar systems. This shift has not only restructured energy in rural Pakistan but also reduced dependence on costly imported diesel.

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In 2024 alone, 22 gigawatts of solar panels were imported -- an astonishing figure given Pakistan's total installed capacity is 46 GW.

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