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Who can benefit from a new off-grid solar scheme in Benin?

Households, smallholders and entrepreneurs in remote locations across Benin will be able to access reliable and cheap electricity for the first time under a new off-grid solar scheme agreed between leading solar energy company ENGIE Energy Access and the European Investment Bank, one of the world's largest financiers of renewable energy.

Who is Engie energy access Benin?

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Are solar home systems a problem for low- and medium-income households?

Clean and sustainable energy sources like solar devices and solar home systems for off-grid households have high up-front costs that present a challenge to low- and medium-income households. ENGIE Energy Access, the leading pay-as-you-go and mini-grids provider in Africa, is offering a solution.

The operation aims at facilitating access to energy for households and micro-entrepreneurs in Benin by financing the design, production, distribution, installation and payment plans of about 107 000 Solar Home Systems.

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Illoulofin Solar Power Station, is a 50 megawatts (67,000 hp) solar power plant in Benin, whose first 25 MW was commissioned on 19 July 2022, and the next 25 MW is under construction and is expected to come online in 2025.

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The Solar Market Garden concept creates a safety net for the dry season, reducing environmental and health vulnerability, and providing a reliable base income for women farmers. To date, there are 11 half-hectare-sized Solar Market Gardens, with 30-40 women working in each.

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Construction launched on 12 November at the 25MWp Forsun Solar PV plant in Pob&#232;, Benin. The project is the result of cooperation between the French Development Agency (AFD), the European Union and the Beninese government to invest almost 16 billion West African Francs (\$25.58 million) into building the solar plant.

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