

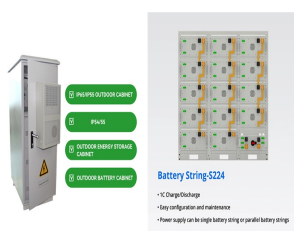
SOLAR ELECTRICITY FOR HOME BENIN



How many households in Benin use off-grid solar? Only 10% of households are currently using off-grid solar products. More than one million households don't have access to modern and sustainable energy in Benin alone, says Hendrik Engelmann-Pilger, a senior economist in the European Investment Bank's energy transition programmes division.



What type of energy is used in Benin? The evolution of the electrical mix of Benin indicates that, in 2020, natural gas was the first form of energy used to produce electrical energy, representing a proportion of 71.63%. Solar photovoltaic (PV) accounts for 0.30% of the mix by form of energy compared with 1.36% in 2016, as shown in Fig. 3.



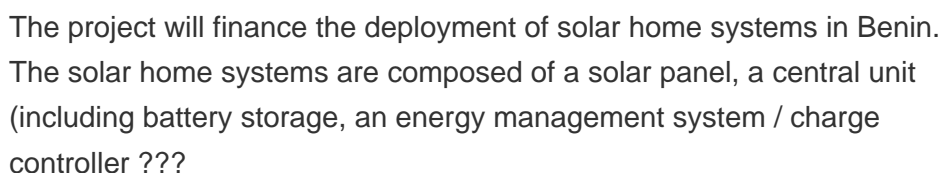
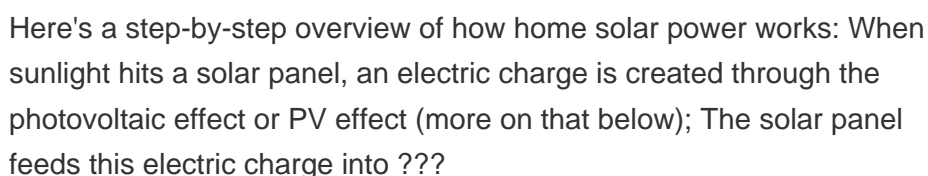
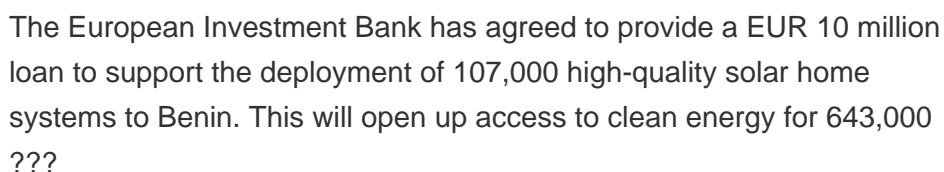
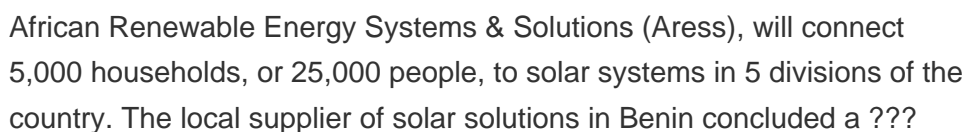
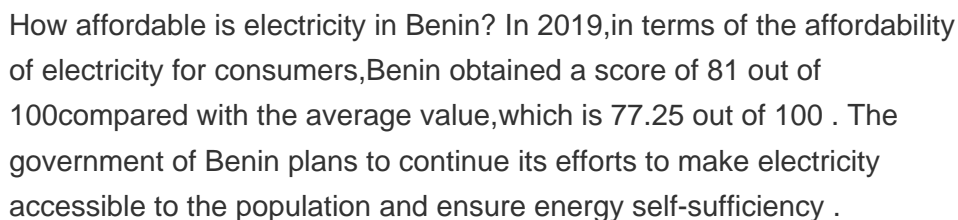
How will a European Investment Bank loan help Benin? The European Investment Bank has agreed to provide a EUR 10 million loan to support the deployment of 107,000 high-quality solar home systems to Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for 643,000 people. The solar home systems include solar panels and battery storage to be sold on Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) contracts.



Which institutions are working to provide access to affordable energy in Benin? Several institutional frameworks in the energy sector in Benin are working to provide access to affordable energy in the country. The ME is the biggest institution of the energy sector, responsible for the management of the energy sector and in charge of the implementation of RE projects.



Who is Engie energy access Benin? The European Investment Bank signed a loan of 10 million to ENGIE Energy Access Benin, a subsidiary of ENGIE, to support the deployment of 107 000 high-quality solar home systems in Benin. This will open up access to clean energy for an estimated 643 000 people in the West African country.



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The SBPE will also buy the solar energy produced by the private operators and sell it to the Soci?t? b?ninoise d'nergie ?lectrique (SBEE), whose main mission will be ???