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Where is Malawi's first solar power plant located?

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What is a Salima solar PV plant?

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Is Malawi ready for a big Hydropower Project?

Several more projects are set to follow, but Malawi is now approaching solar saturation and ready to move on to larger hydropower plants like the 350MW Mpatamanga project on the Shire River. Salima was funded by JCM Power alongside the Private Infrastructure Development Group's InfraCo Africa and FMO.

How many GWh will the Salima solar power plant produce?

The Salima solar plant will be capable of producing 154 GWh per year. The Salima solar power plant is the result of a public-private partnership (PPP) project originally developed by JCM Power Corporation, Matswani, and InfraCo Africa, a Private Infrastructure Development Group (PIDG) company.

How much solar power does Malawi have?

Malawi has 336MW on-grid hydropower capacity, but it is run-of-river with little storage and highly seasonal, making it difficult to use to manage any drops in solar generation. Eskom is having to learn quickly how to manage solar power on the grid.

Is Malawi a good place to invest in solar energy?

"Salima Solar is the first solar PV plant in Malawi to be connected to the national grid. As such, it is a model for future projects in several ways... In particular, it demonstrates that Malawi is an attractive destination for private sector investment in energy," says President Lazarus McCarthy Chakwera at the plant's inauguration ceremony.

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