



Malawi energy storage investment





Overview

The \$16 million project, funded by the Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (Geapp), started in November 2024 and expected to be commissioned in February 2026. Improved electricity reliability will be achieved through the addition of 20MW to the national grid. Minister of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining Jean Mathanga has expressed satisfaction with the progress of Escom Limited's 20 megawatts (MW) Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) Project in Kanengo, Lilongwe. This is GEAPP's first.

WASHINGTON, May 15, 2025— The World Bank Board of Executive Directors today approved a \$350 million grant from the International Development Association (IDA)* to support Malawi's Mpatamanga Hydropower Storage Project (MHSP), a large infrastructure operation aiming to transform the country's energy. Malawi is one of the most energy-poor countries on the planet, with less than 20 percent of the population having access to a reliable source of electricity, and access remaining below 10 percent in rural areas.



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As the first utility-scale plant in the region to use a battery storage system, the project generates energy to the national grid for use by homes and businesses. Its capacity to store up to 10MW of energy is ...

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Our BESS project will provide peak power, support renewable energy integration, and enhance overall grid stability. By harnessing and storing low-cost surplus power and balancing renewable energy ...



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[Malawi's first \\$20mn battery energy storage system](#)

Malawi has taken a significant step towards transforming its energy access and reducing carbon emissions with the launch of a \$20 million Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) project in



[GEAPP, Government of Malawi launch the construction of 20 MW ...](#)

The Malawi BESS project aligns with the COP29 Presidency's Global Energy Storage and Grids Pledge, targeting a sixfold increase in energy storage to 1500GW and significant grid ...

[Escom's 20MW battery energy storage project ready Feb 2026](#)

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" Once operational, this project will help drive long-term energy security and support lasting, inclusive economic growth. Energy access is fundamental to reducing poverty, fostering ...



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Investment in the energy sector is expected to boost economic growth in Malawi, with the government committing to support the \$16 million BESS Project to meet its February 2026 ...



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Malawi is taking a bold step toward a more resilient and future-ready energy system, as the Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Mining, together with ESCOM Limited, reports major ...

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The BESS project is expected to set the stage for further investments in renewable energy and energy storage solutions. As Malawi embarks on this transformative journey, the hope is ...





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