Power Africa is a U.S. Government-led partnership, coordinated by USAID, that brings together the collective resources of over 200 public and private sector partners to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.

Since 2013, Power Africa has helped deliver new or improved electricity to more than 190 million people across sub-Saharan Africa. Power Africa-supported projects are generating more than 6,600 MW of new, cleaner and more reliable electricity, helping to mitigate climate change and end energy poverty. In 2022, Power Africa-supported renewable energy projects helped avoid 7.7 million tons of CO₂ emissions, the equivalent of burning 8.5 billion pounds of coal.

**Our Goals**

- **Add more than 30,000 MW** of cleaner and more reliable electricity generation capacity
- **Connect 60 MILLION** new homes and businesses to power by 2030
- **Improve lives for over 590 MILLION** by powering health, education, and prosperity

**How We Work**

Power Africa partners with African governments, the private sector, international organizations, NGOs, and bilateral and multilateral donors to stimulate investment in sub-Saharan Africa’s energy sector.

Our unique approach is defined by:

- **Transaction Focus:** By addressing the critical barriers that hinder progress of a particular deal, we create a ripple effect for other deals facing similar issues in the country.
- **On-the-Ground Support:** Power Africa’s in-country advisors identify the technical, financial, and political solutions needed to facilitate faster access to power.
- **Working Beyond the Grid:** With numerous investors and partners committed to finding small-scale and off-grid renewable energy solutions, Power Africa is providing millions of people access to reliable and sustainable electricity for the first time.
- **Bridging the Financing Gap:** Power Africa’s aim is to de-risk investments to enable public and private investors to fund projects that drive systemic reforms.
- **African-led Reform:** Power Africa works with African governments to fill critical skills gaps, drive reforms, and build and maintain power sectors for generations to come.
- **Empowering and Powering Women:** Power Africa supports projects, programs and policies that strive to reduce gender inequalities and promote engagement of both men and women.

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1 GHG figures derived from cleartool.org and epa.gov.
OUR PRIORITIES

Ending Energy Poverty

Accelerating a Carbon-Free Future

Bolstering U.S. and African Private Sector Innovation

Since 2013:

- 42 countries have received Power Africa assistance
- 46 transaction advisors and embedded advisors deployed in 40+ countries
- 7.7 MILLION tons of CO₂ emissions avoided annually
- 149 transactions supported by Power Africa reached financial close
- 14,100 MW reached financial close
- 88 power projects commissioned and operational
- 6,600 MW of cleaner and more reliable electricity online
- 7,665 KM of power lines reached financial close
- 39.6 MILLION new or improved connections to homes and businesses on and off the grid
- 190 MILLION new beneficiaries gained access to electricity through Power Africa assistance

79% of financially closed transactions are based on renewable energy technologies

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