Power Africa is a U.S. Government-led partnership, coordinated by USAID, that brings together the collective resources of over 170 public and private sector partners to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2013, Power Africa has helped deliver first-time electricity to nearly 159 million people across sub-Saharan Africa. Power Africa-supported projects are generating more than 6,000 MW of new, cleaner and more reliable electricity, helping to mitigate climate change and end energy poverty. In 2021, Power Africa-supported renewable energy projects helped avoid 6.2 million tons of CO$_2$ emissions, the equivalent of burning 6.8 billion pounds of coal.¹

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<td><strong>Add more than 30,000 MW</strong> of cleaner and more reliable electricity generation capacity</td>
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**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.

¹ GHG figures derived from cleartool.org and epa.gov.
Since 2013:

- 145 transactions supported by Power Africa reached financial close
- 13,952 MW reached financial close
- 83 power projects commissioned and operational
- 6,222 MW of cleaner and more reliable electricity online
- 33.2 MILLION new connections to homes and businesses on and off the grid
- 6,222 MW of transmission lines reached financial close
- 3,565 KM of transmission lines reached financial close
- 158.9 MILLION new beneficiaries gained access to electricity through Power Africa assistance
- 6.2 MILLION tons of CO₂ emissions avoided annually
- 40 countries have received Power Africa assistance
- 70+ transaction advisors and embedded advisors deployed in 20 countries

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76% of financially closed transactions are based on renewable energy technologies.