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# POWER AFRICA

## A U.S. GOVERNMENT-LED PARTNERSHIP

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**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 delivered first-time electricity to **118.5 million** people across sub-Saharan Africa and connected more than **25 million** homes and businesses to on- and off-grid energy solutions.

Through Power Africa assistance, **134** power projects reached financial close, representing more than **12,000** megawatts (MW). Of these, 60 are now online and generating more than 4,800 MW of cleaner and more reliable electricity, helping to mitigate climate change and end energy poverty on the continent.

### 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  
**580 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.



## OUR PRIORITIES



**POWER  
GENERATION**



**ON- AND OFF-GRID  
CONNECTIONS**

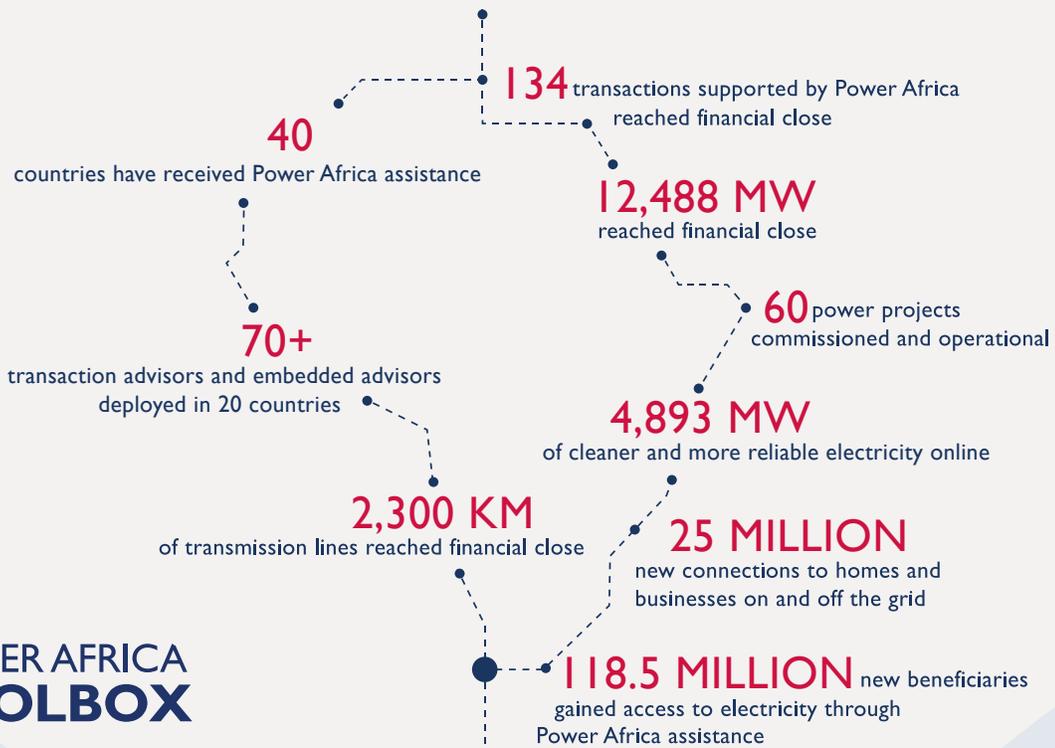


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INVESTMENT**

Since 2013:



### POWER AFRICA TOOLBOX



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Lights On!

**77%**

of financially closed transactions are based on renewable energy technologies



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