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POWER AFRICA

A U.S. GOVERNMENT-LED PARTNERSHIP

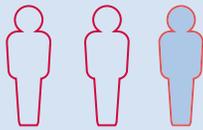
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Power Africa is a U.S. Government-led partnership, coordinated by USAID, that brings together the collective resources of over 170 public and private sector partners to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.

Since its launch in 2013, Power Africa has connected nearly **17 million** homes and businesses to on- and off-grid solutions, bringing first-time electricity to **77 million** people across sub-Saharan Africa.

Power Africa has helped bring **124** power generation deals to financial close with a generation capacity of over **11,052** megawatts (MW) and a value of over \$22 billion. Of these deals, **46** are operational and generating nearly **4,000 MW** of new and more reliable electricity.

POWER AFRICA'S GOAL



2/3
people in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to electricity



Add more than
30,000 MW
of new electricity generation capacity



Connect
60 MILLION
new homes and businesses to power by 2030

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.



70+
Expert
Advisors
operating in
20 Countries

The Power Africa partnership now includes **178** of the world's leading companies, multilateral development agencies, and partner governments

OUR PRIORITIES



POWER GENERATION

- Providing in-country transaction advisory to help projects reach financial close
- Tracking 700 projects with 40,000 MW of potential generation capacity



ON- AND OFF-GRID CONNECTIONS

- Supporting 250+ private solar home system and mini-grid providers in 18 countries
- Advancing rural electrification and grid densification with African government partner



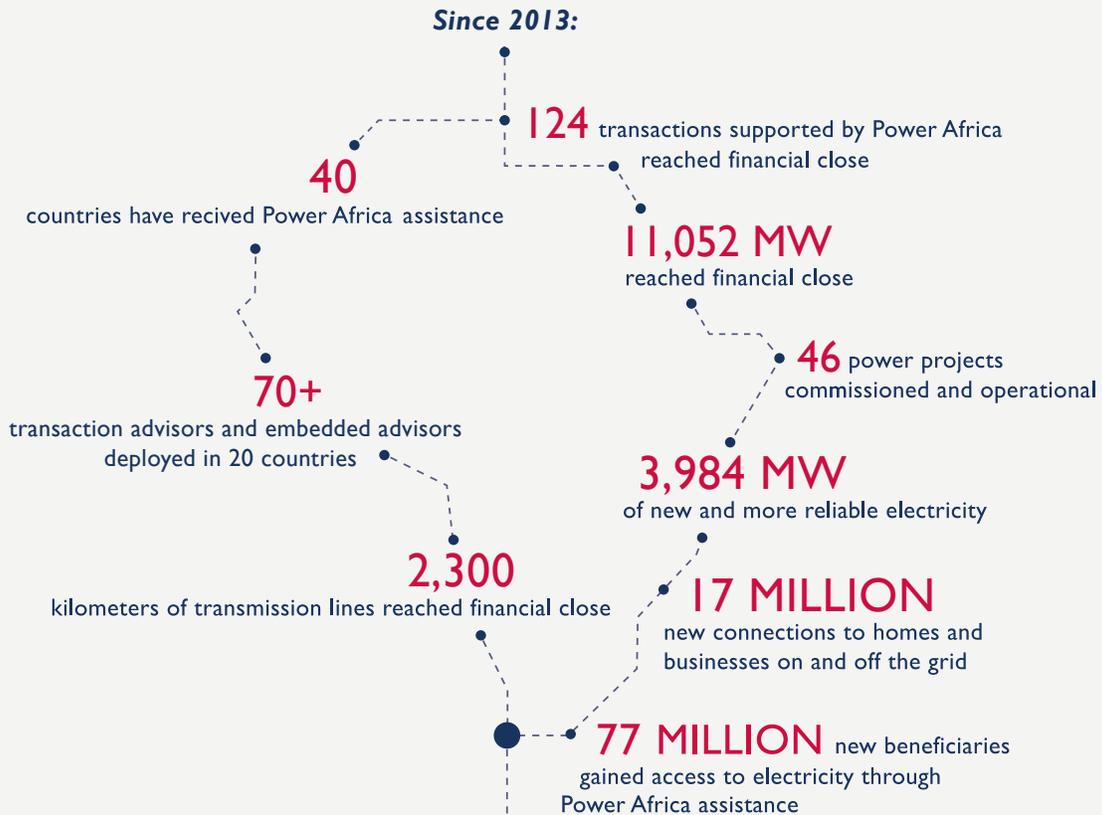
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

- Financing transmission infrastructure and unlocking cross-border electricity trade
- Strengthening distribution companies and modernizing power grids



TRADE & INVESTMENT

- De-risking investment opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa's energy sector
- Opening markets for U.S. businesses eager to expand into Africa



Lights On!