

# **Zambia grid-side energy storage project**



## Overview

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**Key Figures & Findings:** Zambia has commenced construction on the first phase of a 100 MW solar and battery energy storage project in Choma District as part of its broader goal to add 1,000 MW of new capacity to the national grid by the end of 2025. Can battery storage be used with solar photovoltaics in Zambia?

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Will Zambia increase its solar power capacity by 2030?

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How much does a solar battery cost in Zambia?

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How much power does Zambia have in 2021?

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