Solar Energy in Sub Saharan Africa

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Sub Saharan Africa (SSA)





BP Energy Outlook, 2020; Tomala et al., 2021

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Energy use per Person



(World Bank, 2021)



Situation in SSA

- Expensive to import fossil fuels
- Exposed to fossil fuel price swings
- Twice as much as people from other parts of the world

Increase in Carbon emissions Climate Change

- Despite having 15% of the world's population, Sub-Saharan Africa contributes only 5% of global greenhouse gas emissions
- 2-4% annual loss in GDP due to shortages
- Population growth = electricity demand is expected to grow by 3%

Solar Power in SSA

- High levels of solar radiation Greater than the average worldwide
- Dezentralised Photovoltaic power rural areas
 - Does not require connection to national grid
- Developing solar energy can help economic growth and job creation

Potential to contribute to the achievement of SDGs:

- SDG 7 everyone can access modern, affordable, reliable, and sustainable energy
- SDG 13 Climate Change Mitigation



Research Question

How can the challenges that inhibit the implementation of Solar Energy in Sub Saharan Africa be overcome

Assessment Methodology



Data classification

To categorise and summarise the results of the literature review

categorised challenges into 4 domains (social, political, technical and financial)

(Kittel & Kuehn , 2012)

Assessment Methodology



- → Identify causal relationships
- → used in qualitative research
- → used to propose an intervention that could solve the challenges in the long run
 - Education intervention to overcome the challenges
- → evaluates the effectiveness of solutions by tracing the process of applying solutions to identified difficulties and reviewing progress in implementation

Limitations:

- Lack of data
- Difficult to generalise the findings each country is unique

Model of Structural Challenges

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES

- Social
- Challenges
- Education
- Utilisation

- Political Challenges
- Corruption
- Accountability

Model of Practical Challenges

STRUCTURAL CHALLENGES PRACTICAL CHALLENGES

Social Challenges Education Utilisation Technical Challenges Infrastructure

Human Resources

Political Challenges Corruption Accountability

Financial Challenges

- High Risk
- Inconsistent

Disclaimer about the model!

- Oversimplification
- Some of the relationships have not been tested for statistically significance
- Cannot be directly translated to the development of particular countries

Education as Intervention:

Goal:

To achieve self-sufficiency and an efficient installation of decentralised Solar energy system in rural areas

Type of intervention: Bottom-Up approach

Details about the Intervention





Benefits of the NGOs intervention

(Mohammed et al. 2013; Bishoge et al. 2020, Chirambo, 2018; Adenle 2020)



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Long-run Institutional Benefits

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Thank You for listening!

Do You have any Questions?

We would be very happy to get some Feedback from You!

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