

What is the storage capacity of strategic reserves in Botswana?

Botswana's strategic reserves storage is also not yet up to international standard; storage capacity is approximately 18 days compared to the international standard strategic storage capacity of 90 days. Commercial buffer stock stands at less than five days of national consumption compared to the international standard of 14 days cover.

How is Botswana strengthening its exporting capacity?

To strengthen Botswana's exporting capacity, the GoB is investing in national and regional grid infrastructure, as well as refurbishment of general transmission infrastructure. Botswana Power Corporation (BPC)'s rural electrification program is still ongoing, and this covers new connections and expansion in some villages.

How much solar energy does Botswana use?

Botswana has tremendous potential for solar energy utilization, with an annual Direct Normal Irradiation equivalent of 3,000 kWh/m² in most parts of the country, with an average insolation on a horizontal surface of 21 MJ/m².

Does Botswana have a good electricity supply?

According to Statistics Botswana, local electricity generation and distribution has showed a slight improvement, increasing by 10.2 percent from 807,943 MWh during the fourth quarter of 2022 to 890,655 MWh during the first quarter of 2023. The increase was attributable to the performance improvement of Morupule A and B power stations.

How much power does Botswana generate a year?

There are two diesel operating stations - Orapa and Matshelegabedi, which serve the primary function of emergency power supply or when the Morupule plants are undergoing planned maintenance (BPC 2020) (Fig. 2). Taking a deeper look at historical power generation figures, Botswana's annual generation has plateaued around the 3700-4000 GWh range.

What is Botswana's energy policy?

Botswana's energy policy is anchored on three key aspects - increasing access to electricity through the Rural Electrification Project, security, and stabilization of the power supply, and onboarding Independent Power Producers, especially within the Solar PV sector (BPC 2020).

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