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#### What is M-kopa Solar?

In just under three years M-KOPA Solar has provided affordable energy to over 200,000 homes in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. They have been so successful that in some cases those who were previously off grid have been supplying power to people on the main electrical grid during the frequent power outages.

#### Can M-kopa Solar provide cheap solar power to rural homes?

This article is more than 8 years old. Using the pay-as-you-go model popularised by mobile phones, a remarkable Kenyan company, M-Kopa Solar, is providing rent-to-own solar energy products that will help provide cheap solar power to rural homes.

#### Is M-Kopa a kerosene-free energy provider?

M-Kopa -- which calls itself " the world's leading pay-as-you-go energy provider to off-grid homes" -- estimates it has saved \$206-million for the 300,000 households and businesses that use its products, while giving them 34 million hours of kerosene-free lighting a month.

#### What is included in the M-Kopa IV solar home system?

The M-Kopa IV Solar Home System includes a solar panel, control unit, three low-energy LED light bulbs (one of which is a portable, rechargeable torch) and a rechargeable radio. The control unit also has a USB port for charging cellphones.

#### How does M-Kopa work?

The M-KOPA systems are bought for a small price, and customers purchase daily credit using M-Pesa's mobile money payment system. After a year each customer owns their system outright and they no longer have to pay for power.

#### Where is M-Kopa based?

M-Kopa expanded from its east African base to Nigeriain 2021 and has more recently started operations in Ghana. It is testing the market in South Africa and also running pilot projects to finance electric motorbikes as part of a new e-mobility strategy.

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Last year, Jesse Moore, M-KOPA CEO and Co-founder said the firm would expand to more markets across Africa and scale to over 10 million customers in the next few years. South Africa thus represents M-KOPA''s

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