

# Distributed solar panels in Pakistan



## Overview

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As electricity prices doubled from 2021 to 2024, and Chinese solar panel manufacturers with manufacturing overcapacity cut prices, [4] Pakistanis have taken to installing solar panels around the country, importing \$1.4 billion of panels from China in the first half. BLUF: Pakistan's distributed solar boom is providing cheaper power to thousands of households and businesses. But it's also threatening to destabilize the grid and deepen energy sector debt. Rather than discouraging distributed solar adoption through aggressive regulatory measures, Pakistan needs. Pakistan has emerged as one of the world's fastest-growing solar markets, importing around 50 GW of panels amid falling prices and widespread adoption across sectors — but comprehensive data on actual installations remains limited.

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### The Solar Revolution: Transforming Pakistan's National Grid

His story mirrors a transformative wave sweeping Pakistan, where large-scale adoption of distributed solar power, fueled by high grid tariffs and frequent blackouts, is reshaping the

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### Pakistan's Solar Revolution Is Bringing Power to the People

Fed up with pricey electricity from an unreliable grid, Pakistanis have snapped up cheap solar panels. In an interview, Muhammad Mustafa Amjad, of Islamabad-based Renewables First, ...



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Solar power became part of the energy mix in 2013, following government policies aimed at supporting renewable energy development. The country now has seven large-scale solar projects that

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By revising tariffs, modernizing distribution models, enabling new market actors like virtual power plants, and investing in targeted win-win pro-poor solar programs and grid upgrades, Pakistan can utilize its ...

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o Photovoltaic (PV) Solar Panels: The primary type of solar energy technology being adopted in Pakistan due to low price and ease of installation. In 2025, Pakistan had 689 certified PV installers who completed approximately 143,222 solar PV system installations from July to February of that year.

o Beaconhouse installed the first integrated solar energy system with a 10 kW power generation capacity capable of grid tie-in at Beaconhouse Canal Side Campus, Lahore. It was a pilot project for BSS designed by U.S. co...

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### Pakistan Advances Distributed Solar Revolution - Peak Point

A landmark national study presented in Islamabad has redefined the scale of Pakistan's rooftop energy movement, showing more than 33 gigawatts of

distributed solar capacity across the ...

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### **The Perfect Storm Fueling Pakistan's Solar Boom**

One of the most profound yet under-acknowledged dimensions of Pakistan's solar boom is how it's facilitated energy access after 60 years of trying to do this with subsidized fossil fuels.

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### **Pakistan Aggregated Distributed Solar Capacity**

To access additional data, including a downloadable dataset, and summary data, please visit the Global Solar Power Tracker on the Global Energy Monitor website.

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### **Distributed solar market holds estimated Rs800b in untapped lending**

The distributed solar market in Pakistan's three major cities alone, Karachi, Lahore, and Islamabad,



represents approximately Rs800 billion (\$ 2.8 billion) in near-term lending potential under ...

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## Shining a light on Pakistan's solar boom

The emergence of Pakistan as the largest importer of solar panels in 2024 is a testament to the rapid growth of the solar industry in the country.

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## Shedding light on Pakistan's distributed solar revolution

Imports of solar panels to Pakistan in the first half of 2025 have nearly reached the total capacity imported in all of 2024. This reflects a clear change in Pakistan's energy mix, with a growing ...

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