

## Solar Energy South Africa

# Microgrid launch time



## Overview

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What is a microgrid & how does it work?

A microgrid is a group of interconnected loads and distributed energy resources that acts as a single controllable entity with respect to the grid. It can connect and disconnect from the grid to operate in grid-connected or island mode. Microgrids can improve customer reliability and resilience to grid disturbances.

What are advanced microgrids?

Advanced microgrids enable local power generation assets—including traditional generators, renewables, and storage—to keep the local grid running even when the larger grid experiences interruptions or, for remote areas, where there is no connection to the larger grid.

What happens if a microgrid goes down?

Microgrids can provide power to important facilities and communities using their distributed generation assets when the main grid goes down. Because electrical grids are run near critical capacity, a seemingly innocuous problem in a small part of the system can lead to a domino effect that takes down an entire electrical grid .

What is a microgrid control system?

Microgrid control systems: typically, microgrids are managed through a central controller that coordinates distributed energy resources, balances electrical loads, and is responsible for disconnection and reconnection of the microgrid to the main grid. Load: the amount of electricity consumed by customers.

What happens if a microgrid is grid-connected?

If the microgrid is grid-connected (i.e., connected to the main electric grid), then the community can draw power from the main electric grid to

supplement its own generation as needed or sell power back to the main electric grid when it is generating excess power.

Can microgrids bring electricity to all?

Most generate their own power using renewable energy like wind and solar. In power outages when the main electricity grid fails, microgrids can keep going. They can also be used to provide power in remote areas. A nun in the Democratic Republic of Congo is showing the world how microgrids can bring electricity to all.

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