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Overview

Are onsite generators a viable option for mining companies in Mali?

Many companies resort to onsite generators to power their activities, though this is an expensive solution that is difficult to execute at scale. The unreliable electrical grid is the main barrier to the development of the mining sector, one of Mali's most important industries.

Why is energy du Mali struggling with load shedding?

Power generation is limited (Annex A.17), forcing Energie du Mali (EDM, the power utility) to have recourse to frequent load shedding. EDM's difficulties stem from the discrepancy between the average price (CFAF96 per kWh) and the power production cost (CFAF130 per kWh) in 2019.

What is the power access rate in Mali?

The national power access rate was 50% in 2019 (compared to 36.11% in 2015). The problem is particularly acute in rural areas with 21.12% access rate in 2019 (compared to 15.75% in 2015). Power generation is limited (Annex A.17), forcing Energie du Mali (EDM, the power utility) to have recourse to frequent load shedding.

How is energy used in Mali?

Total energy supply (TES) includes all the energy produced in or imported to a country, minus that which is exported or stored. It represents all the energy required to supply end users in the country.

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Is Mali getting a mini-grid?

In recent years, the rate of access to electricity in Mali has surpassed 25%, thanks to a public focus on mini-grid solutions. The government of Mali now plans to increase hybridisation of its mini-grids by adding PV capacity to diesel power plants.

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