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# West Africa BESS Telecom Energy Storage Project



## Overview

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Lilongwe, Malawi | 25th November 2024 — The Global Energy Alliance for People and Planet (GEAPP) and the Government of Malawi have officially launched the construction of a 20 MW battery energy storage system (BESS) at the Kanengo substation in Malawi's capital city, Lilongwe. Will Bess provide frequency response services in West Africa?

The project is the first BESS to provide frequency response services in West Africa, the companies claimed. Image: Africa REN. Finance institutions FMO and PIDG will finance a first battery storage project in Senegal dedicated to frequency regulation, the first in the region, project developer Africa REN claimed.

Is this the first battery storage project in West Africa?

The developer claimed it is the first battery storage project in West Africa dedicated to frequency regulation, and will provide stability to the local grid in the face of limited spinning reserves and intermittent renewable generation.

Will a Bess co-locate with a wind farm?

There have been various reports about a 160-175MWh BESS co-located with a wind farm, for which a feasibility study was announced in 2021, but no firm project announcement has come since. GMO and PIDG will finance a battery energy storage project in Senegal, the 'first dedicated to frequency regulation' in the region.

When will Senegal's Bess project start?

The BESS is expected to begin construction in early 2024 at the Tobène substation in Thies and is expected to become operational in 2025. Once completed, the system will be one of the largest of its kind in West Africa and will help Senegal avoid approximately 37,000 tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions each year. Have you read?

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What is the Malawi Bess project?

The Malawi BESS project will guide the scale-up of BESS projects in the Consortium's participating countries. To alleviate energy poverty by 2030 and save a gigaton of CO<sub>2</sub> in low and middle-income countries, it is estimated that 90 GW of BESS must be developed to support the required 400 GW of renewable energy.

How big is Africa Ren's solar project?

Although the financing announcement didn't spell out the size of the project, Africa REN's project page says it combines 16MW of solar PV and a 10MW/20MWh battery energy storage system (BESS). It will use lithium-ion batteries while the remainder of the project combines monocrystalline modules, a single axis tracker system and string inverters.

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## South Africa: Key contracts for 'Africa's largest standalone BESS





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