

Solar Energy South Africa

Analysis of solar power generation for poor households



Overview

Does photovoltaic poverty alleviation policy reduce household energy poverty?

The impact of photovoltaic poverty alleviation policy (PPAP) on household energy poverty is empirically investigated. The panel data of a tracking survey from 2010 to 2018 is used, and the high-dimensional fixed effect model is employed. PPAP contributed positively to alleviating household energy poverty.

Are solar panels a solution to energy poverty?

The use of solar panels can address the power dimension of local residents' energy poverty and lower the threshold for farmers to use clean energy, which in turn improves their household energy use patterns (Djanibekov and Gaur, 2018).

How does solar PV affect household adoption?

Qureshi et al. claim that a high level of generation enables households to switch more appliances to using solar PV, consequently increasing the likelihood of adoption. Panos and Margelous suggest that a household's ability to efficiently use energy generated from solar PV also plays a role in adoption.

Can solar photovoltaic projects help alleviate poverty in rural areas?

Nature Communications 11, Article number: 1969 (2020) Cite this article Since 2013, China has implemented a large-scale initiative to systematically deploy solar photovoltaic (PV) projects to alleviate poverty in rural areas.

Are low-quality solar panels a problem for rural residents?

However, rural residents are at a disadvantage in these communications. Their education levels tend to be lower and they have less access to information. Therefore, when solar installation companies use low-quality PV

panels, households often cannot identify the problem. The low-quality panels reduce the power generation and income.

How does abundance of solar resources affect household income?

Abundant solar resources in a region indicate high PV power generation ability. We expect this variable to have a positive effect on local household income. Both sunlight exposure and average solar radiation are the indicators measuring the abundance of natural conditions.

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