

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# North Korea s new energy solar photovoltaic panels



## Overview

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Does North Korea have solar energy?

In this second installment of our series on North Korea's energy sector, we will examine the evolution of solar energy in the state's energy plans and policies. Hydropower still makes up the bulk of the country's renewable energy generation, but solar has become increasingly important over the past decade.

Is solar a good idea for North Korea?

Introduction of Solar to North Korea's Energy Mix The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK or North Korea) appears to have identified the benefits of harnessing renewable energy in the mid-2000s.

How many solar panels are there in North Korea?

The Korea Energy Economics Institute in Seoul estimates that 2.88mn solar panels, mostly small units used to power electronic devices and LED lamps, are now in use across North Korea, accounting for an estimated 7 per cent of household power demand.

Where is photovoltaic power available in North Korea?

Based purely on sunlight, the most suitable areas of North Korea are across the mountain ranges that make up most of the interior of the country. Figure 1. Practical photovoltaic power potential across North Korea. Image: Aditi Sharma/38 North Global Solar Atlas 2.0.

Are solar power plants a viable alternative to hydropower in North Korea?

Unlike major hydropower projects in North Korea—some of which have taken upwards of 40 years to complete, solar power plants can be set up relatively quickly to serve both local needs and feed excess energy into the grid.

Can solar power solve North Korea's energy problems?

Jeong-hyeon, a North Korean escapee, told the Financial Times that many residents in Hamhung, the second-most populous city, “relied on a solar panel, a battery and a power generator to light their houses and power their television”. But solar power is still only a partial solution to the country’s energy woes.

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