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# POWER AFRICA

## A U.S. GOVERNMENT-LED PARTNERSHIP

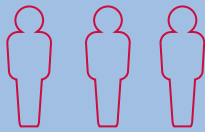
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Power Africa is a U.S. Government-led partnership, coordinated by USAID, that brings together the collective resources of over 150 public and private sector partners to double access to electricity in sub-Saharan Africa.

Since its launch in 2013, Power Africa has connected nearly **18 million** homes and businesses to on- and off-grid solutions, bringing first-time electricity to **82 million** people across sub-Saharan Africa.

Power Africa has helped bring **124** power generation deals to financial close with a generation capacity of over **11,000** megawatts (MW) and a value of over \$22 billion. Of these deals, **47** are operational and generating more than **4,000 MW** of new and more reliable electricity.

### POWER AFRICA'S GOAL



**2/3**  
people in sub-Saharan Africa lack access to electricity



Add more than  
**30,000 MW**  
of new electricity generation capacity



Connect  
**60 MILLION**  
new homes and businesses to power by 2030

### HOW WE WORK

Power Africa partners with African governments, the private sector, international organizations, NGOs, and bilateral and multilateral donors to stimulate investment in sub-Saharan Africa's energy sector.

#### Our unique approach is defined by:



**Transaction Focus:** By addressing the critical barriers that hinder progress of a particular deal, we create a ripple effect for other deals facing similar issues in the country.



**On-the-Ground Support:** Power Africa's in-country advisors identify the technical, financial, and political solutions needed to facilitate faster access to power.



**Working Beyond the Grid:** With numerous investors and partners committed to finding small-scale and off-grid renewable energy solutions, Power Africa is providing millions of people access to reliable and sustainable electricity for the first time.



**Bridging the Financing Gap:** Power Africa's aim is to de-risk investments to enable public and private investors to fund projects that drive systemic reforms.



**African-led Reform:** Power Africa works with African governments to fill critical skills gaps, drive reforms, and build and maintain power sectors for generations to come.



**Empowering and Powering Women:** Power Africa supports projects, programs and policies that strive to reduce gender inequalities and promote engagement of both men and women.



The Power Africa partnership now includes over **150** of the world's leading companies, multilateral development agencies, and partner governments

### OUR PRIORITIES



#### POWER GENERATION

- Providing in-country transaction advisory to help projects reach financial close
- Tracking 700 projects with 40,000 MW of potential generation capacity



#### ON- AND OFF-GRID CONNECTIONS

- Supporting 250+ private solar home system and mini-grid providers in 18 countries
- Advancing rural electrification and grid densification with African government partner



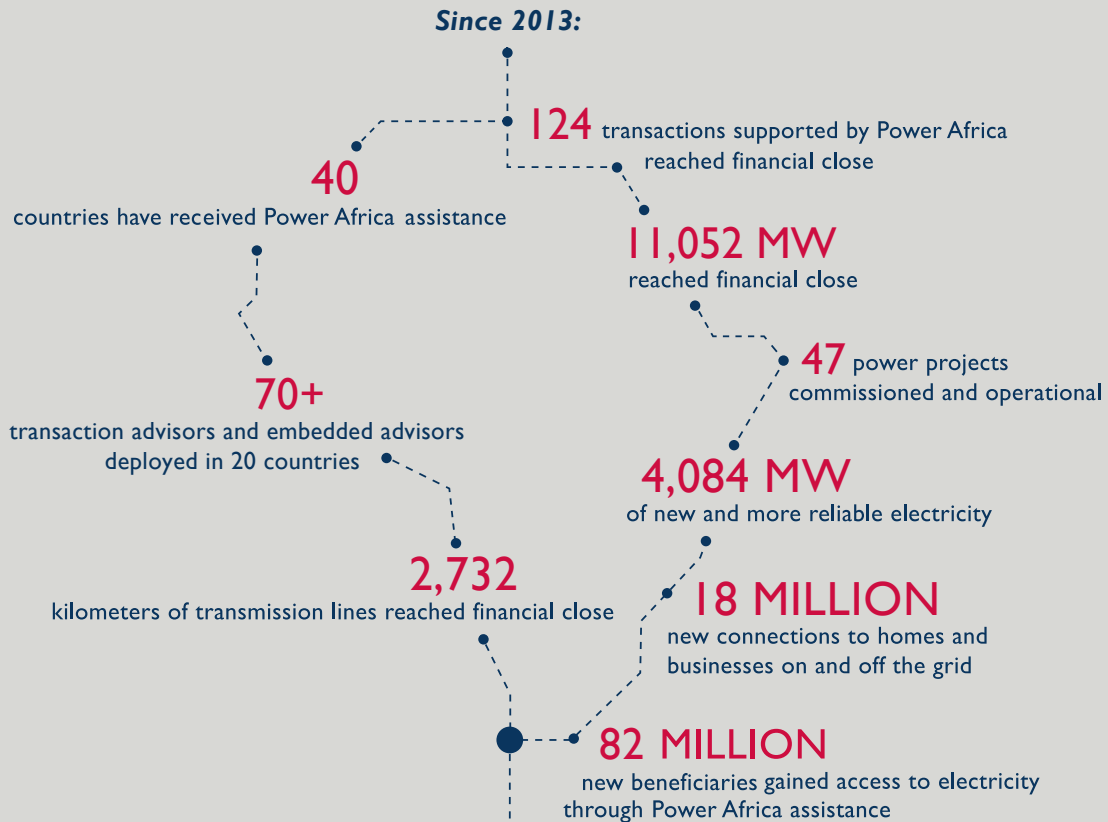
#### TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION

- Financing transmission infrastructure and unlocking cross-border electricity trade
- Strengthening distribution companies and modernizing power grids



#### TRADE & INVESTMENT

- De-risking investment opportunities in sub-Saharan Africa's energy sector
- Opening markets for U.S. businesses eager to expand into Africa



**Lights On!**