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model OnSSET to estimate granular and spatially explicit leveled costs of electricity and costs per person per day (pp/d) for 40 countries in SSA. We find that solar-powered mini-grids and standalone systems drastically lower the cost of electrifying remote and high-cost areas, particularly for lower tiers of electrification.

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We find that solar-powered mini-grids and standalone systems drastically lower the cost of electrifying remote and high-cost areas, particularly for lower tiers of electrification. On average, least-cost electrification in SSA at Tier 3 (ca. 365 kWh/household/year) can be provided at 14c USD/kWh or 7c USD pp/d.

Why does least-cost electrification happen via grid densification?

We further observe that the LCOE is similar across tiers for the first 30% of the unelectrified population because these people live in urban or peri-urban areas with existing grid connections. Hence, least-cost electrification takes place via grid densification, which serves different tiers at similar cost.

What is the cost to electrify with a grid?

The leveled cost of electricity (LCOE) to electrify with grid only increases dramatically at around 500 million people. Adding MG and SAS can further reduce the LCOE.

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Shipping container transport costs range from \$1,500 to \$15,000 based on size, route, and market conditions. Fuel costs, route distance, container type, and demand affect prices the most.

Fitting out shipping containers to provide switchgear housings for solar power has resulted in electricity reaching remote parts of Eritrea for the first time.

This study seeks to explore the effectiveness of employing foldable containers (FLDs) in liner shipping to

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reduce relocation and the empty containers and bunker costs (BCs) ...

Currently the database comprises detailed of cost of 53 mini grids in Asia and Africa. This chart shows some of the cost categories and the number of mini grids in each case for which we ...

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The platform shows which mix of technologies (centralized grid-connection, different types of mini-grids or stand-alone PV) can supply electricity at the lowest cost in different scenarios.

These results suggest that reaching SDG7 does not lead to excessive access costs if policymakers make use of available off-grid technologies where these can reduce costs ...

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