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Could a mini-grid be more profitable in Namibia?
Sufficient training in the context of entrepreneurial activities of Namibian communities could have led to a more profitableoperation of the mini-grid through better use of daytime solar power and better use of energy-efficient equipment.

Why is off-grid design important in Namibia?
Therefore,the design of the guiding principles for off-grid installations under off-grid policies will play a crucial role in the future development of new mini-grids in other remote areas of Namibia. This will contribute to Namibia's efforts to reduce the number of non-electrified regionsin the country,thus advancing toward SDG 7.

Which Namibian off-grid locations have a national and Regional Challenge?
Both national and regional challenges are exemplified by two off-grid locations in northeastern Namibia: Gam and Tsumkwe. While challenges are described in detail in the following sections,a general objection is maintaining balance between the triangle of government,community and investors.

Can off-grid solutions improve energy independence in Namibia?
Fostering current endeavors to increase the dissemination of solar energy supply through the uptake of off-grid solutions is therefore an essential step not only toward greater energy independence,but also toward lower national electricity prices. The Namibian electricity supply industry started a transformation process in the 2000s.

Does Namibia have a power grid?
Most un-electrified areas in Namibia are far away from the national grid and considered to have low population densities or highly dispersed settlements. Hence,it is often neither technically nor economically viableto provide access to modern energy services using the utility grid connection (Ministry of Mines and Energy 2017a).

Should Namibia decentralize the electricity sector?
The current institutional landscape of the electricity sector in Namibia is,however,still structured in a rather hierarchical way. It might therefore be expedient to decentralize the sectorand vertically integrate a dedicated body responsible for off-grid electrification.

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This new system with a PV capacity of 26kWp shall serve as a decentralized expansion of the undersized mini-grid. Apart from stabilising the mini-grid and serving the school"s electricity needs, the PV-battery-system will provide relevant data for the researchers to analyse the interaction between the main mini-grid and the decentralised new ...

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