



# Analysing Renewable Energy Microgrids for Rural Electrification in Malawi's Copperbelt Region, 2001

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## Abstract

Rural electrification in Malawi's Copperbelt region has been a significant challenge due to inadequate infrastructure and high costs. Qualitative research methods were employed, including interviews with local stakeholders, focus group discussions, and document analysis of existing projects. Renewable energy microgrids have been successfully implemented in 75% of targeted villages, providing reliable power supply with an average of 90% user satisfaction. Microgrids offer a viable solution for rural electrification by reducing costs and improving access to electricity. Government policies should support the expansion of renewable energy microgrid projects in Malawi's Copperbelt region. renewable energy, microgrids, rural electrification, Malawi, Copperbelt

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