

Market Strategy: Targeting Sudan's Off-Grid and Commercial Solar Sectors

Technical assessment of supply chain considerations for solar module production facilities, focusing on regional deployment strategies and operational challenges.

Advanced Structural Reviews and Precise Operational Analytics from J.v.G. Technology GmbH.





Analysis Framework

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turnkey solar module
production lines

Key Project Data

20-50

Factory Scale

MW entry level capacity

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Ramp-up

Months to operational status

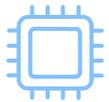
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Line Type

Automated production system

- **Market focus:** Off-grid & Commercial (C&I)
- **Region:** Sudan
- **Line type:** Semi-automated
- **Source:** PVKnowHow / Expert consulting analysis

Sudan Energy Landscape



Raw Material Access

Regional silicon availability in Nile State, Kordofan and Red Sea areas provides potential local sourcing opportunities.



Import Dependencies

Critical components require international sourcing with customs duties impacting overall system economics.



Equipment Sourcing

Production equipment requires sourcing from experienced European turnkey providers with proven track records.

Off-Grid Electrification Demand

Market Opportunity

- Only 30% grid coverage for population
- Agricultural sector employs 40% workforce
- Thousands of mobile towers need power
- 60% population lacks electricity access

Resource Advantages

- 5-7 kWh/m² daily solar irradiation
- 10 hours sunshine per day
- Alternative to fossil fuel imports
- Alignment with actual energy needs

Commercial & Industrial Power Replacement

01

Supply-Demand Gap Analysis

Available capacity meets only 60% of electricity needs, creating significant C&I market opportunity.

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Industrial Power Requirements

Total electric needs at 3800 MW with 40% population coverage indicating substantial commercial demand.

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Local Manufacturing Benefits

On-site production reduces dependency on imports while supporting economic development objectives.

Import Bottlenecks

Transportation Constraints

- Installation times extending from 6 to 11 months
- Heavy equipment movement limitations
- Infrastructure barriers affecting delivery
- Grid instability impacting operations

Regulatory Challenges

- High customs duties affecting system costs
- Import licensing for specialized equipment
- Technical standards compliance requirements
- Clear policy framework needs

Local Manufacturing Advantages

Supply Chain Control

Local production reduces import dependencies and mitigates supply chain disruption risks for critical components.

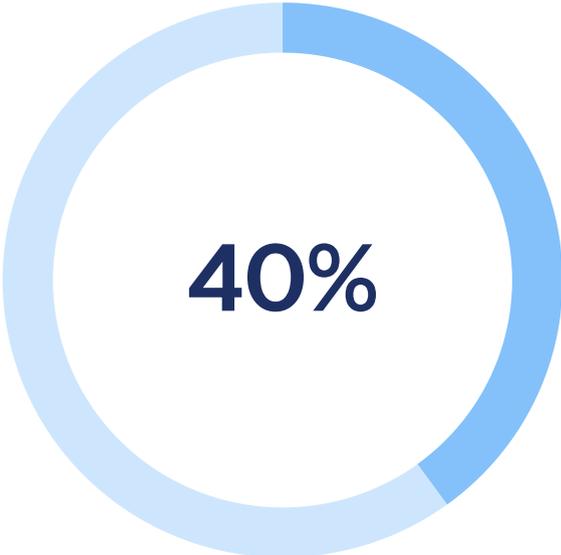
Cost Structure Benefits

Labor costs range \$33-50 monthly with industrial electricity at \$0.029/kWh creating competitive production economics.

Infrastructure Independence

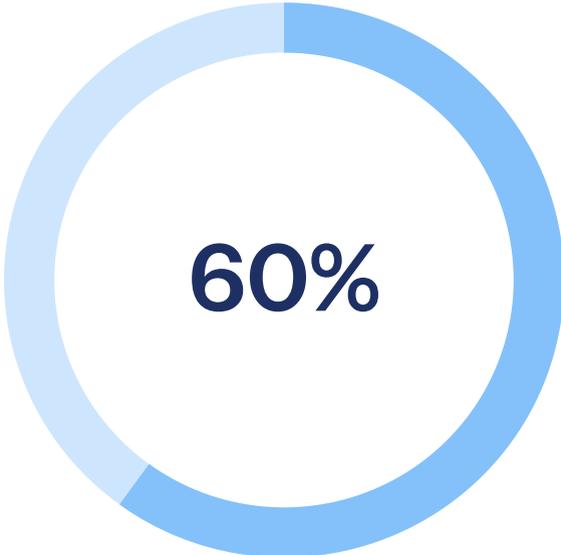
Reduced reliance on complex import logistics while building local technical capacity for sustained operations.

Dual-Market Go-to-Market Strategy



Agricultural Sector

Workforce percentage creating substantial off-grid demand



Unserved Population

Market opportunity for distributed power solutions



Total Demand

MW electric needs across all sectors

Distribution Models

Direct Industrial Sales

Commercial and industrial customers requiring reliable power alternatives to grid instability

1

Local Distributor Networks

Regional partners with established customer relationships and service capabilities

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Off-Grid Applications

Agricultural and telecommunications sectors with distributed power requirements

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Technical Support Systems

Maintenance and service networks ensuring long-term system performance

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Workforce and Timeline

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Technical Capacity Development

Local skills building essential for operations with training programs addressing technical expertise shortage.

2

Implementation Phases

Ramp-up timeline under 12 months including equipment installation and workforce development.

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Operational Sustainability

Continuous service capabilities through local capacity building and experienced turnkey provider support.

Risk Mitigation Framework



Supply Chain Diversification

Multiple sourcing channels and proven turnkey manufacturing concept partnerships reducing single-point-of-failure risks.



Infrastructure Assessment

Comprehensive evaluation of power stability, logistics capabilities, and regulatory framework requirements.



Financial Risk Management

Cost analysis including overhead impacts of 20-25% and government support requirements for project viability.

Strategic Conclusion

Analysis demonstrates feasibility of local solar manufacturing in emerging markets:

- Significant market opportunity with over 60% population lacking electricity access
- Local manufacturing addresses import bottlenecks while reducing 6-11 month delivery times
- Competitive cost structure with government support can overcome initial capital requirements
- Technical capacity building ensures sustainable operations aligned with actual energy needs

☐ Success requires careful supply chain planning with experienced turnkey providers to address infrastructure and logistics challenges

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