

Solarstrom und sicheres Trinkwasser für Afrika -Chancen und Herausforderungen

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- Motivation for this work
- PV and it's role within SDG
- Solar electricity and drinking water on a global scale
- Methods to produce safe drinking water
- Requirements for the rural population
- Project Nigeria
- Outlook

Price-Learning curve of all PV technologies



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Note: Data should not be compared with previous years because of revisions due to improved or adjusted data or methodology. Totals may not add up due to rounding.

Source: Based on OECD/IEA and IEA SHC. See endnote 54 for this chapter.



- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) describe 17 goals within 169 subgoals wich were agreed upon and signed by nearly all UN-members
- These goals should be reached by 2030
- The goals are bradly defined and noncommital
- Significant differences between countries as to achieving them
- Impact of science and technology high to achieve them

Development policy - UN goals until 2030

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PV-Technology directly meets Objective 7 and contributes as enabling technology to the achievement of Objectives 2,3, 6 and 13







Worldwide access to electricity in percent of the population



Ref.: C. Breyer, P. Adelmann, Off-Grid Photovoltaic Applications in Regions of Low Electrification: High Demand, Fast Financial Amortization and Large Market Potential; 26th EUPVSEC (2011), Hamburg

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Percentage of Population without adequate access to safe drinking water (yellow to red)

The populations without access to clean drinking water are to be found above all in sub-Saharan Africa and Southeast Asia**:

In 2019 according to WHO two billion people have to drink water contaminated with faeces



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 Sub-Sahara Africa and South-East Asia have high solar irridiation where we can employ Low-cost electricity to pump water and produce safe drinking water

- We can install autonomous systems producing up to 20.000 l/day Drinking water enough for ca. 6.000 people
- Large impact on health, education and climate goals
- Huge market potential

Most frequently used methods

- 1. Boiling
- 2. Ozon
- 3. UV
- 4. Chlordioxide
- 5. Chlorine
- 6. Hypochlorites NaClO, Ca(ClO)₂
- 7. Elektrolysis (+ Cl)
- 8. Reverse osmosis

- Boiling not sustainable
- Ozone production and dosing
- Direct UV light treatment
- Production and dosing
- Dosage of chlorine gas
- Dosage of liquid sodium/calcium Hypochlorite solution

- Electrolytic production + dosing of hypochlorite solution
- Mainly for Centralized Drinking Water Systems
- Boiling is still widespread,
 Chlorine the No. 1 disinfectant worldwide



- Free of chemical additions
- Robust and low maintenance
- Easy to understand and operate
- Low investment
- Production of up to 20.000 l/day
- Water fulfills WHO- and national standards

Independent decentralised drinking water disinfection (Autarcon)

- 1. Fresh water is pumped by a submersible pump (depth up to 70m).
- 2. Mechanical filtration of water, Production of chlorine by electrolysis of naturally occurring dissolved salts, Deferrisation (optional).
- 3. Continuous storage of the water in a tank, distribution via a dezentralised pipe system.
- 4. Sensor for continuous control of water quality.
- 5. Controle unit for adapting chlorine production to the measured water quality, online access to operating data.
- 6. PV-Modules for autonomous operation (batteries not mandatory)





- Largest population in Africa
- More than 50% of the population have no access to electricity and safe drinking water
- The country has ca. 10.000 Primary Health Centers (PHC) were first medical treatment and advice can be obtained
- PHC's are surrounded by a wall with safety personel, have simple buildings to house medical equipment and rooms for treatment. Size of PHC depends on the population density around them.



- We installed the first solar driven Water Disinfection system on the premises of PHC Dutsen/Abuja in January 2019
- System has ca. 5 kWp PV, ca 30% is used for pumping and disinfection, 70% stored in Lead acid batteries for charging mobile phones and other services
- Customers bring their own 20I water containers Payment system with prepaid cards is used for paying for water and electricity
- Data from operation continously monitored and also transferred in realtime to Germany



- Our pilot-system will serve to evaluate the viability of a business model for selling drinking water and solar electricity. Can we reach low ROI to make the model attractive to invest in many new systems.
- Population is used to buy drinking water, often of questionable quality. Water produced by us is safe and needs to compete on the market. Importance of safe water particular for children needs to be communicated.
- If business model is sucessful we plan to install 5 more systems in the Abuja area.

Projekt Nigeria – PHC Dutse/Abuja









Solar Powered Drinking Water Station PVWater International Dutse/Abuja



- Solar electricity at the lowest cost available and the developed technology for autonomus water disinfection open the way to bring safe drinking water to millions of people world-wide
- The existing technology is not enough to make this enormous leap foreward but requires the further support and determination from our societies.
- Various models exist to make universal access to safe drinking water a reality from a business perspective as well as reaching the climate goal with 100% RE.