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Mauritania: grid and electricity access

Mission 300 compact country

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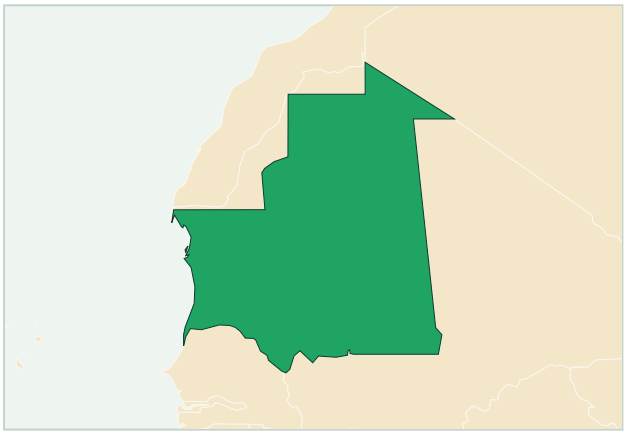
55%
electricity access, as stated in the compact

100%
access target in the Mission 300 compact (2030)

About 2.9 million people in Mauritania live where satellites see no electric light at night, and 40% of them live within 15 km of a power line. This page brings together what our grid-edge screening and Mauritania's Mission 300 energy compact say about who still needs power, how close the grid is and what the country has committed to.

WHAT THIS MEANS

612,000 people without power live 2 to 15 km from a line: close enough to plan for the grid, too far for a quick connection.



NEAR THE GRID, NOT ON IT

About 2.9 million people in Mauritania, roughly 64% of the population, live where satellites see no electric light at night. Of them, 40% live within 15 km of a mapped or predicted power line: 533,000 within 2 km, 612,000 2 to 15 km away, and 1.8 million farther out. The largest group lives more than 15 km from any line, where standalone solar and mini-grids are the realistic first step for years to come.



Within 2 km of a line: **533,000** (18%)
2 to 15 km: **612,000** (21%)
More than 15 km: **1.8 million** (60%)

"Without night-time light" is a satellite proxy, not a measured access rate.

THE GRID TODAY

Gridfinder, which combines OpenStreetMap lines with medium-voltage lines predicted from night-time lights, maps about 2,758 km of existing and likely power lines in Mauritania. That includes lower-voltage distribution lines, so it is not comparable with the high-voltage totals on our grid-atlas country pages. We have not yet built a detailed grid atlas for this country.

People without night-time light, by distance to a line

Distance	Million people	Share
Within 2 km of a line	0.53	18%
2 to 15 km	0.61	21%
More than 15 km	1.75	60%
Total	**2.90**	**100%**

MISSION 300 COMPACT

Mauritania's Mission 300 energy compact commits to raising electricity access from 55% to 100% by 2030. New access is planned as 48% grid, 30% mini-grids and 21% standalone solar.

Electricity access

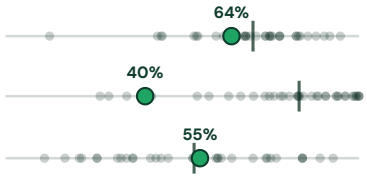


Now: **55%** () Target: **100%** (2030)

Mission 300 energy compact

Commitment	Value
Planned split of new access	grid 48%, mini-grids 30%, standalone solar 21%
Private investment sought	US$1.23 billion
Rules for mini-grids when the grid arrives	Yes
E-waste commitment	No

HOW IT COMPARES



Each dot is one country with a page on aloeenergy.org; the line marks the median. Positions only, no ranking.

Sources: People and distance to the grid: WorldPop 2020 and gridfinder (CC BY 4.0); compact: the national Mission 300 energy compact.

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The full page, with the interactive atlas, is at aloeenergy.org/countries/mauritania. The maps are free to view; the data behind them is available on request: brandon@aloeenergy.org. Aloe Energy is a not-for-profit initiative working at the grid edge in Sub-Saharan Africa.

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