# Malawi ways of storing energy

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Malawi is taking a significant step toward securing its energy future by constructing its first battery-energy storage system. This critical project aims to protect the nation"s electricity grid from the impacts of extreme weather, including cyclones, which have severely disrupted power supply in recent years.

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MW of variable renewable energy, such as solar and wind power, into the grid.

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