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¹¹Generic pico-solar products include no-names, copy-cats and counterfeits. Sales figures for these products remain highly speculative given the lack of reporting by distributors

¹²The figures for branded products are from Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase (2016). The figures for generic products are based on the estimated global sales of generic products. They were calculated with the assumption that the ratio between African and Asian sales is the same for both branded and generic products

¹³Grid-connection charges in Africa range from US\$2 to US\$400 (Harrison, Scott and Hogarth, 2016). In Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania, Burkina Faso and the Central African Republic, connection fees are more than the average monthly income (Alstone, Gershenson and Kammen, 2015). As a result, the process of connecting homes after a village is electrified tends to occur slowly and regressively, with better-off families gaining access first (Pachauri and others, 2013)

¹⁴Electricity grids in sub-Saharan Africa typically suffer from over eight power outages per month, each lasting an average of 5.3 hours (Scott and others, 2014). Grid power is unavailable for an average of 540 hours per

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²⁸Between 1998 and 2006, about 24,000 fires, resulting in 1,088 deaths, were reported in informal housing in South Africa alone. Candles were thought to have ignited one-third of them (see also UNEP, 2014b, which reports candles accounted for 40% of settlement fires). In Nigeria, kerosene-lamp explosions were responsible for nearly one-third of those admitted to the hospital with burns (Mills, 2015)

²⁹The compounds emitted by devices that use kerosene – carbon monoxide (CO), nitric oxides (NOx) and sulphur dioxide (SO₂) – exceed World Health Organization guidelines. They impair lung function and increase the risk of infectious illness (including tuberculosis), asthma and cancer (Lam and others, 2012a; Bates and Bruce, not dated)

³⁰Replacing kerosene-fueled lighting can also significantly reduce greenhouse-gas emissions (Lam and others, 2012b). In total, kerosene lanterns produce the

equivalent of 240 million tons of CO₂ per year – half the annual emissions of the United Kingdom, or 0.5% of the world’s total (Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase, 2016)

³¹Kerosene poisoning is common, affecting 80,000 children per year in South Africa alone (Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase, 2016). Common complications include chemically induced pneumonia and damage to pulmonary and central nervous systems. Ingesting as little as 10ml can be fatal (Mills, 2015)

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³³Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase (2016)

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⁴⁴In Kenya, for example, half a million households reported changes to their practices based on a popular television show focused on money management. A Tanzanian drama series highlighting high fertility rates led to wider discussions about family planning (Global LEAP, 2016)

⁴⁵Global LEAP (2016)

⁴⁶Customers generally pay around US\$30 upfront for the system, and then regular payments ranging from US\$0.20-0.50 per day for smaller systems up to US\$2 per day for larger ones. Some PAYG models, including M-KOPA, use “mobile money” payments; others, such as Azuri Technologies, use scratch cards. Some businesses operate on a rent-to-own basis, where the customer eventually owns the solar home systems outright; others operate through perpetual payments (Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase, 2016; Scott and Miller, 2016)

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⁴⁹Most cost reductions will result from switching from standard AC appliances to DC ones. DC appliances currently are less common and costlier. However, they are more compatible with solar panels, which produce

direct current power. Costs of DC appliances are expected to decline as they become more common (Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase, 2016)

⁵⁰Global LEAP (2016)

⁵¹In the meantime, the diffusion of energy-efficient refrigerators is more likely to be driven by demand from off-grid businesses, not households

⁵²Global LEAP (2016); Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase (2016)

⁵³Winiiecki and Kumar (2014)

⁵⁴Clients who purchase solar home systems through lease-to-own PAYG models will also gain an asset that could be used as collateral (Orlandi, Tyabji and Chase, 2016)

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⁵⁷USAID (not dated) calculated that the electricity needs of a larger clinic (with 60 beds) ranged from 5 to 10kWh per day. Practical Action (2013) estimated that the electricity needs for a primary school with approximately 100 students and four classrooms would be similar. Hogarth and Granoff (2015) calculated that over a 20-year period, off-grid technologies – wind, solar or hybrid diesel-solar systems – tend to be more cost-effective than the electricity grid in providing 5kWh per day to rural schools and small clinics that are currently more than 3.2 km from the electricity grid

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⁶⁰Africa Progress Panel (2015)

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- ¹¹⁶The blackout that affected large swathes of the north-eastern United States in 2003 and hurricanes Katrina (2005) and Sandy (2012) highlighted the importance of resilience in the electricity supply
- ¹¹⁷GTM Research (2015)
- ¹¹⁸In 2015, New York committed US\$40 million for micro-grids; Massachusetts allocated US\$18 million for 13 projects; and California has allocated US\$26.5 million for renewable energy micro-grids (Miret, 2015)
- ¹¹⁹Disrupt Africa (2015)
- ¹²⁰SharedSolar (not dated)
- ¹²¹IEA (2011)
- ¹²²IEA (2014)
- ¹²³This section draws on Energy 4 Impact and Inensus (2016)
- ¹²⁴UNEP (2015b)
- ¹²⁵SBI (2013); UNEP (2015b); ENEA (2016)
- ¹²⁶AREI (2015)
- ¹²⁷Castellano and others (2015b)
- ¹²⁸IEA (2014)
- ¹²⁹IRENA (2015c)
- ¹³⁰UNECA (2016)
- ¹³¹AREI (2015)
- ¹³²KPMG (2016)
- ¹³³KPMG (2016)
- ¹³⁴AEEP (2016)

- ¹³⁵ADB (2011)
- ¹³⁶Bazilian and others (2012a)
- ¹³⁷UNIDO (2005)
- ¹³⁸Eberhard and others (2016)
- ¹³⁹Eberhard and others (2016)
- ¹⁴⁰Bazilian and others (2012b)
- ¹⁴¹Sovacool, Bazilian and Toman (2016)
- ¹⁴²AfDB (2016)
- ¹⁴³REI4P (2016)
- ¹⁴⁴Eberhard and others (2016)
- ¹⁴⁵Latham and Watkins (2016)
- ¹⁴⁶UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁴⁷Traoré (2013)
- ¹⁴⁸Bazilian and others (2012a)
- ¹⁴⁹Eberhard and others (2016)
- ¹⁵⁰Eberhard (2016)
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- ¹⁵²Statistics South Africa website, <http://www.statssa.gov.za/?p=4820>
- ¹⁵³World Future Council (March 2016)
- ¹⁵⁴Also known as feed-in tariffs as they are prices at which a power producer sells to the transmission grid
- ¹⁵⁵IRENA (2016)
- ¹⁵⁶EIU (2016)
- ¹⁵⁷BNEF (2016)
- ¹⁵⁸REN21 (2016)
- ¹⁵⁹IRENA (2012)
- ¹⁶⁰IRENA (2015c)
- ¹⁶¹IRENA (2016)
- ¹⁶²UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁶³UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁶⁴Quitow and others (2016)
- ¹⁶⁵EIU (2016)
- ¹⁶⁶Climatescope (2016)
- ¹⁶⁷AEEP (2016)
- ¹⁶⁸IRENA (2015b)
- ¹⁶⁹UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁷⁰Davis (2016)
- ¹⁷¹AEEP (2016)
- ¹⁷²Davis (2016)
- ¹⁷³AEEP (2016)
- ¹⁷⁴AEEP (2016)
- ¹⁷⁵GTZ (2007)
- ¹⁷⁶Nyeko (2016)
- ¹⁷⁷USAID (2015)
- ¹⁷⁸Rosen (2015)
- ¹⁷⁹Baker (2016)
- ¹⁸⁰Quitow and others (2016)
- ¹⁸¹Climatescope (2016)
- ¹⁸²EIU (2016)
- ¹⁸³GTZ (2007)
- ¹⁸⁴Quitow and others (2016)
- ¹⁸⁵UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁸⁶EIU (2016)
- ¹⁸⁷GreenCape (2016)
- ¹⁸⁸GreenCape (2016)
- ¹⁸⁹UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁹⁰IRENA (2015c)
- ¹⁹¹Climatescope (2016)
- ¹⁹²EIU (2016)
- ¹⁹³UNECA (2016)
- ¹⁹⁴GreenCape (2016)
- ¹⁹⁵Montmasson-Clair and Ryan (2014)
- ¹⁹⁶Berenbach (2015)
- ¹⁹⁷PV Insider (2016)
- ¹⁹⁸IRENA (2015c)
- ¹⁹⁹UNECA (2016); AEEP (2016)
- ²⁰⁰Another classification distinguishes between transmission losses and distribution losses, according to the stage in the supply chain that they occur in
- ²⁰¹IEA (2014)
- ²⁰²PwC (2016)
- ²⁰³KPMG (2015)
- ²⁰⁴Davis (2016)
- ²⁰⁵KPMG (2016)
- ²⁰⁶UNECA(2016)
- ²⁰⁷Cayten and Bazilian (2016)
- ²⁰⁸Bafana (2016)
- ²⁰⁹Del Bello (2016)
- ²¹⁰Guay (2016)
- ²¹¹Dubey (2015)
- ²¹²This section draws on Tallapragada and others (2009); Eberhard and others (2008); Deloitte (2013)

- ²¹³This does not include the theft of overhead wires, transformer components and other materials. Although this kind of theft also causes electricity losses, strictly speaking, it is not the theft of electricity. The theft of materials is a significant problem in some countries.
- ²¹⁴PRNewswire (2014)
- ²¹⁵Smith (2004)
- ²¹⁶Tallapragada and others (2009)
- ²¹⁷Eberhard and others (2011)
- ²¹⁸Eberhard and others (2011)
- ²¹⁹Bundock (2014)
- ²²⁰Okafor (2016)
- ²²¹Never (2015); Winther (2012)
- ²²²Smith (2004)
- ²²³Never (2015)
- ²²⁴Malama and others (2014)
- ²²⁵NERC (2015)
- ²²⁶Malama and others (2014)
- ²²⁷Eberhard and others (2011)
- ²²⁸Eberhard and others (2011)
- ²²⁹World Bank (2015a)
- ²³⁰Eberhard and others (2011)
- ²³¹Eskom (2016)
- ²³²Smith (2004)
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- ²³⁶IEA (2014)
- ²³⁷Poggiolini (2016)
- ²³⁸AEEP (2016)
- ²³⁹IRENA (2013a)
- ²⁴⁰AfDB (2016)
- ²⁴¹UNECA (2016)
- ²⁴²IRENA (2013a)
- ²⁴³IEA (2014)
- ²⁴⁴IEA (2014)
- ²⁴⁵IRENA (2013a)
- ²⁴⁶IRENA (2015c)
- ²⁴⁷IRENA (2013a)
- ²⁴⁸AEEP (2016)
- ²⁴⁹Poggiolini (2016)
- ²⁵⁰IRENA (2012)
- ²⁵¹IRENA (2012)
- ²⁵²Tsiko (2016)
- ²⁵³Creamer (2016)
- ²⁵⁴Senelwa (2015)
- ²⁵⁵East African (2016)
- ²⁵⁶SARDC (2016)
- ²⁵⁷Standard Bank (2016)
- ²⁵⁸Tsiko (2015)
- ²⁵⁹Ford (2016)
- ²⁶⁰IEA (2014)
- ²⁶¹ESI Africa (2016)
- ²⁶²Ligami (2016a)
- ²⁶³IEA (2014)
- ²⁶⁴Demierre and others (2014)
- ²⁶⁵Ligami (2016b)
- ²⁶⁶Demierre and others (2014)
- ²⁶⁷Poudineh and Rubino (2016)
- ²⁶⁸Nerini and others (2016)
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- ²⁷¹Africa Progress Panel (2015), and Sy and Copley (2016)
- ²⁷²Sy and Copley (2016)
- ²⁷³IMF (2015)
- ²⁷⁴Sy and Copley (2016)
- ²⁷⁵ICA (2013)
- ²⁷⁶Antony Karembu, quoted in Sy and Copley (2016)
- ²⁷⁷International Energy Agency (2014)
- ²⁷⁸Cayten and Bazilian (2016)

