

# LEBANON'S 'GREEN OPPORTUNITY'

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HOW TO GET OUT OF THE DARKNESS

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The Lebanese  
Foundation *for*  
Renewable Energy

# A FAILED SYSTEM





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**\$40 BN**

PUBLIC DEBT



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**\$1.8 BN**

ANNUAL EDL  
DEFICIT



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**HUGE DRAIN**

OF FOREIGN  
CURRENCY



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**EXPENSIVE**

ELECTRICITY COSTS



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**18-20 HOURS**

POWER CUTS



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**LETHAL**

POLLUTION

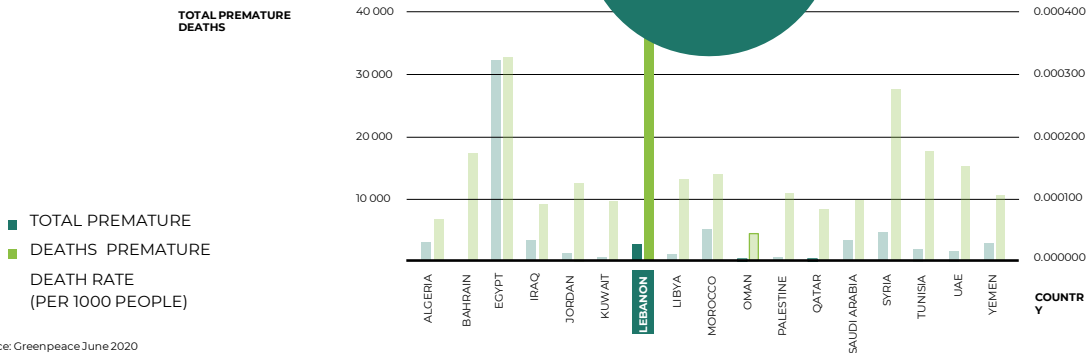
**\$6.2 BN FOSSIL  
FUEL IMPORTS**



INCL. \$3.4 BN FOR  
ELECTRICITY

# PREMATURE DEATH RATE ATTRIBUTED TO FOSSIL FUELS

**~ 2,700**  
AVERAGE YEARLY DEATHS FROM FOSSIL FUELS



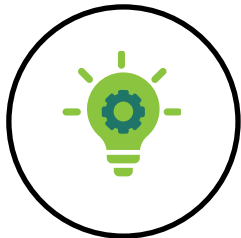


# LEAPFROGGING INTO A NEW ENERGY MODEL

# KEY PRINCIPLES



**SUSTAINABILITY**



**SPEED**

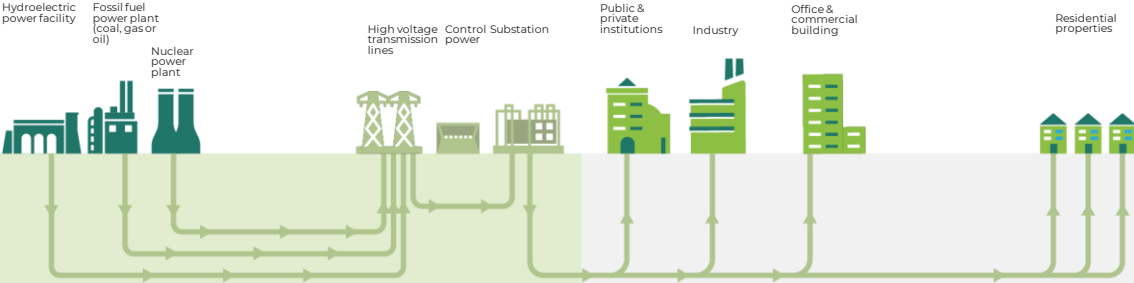


**SAVINGS**



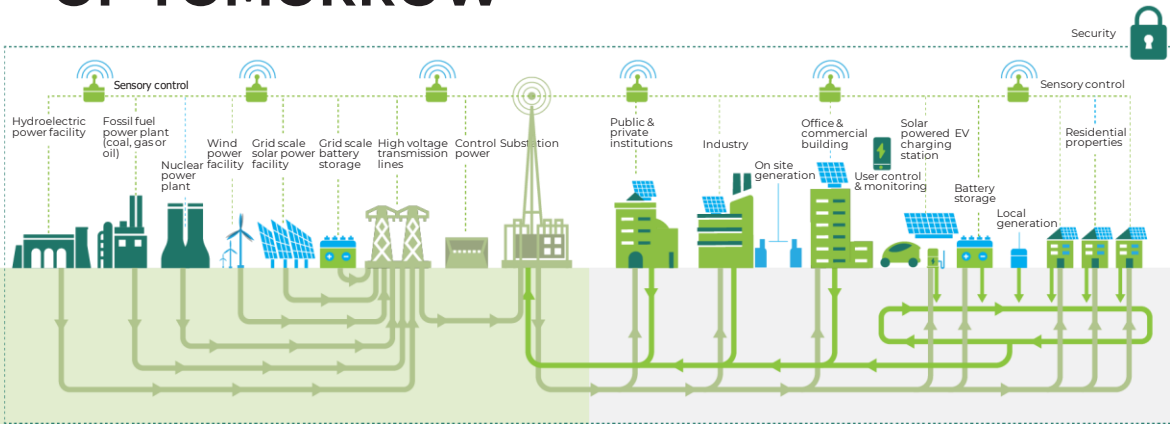
**ENERGY SECURITY**

# THE POWER INDUSTRY OF TODAY

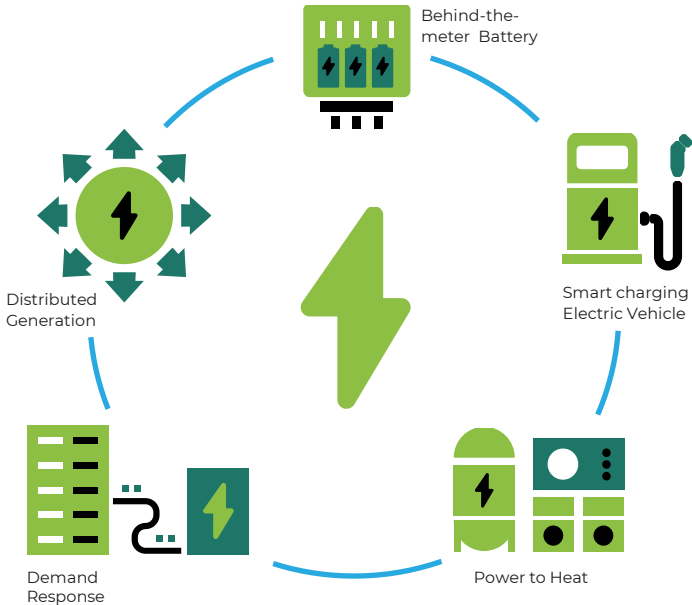




# THE POWER INDUSTRY OF TOMORROW



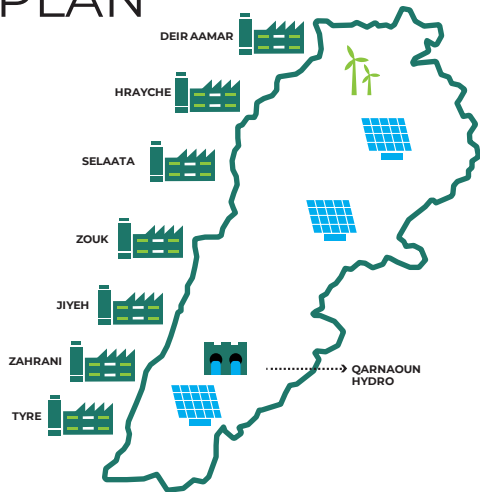
# A HOLISTIC APPROACH



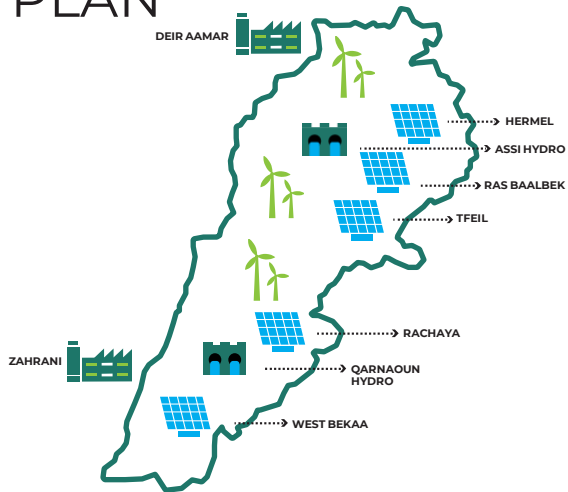
**WHY IS IT  
A GAME  
CHANGER?**



# GOVERNMENT PLAN



# LFRE PLAN



# POTENTIAL OF LEBANON

## POTENTIAL CAPACITY

**32,000 MW** incl. 26,800 MW solar capacity & 5,000 MW wind capacity

## AREA FOR SOLAR

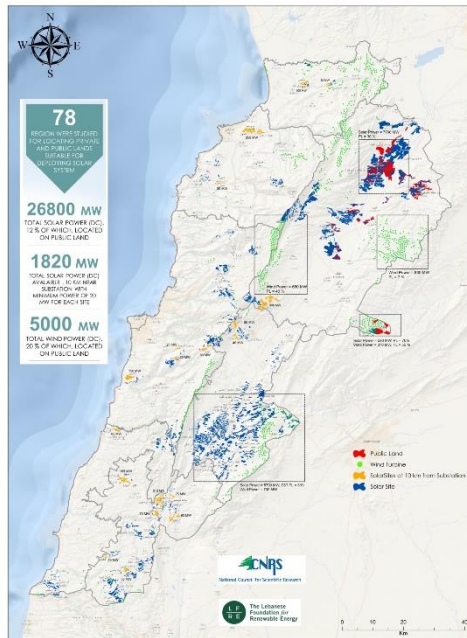
**811 sites** cover 448 km<sup>2</sup> – 10% which are within 10km of a substation

## ON PUBLIC LAND

**5,700 MW** incl. 4,700 MW for solar & 1,000 MW for wind

## LAND FOR WIND

**Land** mostly on state and municipal parcels



# COST OF ENERGY TODAY

**28**

**Cents/Kwh**

National Mix  
Diesel/HFO

**10**

**Cents/Kwh**

Gas

**3-4**

**Cents/Kwh**

Solar

**10**

**Cents/Kwh**

Hybrid with  
batteries



**CIRCUMVENTING THE GRID  
BOTTLENECK NOW THROUGH  
DISTRIBUTED SELF CONSUMPTION  
CAPACITY...**

**...WHILE FIXING AND UPGRADING THE  
TRANSMISSION & DISTRIBUTION  
NETWORKS**

# RENEWABLES 2022 GREEN ACCELERATION

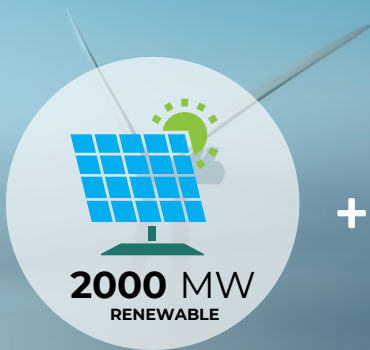
**1300 MW**  
NEW SOLAR



**400 MW**  
CURRENT SOLAR  
& WIND TENDERS



**300 MW**  
HYDRO  
REHABILITATION



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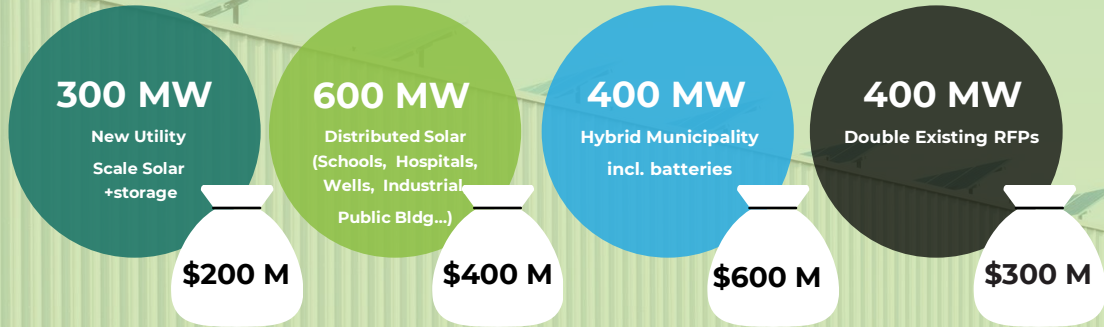




# QUICKLY RAMP UP

## 1700 MW- 24 months

Cost: \$1.5 billion, Grid: \$0.3 billion



# FAST & CHEAP 4 TWH GREEN ENERGY (20% OF DEMAND)

**20%** OF LEBANON'S ELECTRICITY  
NEEDS BY 2022



**60%\*** COST  
REDUCTION



**\$ 1.5 BN  
GREEN  
BUDGET**



\*Hybrid @ 10 cents/kwh vs.  
Diesel/HFO Mix @ 25.7 cents/kwh

# UTILITY SCALE :

# RAS BAALBACK SOLAR & STORAGE

300 MW-1000 MW (\$ 200-600 M)

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Project info

Weather station [Change station](#)

Simulations | Engineering requests

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+ Add simulation

RasBaalbekSahel1  
Result: 1

RasBaalbekSahel  
Result: 1

Inputs	Layout
Racking:	Custom Single...
Module Manufacturer:	SunPower
Module Type:	Half-Cell-Multi-Crystalline
Module SKU:	SPR-X21-470-COM
Module Rating:	470 W
Inverter Manufacturer:	SMA
Inverter Model 1:	SC 2200 [archi...
Inverter Model 2:	
Weather File ID:	217208
Ground albedo:	0.2
Losses:	Standard





# LEBANON'S SCHOOLS & UNIVERSITY ROOFTOPS

## 2852 – 450 MW

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SCHOOLS

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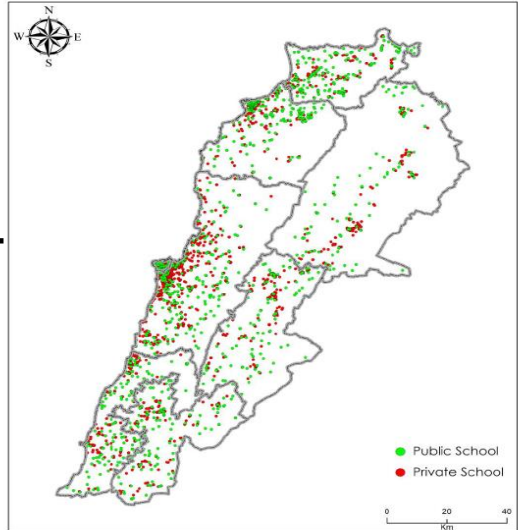
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**PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS**

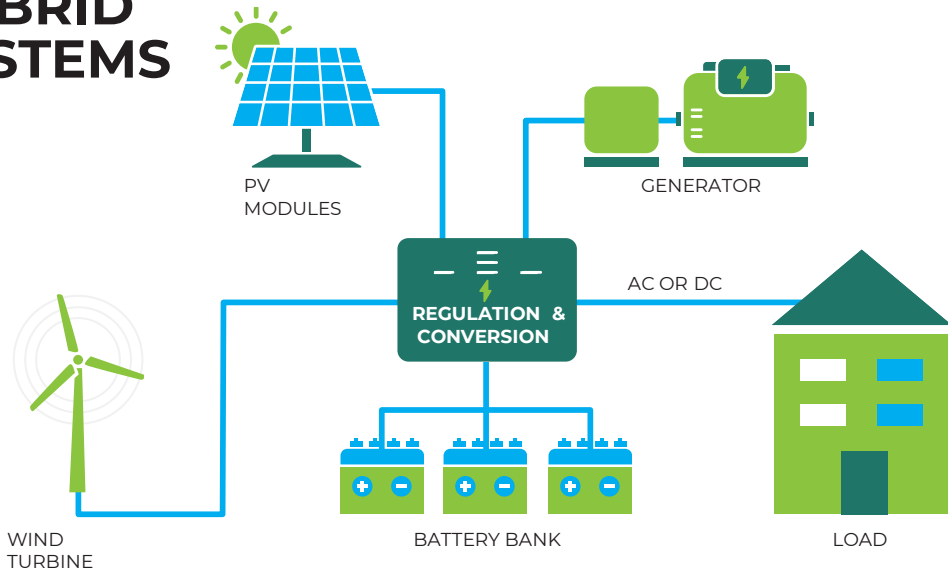
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**PRIVATE SCHOOLS**



# HYBRID SYSTEMS



# JABBOULE VILLAGE HYBRID PROJECT

Village 18h Solar + Battery – 3h EDL- 3h Generators



800 KWp  
Solar



500 KW Batteries  
– 500 KVA  
Generators

# THE LONG TERM OPPORTUNITY







RENEWABLES

30%

2025

50%

2030

# LEAST-COST GENERATION MIX



**\$3.5**  
**BILLION**

Actual

**\$ 1.5**  
**BILLION**

Gov. Plan  
(Gas + 5% RE)

**\$ 1.0**  
**BILLION**

Least Cost Plan  
(Gas + 37% RE)

BY 2030 WITH  
**50%**  
RENEWABLES



**\$36.1 BN** WILL BE  
SAVED

Source: Strategy&/AUB/LFRE-May 2019,  
Leappfrogging to Higher Penetration of Renewables\*

# BUILD A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM... ... & AVOID THE BASE LOAD SYNDROME

## AVAILABLE ON DEMAND RENEWABLES

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- Hydro
- Utility scale batteries
- Concentrated Solar Power (CSP)
- 24 h Hybrids on 20 KV+ Substations
- Electrical Vehicles
- Pumped hydro storage

## SMARTLY MANAGING IMPORTS

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- Imports to regulate low supply periods
- Prepare for regional network connection
- Excess electricity exports in medium term

## SPREADING WIND & SOLAR FARMS

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- Geographical distribution of renewable energy production

## SMART DEMAND MANAGEMENT

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- Shave peaks
- Manage low supply periods
- Smart meters and switches
- Consumers appliance programming

# ALIGNING EMERGENCY ACTIONS WITH GOVERNANCE



LEBANON

**< 4-5 YEARS**



Establishing ERA



Building infrastructure

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# FINANCING



# GREEN vs. GAS FINANCING

EASIER  
FINANCING

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LOWER YEARLY  
PAYMENTS

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CASH OUTFLOW  
PREDICTABILITY

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REDUCED  
HEALTH BILL



**HIGHER INVESTMENT**

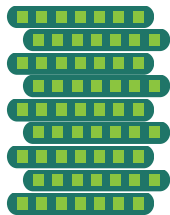


**LOWER ANNUITIES**

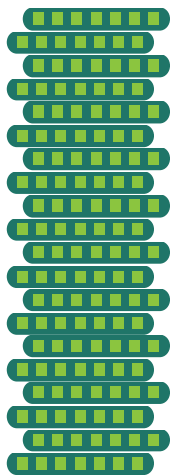
# RENEWABLES vs. GAS YEARLY CASH- 10 TWH

710-1010

290



Annual Green



Annual Gas

\*10 Twh Green vs. Gas simulation-1200 MW gas vs. 5000 MW renewables  
Initial Investment: \$3.2 billion green vs. \$ billion gas  
Annual debt payment for plant : \$260 million for solar vs. \$80 million for gas  
Annual operating cost : \$30 million for O& M solar plant  
Annual operating costs. gas plant \$600-900 million for gas & \$120 O&M  
\*\*\* World Bank Commodity: Price for Gas: Market Outlook report, April 2020  
2020 Gas: \$3.1/mmbtu, 2030 Gas: \$7/mmbtu, today \$4.3/mmbtu



# THE OBSTACLES



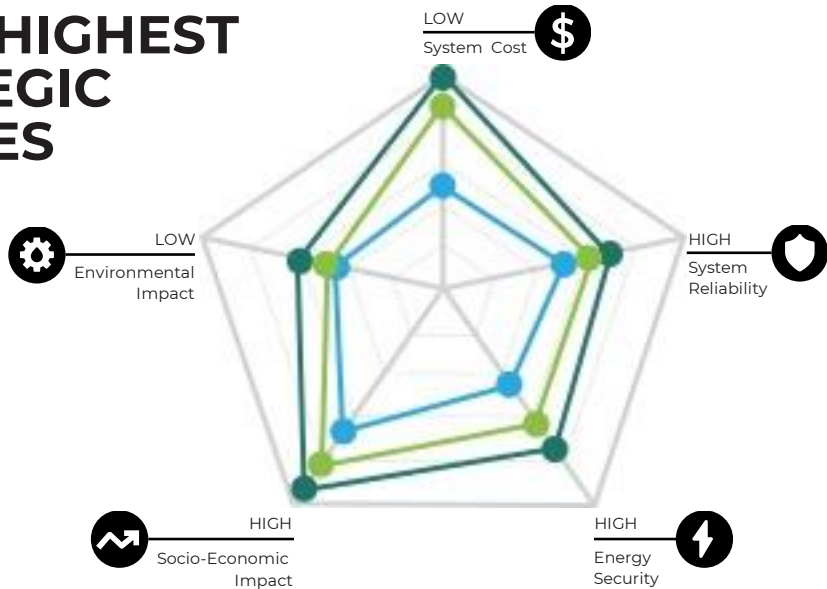
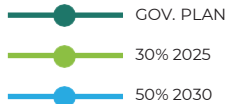
# THE ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

- Depoliticize the Energy Plan
- Overcome the 'Crisis Management' mode
- Establish Stringent Anti Corruption Laws & Practices
- Dispute the Old & Centralized Energy Model
- Avoid the 'Oil Nation' Illusion
- Confront our Addiction to Oil
- Analyze the 'Grid is too Weak & Unstable' argument

# GREEN WINS...



# ... IN ALL HIGHEST 5 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



# A NEW ENERGY THAT WILL TRANSFORM LEBANON

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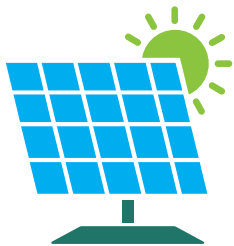


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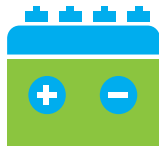


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# BI-DIRECTIONAL CARS



**SOLAR  
PANELS**



**BATTERY OF  
A TESLA CAR**

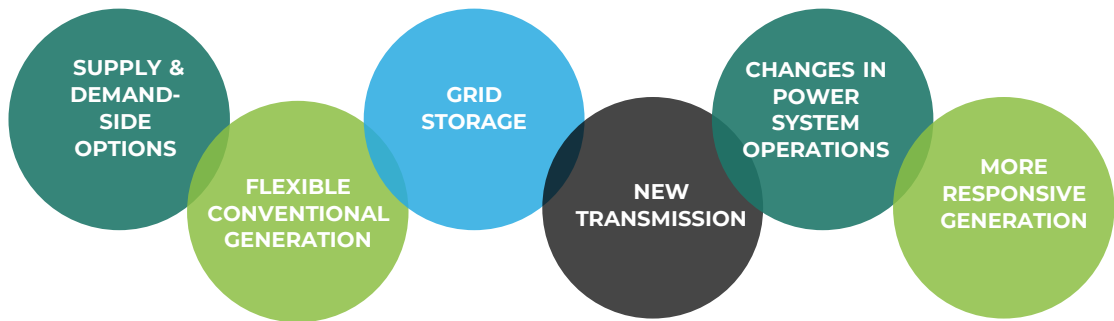


**20 HOUSES**



**4 HOURS  
ELECTRICITY  
(5 AMP)**

# REBUILD A FLEXIBLE SYSTEM...



# LET US HARNESS OUR ENERGIES TOGETHER

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