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developing areas. Energy self-sufficiency has been defined as total primary energy production divided by total primary energy supply. Energy trade includes all commodities in Chapter 27 of the Harmonised System (HS). Capacity utilisation is calculated as annual generation divided by year-end capacity x 8,760h/year. Avoided

Palestine relies almost entirely (87%) on electricity imported from the Israeli Electricity Company, which increases economic dependency and burdens the Palestinian government due to the Israeli company's control over

Annual Statistics. Imported Energy in Palestine by Type of Energy and Month, 2022. Installed Capacity for Photovoltaics in Palestine by Area and Governorate, 2021. Installed Capacity for Photovoltaics in Palestine by Distributor, 2021.

Diversification of energy sources is key to a resilient sector, balancing out Israeli imports with new sources of traditional and green energy. A desirable outcome for 2030 would be an energy mix that combines domestically produced Palestinian gas-fired power and solar energy, with power imports from Israel and other neighboring countries.

Renewable energy has a good potential to make a difference in the Palestinian economy since electricity can be generated locally. From the different renewable energy sources, solar has the most potential in the West Bank and Gaza. Currently, solar energy generation is estimated at 100 MW.

The electricity system requires substantial upgrading and expansion to meet current demand. Investment in the energy sector in the West Bank and Gaza is one of the requisites for economic growth and development. Massader, a fully owned subsidiary of the Palestine Investment Fund, is the largest Palestinian investor in energy infrastructure, renewable energy, and natural resources. With a total investment of \$200 million, Massader's Noor Palestine Solar Program will develop within six years the following solar energy projects:

Insufficient power supply in the West Bank and Gaza as a result of the dependence on energy imports from Israel and other neighboring countries are major obstacles to Palestinian economic growth. Other challenges include the lack of foreign financial aid, the availability of land to develop projects because certain areas of the West Bank are still under Israel's control particularly in Area C, and the lack of awareness about the importance of renewable energy.

Government regulations are important for infrastructure development, private sector participation, electricity service improvement, and energy source diversification. The Palestinian government encourages the development of renewables as alternative sources of energy. Accordingly, the Palestinian Energy Strategy is to generate 50% of power locally from gas-fired power plants, import 40% from neighboring countries, and



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generate 10% from renewable energy sources.

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