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ELECTRICITY GENERATION RISES BY 56.6 PERCENT IN SECOND QUARTER OF 2026

Gaborone, September 2026 – Botswana's electricity generation increased significantly in the second quarter of 2026, with the Index of Electricity Generation (IEG) rising by **56.6 percent year-on-year** to 236.6, according to the latest Statistics Botswana *Electricity Generation and Distribution Stats Brief, Second Quarter 2026*.

The index increased from 151.1 in the second quarter of 2025 to 236.6 in the second quarter of 2026. On a quarter-on-quarter basis, the index increased by **10.3 percent**, from 214.5 in the first quarter of 2026.

In physical terms, locally generated electricity increased by **56.6 percent**, from **635,194 MWh in Q2 2025 to 994,522 MWh in Q2 2026**. The second-quarter output was the highest level of local electricity generation recorded over the last ten years.

The increase in domestic generation was primarily driven by higher output from **Morupule A and Morupule B Power Stations**, complemented by increased generation from solar power plants.

Coal remains dominant as solar contribution grows

Coal-fired generation from Morupule A and B accounted for **89.9 percent (894,024 MWh)** of total electricity generated during the quarter.

Solar power stations contributed **9.8 percent (97,361 MWh)**, while emergency diesel power plants at Orapa and Matshelegabedi contributed **0.3 percent (3,136.5 MWh)**.

The Statistics Botswana brief notes that solar generation from Bobonong, Mmadinare, Phakalane, Selebi-Phikwe and Shakawe contributed to the diversification of the country's electricity generation base.

Electricity imports decline

The increase in domestic generation coincided with a decline in imported electricity.

Imported electricity fell by **16.8 percent quarter-on-quarter**, from **220,305 MWh in Q1 2026 to 183,191.1 MWh in Q2 2026**, a reduction of 37,113.9 MWh.

On a year-on-year basis, imported electricity decreased by **59.4 percent**, from 451,754 MWh in Q2 2025 to 183,191.1 MWh in Q2 2026. The brief attributes the decline primarily to increased domestic electricity generation, including the utilisation of solar power generation.

Of the electricity imported during the second quarter, **Eskom accounted for 73.9 percent (135,444 MWh)**. Cross-border electricity markets accounted for 15.8 percent (28,858 MWh), while Southern African Power Pool (SAPP) markets contributed 10.3 percent (18,889 MWh).

Electricity distribution increases

Electricity distributed in Botswana also increased during the quarter. Total electricity distribution reached **1,177,713 MWh in Q2 2026**, compared with 1,086,949 MWh in Q2 2025, representing an **8.4 percent year-on-year increase**.

Compared with the first quarter of 2026, electricity distribution increased by **4.9 percent**, from 1,122,208 MWh to 1,177,713 MWh.

At the monthly level, electricity distribution increased by **10.9 percent in April, 5.1 percent in May, and 15.2 percent in June**, compared with the corresponding months in 2025.

Locally generated electricity contributed **84.4 percent of electricity distributed** during the period under review, indicating a substantial contribution of domestic generation to electricity available for distribution.

About the Index of Electricity Generation and Distribution

The Index of Electricity Generation and Distribution is a short-term economic indicator that measures changes in the volume of electricity generated and distributed over time. It provides information on developments in Botswana's electricity supply industry and supports the monitoring of electricity supply relative to demand from households, businesses and economic sectors.

The electricity data used in the brief are sourced from the **Botswana Power Corporation (BPC)**. The electricity generation index uses **2013 as the base year**, with the base year set at 100.

All figures in the report are **not seasonally adjusted**.

The *Electricity Generation and Distribution Stats Brief, Second Quarter 2026* is available from **Statistics Botswana**.

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