

Are photovoltaic poverty alleviation projects a social welfare project?

Energy poverty is a serious problem worldwide and has attracted the attention of policymakers. As a type of social welfare project, photovoltaic poverty alleviation projects (PPAPs) are expected to achieve high-quality poverty alleviation and an energy transformation in China.

Can solar photovoltaic projects help alleviate poverty in rural areas?

Nature Communications 11, Article number: 1969 (2020) Cite this article Since 2013, China has implemented a large-scale initiative to systematically deploy solar photovoltaic (PV) projects to alleviate poverty in rural areas.

What is photovoltaic poverty alleviation project (PPAP)?

Photovoltaic poverty alleviation project (PPAP) is one of the "Ten Targeted Poverty Alleviation Strategies" in China announced in 2014. Although it has been confirmed to play a prominent role in poverty alleviation for rural households, its impact on household clean energy choice behaviors has yet to be discovered.

Can photovoltaic energy reduce poverty in China?

Photovoltaic poverty alleviation is a significant way for regions rich in solar energy resources to transform the advantages of renewable energy resources into the driving force of social and economic development. It is also an effective means for China to implement power poverty alleviation.

Does the local government grant PV subsidies to poor households?

The local government encourages poor households to obtain labor income from PV revenue through labor work. Therefore, we believe that the changes in household energy use behavior do not have a reverse causal effect on whether the government grants PV subsidies to poor households.

Do PV projects reduce poverty?

PV poverty alleviation has been popular in many poverty-stricken areas in recent years. Some places blindly introduce PV projects to quickly achieve a poverty alleviation effect, but they do not seriously investigate and carry out project site selection. Some places even directly erect PV panels on the roofs of villagers' homes.

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