ATTRIBUTES		TIER 0	TIER 1	TIER 2	TIER 3 ^b	TIER 4	TIER 5
Capacity	Power capacity ratings (W or daily Wh)	Less than 3 W	At least 3 W	At least 50 W		At least 800 W	At least 2 kW
		Less than 12 Wh	At least 12 Wh	At least 200 Wh		At least 3.4 kWh	At least 8.2 kWh
	Services		Lighting of 1,000 Imhr per day	Electrical lighting, air circulation, television, and phone charging are possible			
Availabilitya	Daily Availability	Less than 4 hours					At least 23 hours
	Evening Availability	Less than 1 hour	At least 1 hour	At least 2 hours		At least 4 hours	
Reliability		More than 14 disruptions per week			At most 14 disruptions per week or At most 3 disruptions per week with total duration of more than 2 hours"		At most 3 disruptions per week with total duration of less than 2 hours
Quality		Household experiences voltage problems that damage appliances				Voltage problems do not affect the use of desired appliances	
Affordability					Cost of a standard consumption package of 365 kWh per year is less than 5% of household income		
Formality		No bill payments made for the use of electricity				Bill is paid to the utility, prepaid card seller, or authorized representative	
Health and Safety		Serious or fatal accidents due to electricity connection				Absence of past accidents	

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS BY TIER OF ELECTRICITY ACCESS



Tier 0

Electricity is not available or is available for less than 4 hours per day (or less than 1 hour per evening). Households cope with the situation by using candles, kerosene lamps, or dry-cell-battery-powered devices (flashlight or radio).

Tier 1

At least 4 hours of electricity per day is available (including at least 1 hour per evening), and capacity is sufficient to power task lighting and phone charging or a radio. Sources that can be used to meet these requirements include a SLS, a solar home system (SHS), a minigrid (a small-scale and isolated distribution network that provides electricity to local communities or a group of households), and the national grid.

At least 4 hours of electricity per day is available (including at least 2 hours per evening), and capacity is sufficient to power low-load appliances—such as multiple lights, a television, or a fan (see table 1)—as needed during that time. Sources that can be used to meet these requirements include rechargeable batteries, an SHS, a mini-grid, and the national grid.

At least 8 hours of electricity per day is available (including at least 3 hours per evening), and capacity is sufficient to power medium-load appliances-such as a refrigerator, freezer, food processor, water pump, rice cooker, or air cooler (see table 1)-as needed during that time. In addition, the household can afford a basic consumption package of 365 kWh per year. Sources that can be used to meet these requirements include an SHS, a generator, a mini-grid, and the national grid.

At least 16 hours of electricity per day is available (including 4 hours per evening), and capacity is sufficient to power high-load appliances-such as a washing machine, iron, hair dryer, toaster, and microwave (see table 1)—as needed during that time. There are no frequent or long unscheduled interruptions, and the supply is safe. The grid connection is legal, and there are no voltage issues. Sources that can be used to meet these requirements include diesel-based mini-grids and the national grid.

Tier 5

At least 23 hours of electricity per day is available (including 4 hours per evening), and capacity is sufficient to power very high-load appliances—such as an air conditioner, space heater, vacuum cleaner, or electric cooker (see table 1)-as needed during that time. The most likely source

Source: Bhatia and Angelou 2015.