

Why do we need solar power in Tonga?

Renewables like solar are a significant means for Tonga to expand energy access, stabilize power grids as well as reduce pollution. Considering the shortage of solar expertise and finances for countries like Tonga, the role of independent power producers and the practice of PPA provide solid support to smooth the way for solar deployment.

Who are Sunergise New Zealand & Tonga Power Limited?

This solar project was completed under the partnership between Sunergise New Zealand Limited and Tonga Power Limited with support from the Asian Development Bank (ADB). Sunergise led the construction and meanwhile united local Tongan civil, mechanical and electrical sub-contractors to the team.

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What does Sunergise's 6MW solar system mean for Tonga?

As Hu'akavameiliku, Prime Minister of Tonga said at the ceremony: "The successful completion of the Sunergise's 6MW Independent Power Producers solar generation system today, demonstrates the major role renewable energy independent power producers play towards achieving our 70% target by [the] end of [the] year 2025."

Where is Tongatapu solar farm located?

Prime Minister of Tonga today announced the official launch of the 6-MW power purchase agreement (PPA) based Tongatapu Solar Farm located at Fualu, Tongatapu, which has supplied electricity to over 10,336 households since August this year.

Does Tonga use fossil fuels?

Statistics show that, as of 2020, nearly all electricity in Tonga came from fossil fuels. As an island country with a total surface area of merely 290 sq mi, Tonga's power generation heavily relies on imported fossil fuels.

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The system includes a 300kW solar plant and a 2 Mega-watt hour battery energy storage system, which will

enable TPL to integrate renewable energy into its electricity grid and provide reliable power to customers.

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Maama Mai Solar. Solar | Popua, Tongatapu. The Maama Mai solar facility was commissioned in July 2012 by his Majesty King Tupou VI at Tonga Power Limited's Power Station at Popua. The project was funded by the NZ Aid Programme at a total of \$7.9 million NZD. In Tongan, Maama Mai means "Let there be Light".

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This development project marks a major upgrade for Kotu homes, which previously had limited access to electricity for only a certain number of hours per day. But the new solar PV mini-grid will now provide clean and reliable electricity 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. It is not yet clear whether all homes in Kotu will benefit from this mini-grid.

The commissioning of the Niuatoputapu Solar Hybrid System & Mini Grid is a significant milestone for Tonga. It brings the country's total electricity accessibility to around 99%. The project will also help to reduce Tonga's reliance on imported fossil fuels, which will benefit the environment and the economy.

"In Tonga, we have taken the decision of building of renewable capacity by 70% by 2030 and solar will be a key driver for achieving our targets. The role of ISA will be crucial in helping the countries strengthen their NDCs and to chart a roadmap for achieving their climate action targets," Hon Tei said.

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A \$53.2 million minigrid was commissioned on Niuafu'ou, Tonga's northernmost island, to provide clean, reliable power 24 hours a day. In Micronesia, Yap island seeks bids on a 79 kW solar plus storage minigrid system.

The 350kW solar generation system and 1003kW/1856kWh battery energy storage system is the 3rd component lot 1 of the Tonga Renewable Energy project (TREP) whereby we've witnessed completion of the

1st and 2nd component October 25th 2022 with the successful completion of Load Shifting and Grid Stability Battery Energy storage systems in ...

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