## **SOLAR PRO.** Solar hero Tokelau

Can Tokelau support itself with solar energy?

Tokelau,an island nation in the South Pacific,is now completely able to support itself with solar energy. Elly Earls met Joseph Mayhew of the New Zealand Aid Programme to find out how this tiny collection of atolls has become almost 100% self-sufficient in less than 12 months.

How much electricity does a solar system provide in Tokelau?

Each system alone is among the largest off-grid solar power systems in the world, and together they are capable of providing 150% of current electricity demand in Tokelau, a much higher amount than the 90% that was originally planned for.

Why did Tokelau switch to solar?

Yet despite the challenges involved in installing comprehensive solar systems in such a remote location, switching to solar was absolutely crucial for the tiny collection of islands. " Tokelau's atolls are low-lying and especially susceptible to the adverse effects of climate change, " Mayhew stressed.

new solar power systems replaced the existing diesel systems and were designed to provide at least 90% of the islands" electricity needs, saving roughly NZD 900,000 per year in diesel costs. In fact, expectation has been exceeded and Tokelau is the first country to have almost all its electricity needs met by solar power. WHO FUNDED THE PROJECT?

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The documentary tells the story of three small remote atolls in the middle of the Pacific that overcame their isolation and dependence on diesel generators to become the first 100% solar-powered nation in the world, proving that it is possible to reduce the use of fossil fuels and emission of greenhouse gases to a minimum.

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Solar Array"s seen on the three tiny islands of Tokelau to completely produce solar power energy. The

renewable energy system comprising of solar panels, storage batteries and generators running on biofuel

derived from coconut will generate enough electricity to meet 150% of the islands" power demand.

Compared to traditional energy sources, Tokelau's renewable energy demonstrates that solar power is more

cost-effective. This implies that Canada must transition away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy

sources such as solar energy.

Tokelau is the first country in the world to produce all its electricity needs from renewable energy. This small

Pacific nation with three atolls and 1160 people has switched off its noisy, polluting diesel generators and is

now totally powered by the sun. People in Tokelau began talking about a solar-powered future more than a

decade ago.

Foreign Affairs Minister Murray McCully today welcomed the completion of a third New Zealand-funded

solar power system in Tokelau - meaning almost 100 per cent of the territory"s electricity needs are met

through solar generation.

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