

What is a solar farm & how can it help Tonga?

Producing energy since August this year, and providing power for up to 10,336 households, the Solar Farm is helping The Government of Tonga pursue its National Energy Roadmap plans to see up to 70% of Tongatapu's electricity generation sourced from renewables by the end of 2025.

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.

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?

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What is Sunergise Tongatapu solar farm?

The Sunergise Tongatapu Solar Farm is the largest in the South Pacific. It was built as part of a power purchase agreement between Sunergise New Zealand Limited, a Todd Corporation solar company and Tonga Power Limited, with support from the Asian Development Bank.

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.

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.

The Tonga Outer Islands Solar Electrification Program has been in operation since 1987, covering the Vava'u and Ha'apai island groups. Almost 90% of the population of these outer islands now has electricity, which

equates to approximately 2000 systems, 230 kWp of solar energy and 2600 kWh of stored energy. The aim of the program is

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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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The system includes a 350kW solar plant and a 1003kW/1856kWh battery energy storage system, which will enable TPL to integrate renewable energy into its electricity grid and provide reliable power to customers.

The Solar Farm is capable of producing 6.9MWp of renewable power, helping lower power costs to Tonga and producing enough renewable energy to offset 18% of Tongatapu's current diesel-powered generation.

"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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