



# Backup solar Tonga

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.

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 Producer 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 the largest solar power project in the South Pacific?

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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 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.

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The Sunergise 6 MW IPP Solar Generation Systems is a photovoltaic power plant in Kolovai, Tongatapu, Tonga. It is the largest photovoltaic power plant in South Pacific.

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Tonga Power Limited is currently undertaking renewable energy projects, network upgrade projects as well as Battery Energy Storage projects which all contribute to ensuring Tonga Power provides power that is sustainable, reliable and safe for the people of Tonga. Learn more about our projects plans and progress by clicking the links below.

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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.

The new solar farm is expected to begin operations by April 2020. To achieve its goal of 50% renewable energy by 2020 and 70% by 2030, Tonga is also developing wind and biomass generation sources, and will integrate these with multiple units of battery energy storage.

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