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## Overview

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The two battery storage facilities installed in Tonga are complementary: the aim of the first 5 MWh / 10 MW battery is to improve the electricity grid's stability (regulating the voltage and frequency), while the second 23 MWh / 7 MW battery is designed to transfer the electrical load in order to.

MATATOA, TOFOA (25th October 2022) — The special event today marks the official opening of Tonga's first ever large-scale Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) by the Guest of Honor for the event, Honorable Huákavameiliku – Prime Minister for the Kingdom of Tonga. The two Battery Energy Storage.

What is the largest European battery-based energy storage project?

In May 2023, we launched our largest European battery-based energy storage project at the Antwerp platform in Belgium. With its 40 containers, the site will develop a capacity of 75 MWh, which is equivalent to the daily consumption.

ossil fuels and shift to renewables. The project will deliver utility-scale storage systems to provide base load response and grid stability, paving the way for more renewable energy integration in the main island, while green mini-grids will be an ever-present concern for Tonga. To address the dual.

(TREP) located in two separate locations. The first BESS, which is for grid stabilization technology developed by the Akuo Group. g to Tonga's 50% Re the Prime Minister Hon. Hu"akavameiliku. The mponent is leading by

Tonga Power Limited. A component to install solar PV facility and Battery .

This review of the Tonga Outer Island Renewable Energy Project (OIREP) was commissioned by the Australian High Commission to Tonga. The review was led by Scott Rankin, with support from Renewable Energy expert Rob Passey of ITP Renewables. We would like to thank the many people who gave generously. How many people have access to electricity in Tonga?

This means that little more than 30,000 people are spread across 35 islands, presenting acute issues in terms of the provision of modern infrastructure. At OIREP commencement, the ADB estimated that 89% of all households across Tonga had access to electricity.

Why is electricity so expensive in Tonga?

This has contributed to the Tongan economy and electricity consumers being exposed to high and volatile electricity prices due to fluctuations in the price of oil internationally. According to UK-based aggregate website Cable, Tonga's electricity is the 13th most expensive in the world, at an average cost of USD 0.35 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

How did the oirep project impact Tonga?

The project achieved its proposed impact, in terms of helping Tonga reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuel for power generation with OIREP assets estimated to have reduced diesel usage by 0.5 million litres annually. Central to the project outcome was the provision of on-grid and off-grid generation solar power at reduced cost.

Can Australia help secure Tonga's outer island energy needs?

Australia also has a long history of engagement in relation to helping secure Tonga's outer island energy needs. In the early 2000s, Australia funded the Ha'apai Outer Islands Electrification project (HOIEP), which involved the installation of diesel-powered generators and electrical reticulation on four islands in the Ha'apai group.

How can oirep help Tonga's remote island communities?

However, significant needs and opportunities exist to further expand renewable energy systems on outer islands. Less tangible, but also important is the role played by OIREP in consolidating Tonga's social contract with remote island dwelling communities, by allowing for enhanced and more

reliable access to electricity.

Why did oirep work with Tonga Power Limited?

OIREP's on-grid work was always a matter of laying the foundations for further investment in renewables and enjoyed the ease of working through one implementing partner – Tonga Power Limited – who were incentivised to help ensure the program succeeded given they will manage all on-grid assets post-project.

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