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Tuvalu 8GWh energy storage project



Overview

In 2007, Tuvalu was getting 2% of its energy from solar, through 400 small systems managed by the Tuvalu Solar Electric Co-operative Society. These were installed beginning in 1984 and, in the late 1990s, 34% of families in the outer islands had a PV system (which generally powered 1-3 lights and perhaps a few hours a day of radio use). Each of the eight islands had a medical centre.

What is the Tuvalu solar power project?

The Government of Tuvalu worked with the e8 group to develop the Tuvalu Solar Power Project, which is a 40 kW grid-connected solar system that is intended to provide about 5% of Funafuti's peak demand, and 3% of the Tuvalu Electricity Corporation's annual household consumption.

How can Tuvalu improve its energy security?

to enhance Tuvalu's energy security by reducing its dependence on imported fuel for power generation and by improving the efficiency and sustainability of its electricity system.

Where does Tuvalu electricity come from?

Tuvalu's power has come from electricity generation facilities that use imported diesel brought in by ships. The Tuvalu Electricity Corporation (TEC) on the main island of Funafuti operates the large power station (2000 kW).

What is Tuvalu's energy policy?

Tuvalu commits to reduction of emissions of green-house gases from the electricity generation (power) sector, by 100%, ie almost zero emissions by 2025. Tuvalu's indicative quantified economy-wide target for a reduction in total emissions of GHGs from the entire energy sector to 60% below 2010 levels by 2025.

What was the first large scale solar system in Tuvalu?

The first large scale system in Tuvalu was a 40 kW solar panel installation on

the roof of Tuvalu Sports Ground. This grid-connected 40 kW solar system was established in 2008 by the E8 and Japan Government through Kansai Electric Company (Japan) and contributes 1% of electricity production on Funafuti.

How much does it cost to install solar panels in Tuvalu?

Due to Tuvalu's limited land area, the solar panels will run along the landing strip at Tuvalu's airport alongside the soccer field. The contract price for the solar PV facility was about \$5 million, with the remaining funding provided by IDA.

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