

# Advantages of Tonga s Solar Photovoltaic Panels

# 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 Togan, the role of independent power producers and the practice of PPA provide solid support to smooth the way for solar deployment.

## 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.

## 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 Producersolar 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."

# Why is Tonga a good country to live in?

As an island country with a total surface area of merely 290 sq mi, Tongan's power generation heavily relies on imported fossil fuels. Renewables like solar are a significant means for Tonga to expand energy access, stabilize power grids as well as reduce pollution.

#### 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.

#### 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, Tongan's power generation heavily relies on imported fossil fuels.



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