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## 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 generationand by improving the efficiency and sustainability of its elec-tricity system.

Where does Tuvalu electricity come from?

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

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.

Is Tuvalu A good place to work?

Tuvalu is a candidate to benefit from this new direction, with its transformative oppor-tunities, initiatives, and programs to foster women's employment and productive energy use. Source: Takayuki Doi, World Bank.

Does Tuvalu have a 'SIDS DOCK' initiative?

The highly vol-atile cost of fuel has proven very costly to the utility, and the government and the SIDS DOCK initiative certainly is embraced," said Avafoa Irata, CEO of Tuvalu's Ministry of Transport, Energy, and Tourism.

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ADB and the Government of Tuvalu commissioned 500 kilowatt on-grid solar rooftops in Funafuti and a 2 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system that will provide clean and reliable electricity supply to the country"s capital and help achieve the government"s ambitious renewable energy targets.

TRANSFORMING TUVALU THROUGH THE ENERGY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT PROJECT In 2014, the World Bank approved a \$7 million grant from the International Development Association (IDA) for the



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Tuvalu Energy Sector Development Project to enhance Tuvalu's energy security by reducing its dependence on imported fuel for power generation and

Tuvalu, an island country midway between Hawaii and Australia, has commissioned a new solar and storage project with the ADB, featuring a 500 kW on-grid solar rooftop array and a 2 MWh BESS in the capital, Funafuti.

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Tuvalu have officially launched a 500 kilowatt solar rooftop system in Funafuti, along with a 2 megawatt-hour battery energy storage system (BESS). This project will provide clean and reliable electricity to Tuvalu's capital and help the country meet its renewable energy goals.

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