

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.

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).

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.

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.

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.

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.

The two Battery Energy Storage systems are deliverables of the Tonga Renewable Energy Project (TREP) located in two separate locations.

The first BESS, which is for grid stabilization,...

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Foreword It is my pleasure to provide the forward for this, the first Report on the Tonga Energy Road Map 2010-20.

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substation, or ESS.

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His Majesty, King Tupou VI commissioned the Niuatoputapu Solar Hybrid System & Mini Grid on July 26, 2023.

The project is part of the Outer Islands Renewable...

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...

Currently collaborating with ADB on progressing this project to meet our 70% RE target. Human resource challenges in retaining skilled employees (faced by all sectors), with new technology...

Conclusion Tonga's grid-scale ESS industry is set for growth as the nation strives to achieve its renewable energy targets and enhance its energy security.

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The two battery storage facilities installed in Tonga are complementary: the aim of the first 5 MW h / 10 MW battery is to improve the...

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While stabilising the grid, this project will particularly address the intermittency of variable renewable energy sources, thus laying the foundation for private sector investments in...

As of June 2025, the China Energy Storage Alliance (CNESA) reports that China has amassed approximately 164 GW of total installed energy storage capacity.

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