Overview on Tuvalu Energy Sector



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1. Existing PV Installation

Fogafale & Outer Islands

Site		Capacity		Installation	Comm	Type of Battery
	PV (kWp)	Battery (kWhr)	Gen (kVa)			(Lead Acid)
Nanumea	195	1,440	160	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Nanumaga	205	1,584	160	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Niutao	230	1,728	160	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Vaitupu	400	2,880	160	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Nui	80	864	180	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Nukufetau	97	1,008	180	In the Estuary	2015	Maint. Free
Nukulaelae	45	586	114	Ground	2015	Maint. Free
Maritime Institute	8	96	120	Rooftop	2017	Maint. Free
Motufoua Sec. School	46	576	114	Ground	2009	Wet Batt
Fogafale	732	nil	1,800	Roof-Top & Structure	2015	Nil

Demo Projects

Purpose	To be replicated in larger scale									
Donor	Global Environment Facility (GEF)									
No	Demo Title	Purpose	Site	Photo						
1	Demand Management Response System (DMRS)	To remotely control of most high powered consumption electrical equipments	Wharf – refrigerated reefers							
2	Standalone Solar Power Capacitive De-Ionisation Desalination Plant (CDI)	New Technology	PWD Compound							

Demo Projects

No	Demo Title	Purpose	Site	Photo
3	Floating Solar PV (FSPV) System	To minimise the cutting down of trees.	Tafua Pond	
4	Solar Roof-Top	Using of the available space.	TEC Demo Fale	
5	E-Car & Charging Station	To reduce petroleum usage for the transport sector.	TEC	

2. On-Going PV Projects

Asian Development Bank (ADB) RE Solar Projects

Project	Site	Capacity			Installation	Status	Donor	Remarks
Title		PV (MWp)	Battery (1MW/ MWH)	Gen (kW)				
IAREP 1	Funafuti, Nui, N/tau & N/lae2	0.5 (0.285 O/I)	1/3	1,800	Roof & Ground mounted	Comm. around Dec 2023	ADB	Under Constructi on
TOTAL		1.5	1/3	1,800				

World Bank (WB) RE Solar Project

Site	Capacity			Installation	Status	Donor	Remarks
	PV (MWp)	Battery (1MW/M WH)	Gen (kW)				
Near Sport Ground	0.7	1/2		Raised Structure	Comm. end of 2024	WB	Construction 2024
TOTAL	0.7	1/2	1,800				

 Completing of ADB & WB RE Project, the share of renewable may increase to about 30%

3. Planned Project

Asian Development Bank (ADB) RE Solar Projects

Project	SiteCapacityInPVBatteryGen(MWp)(1MW/(kW)MWH)MWH)In	Capacity			Installation	Status	Donor	Remarks
Title								
IAREP II	Fogafale Lagoon – Near TCS	1	0		Floating	Tender around October	ADB	Tender around Oct'23
TOTAL		1.5	1/3	1,800				

 Replacement of Outer Island batteries is under discussion with ADB to be part of IAREP II and depending on the availability of Finance.

4. Renewable Energy Target

SHARE OF PV										
Stations	2016 (%)	2017 (%)	2018 (%)	2019 (%)	2020 (%)	2021 (%)	2022 (%)			
Nanumea	94	95	93	79	55	36	45			
Nanumaga	96	93	93	81	64	35	46			
Niutao	93	91	90	78	74	13	67			
Vaitupu	77	88	88	61	50	37	56			
Nui	73	59	38	44	49	48	61			
Nukufetau	83	73	53	47	42	52	2			
Nukulaelae	14	67	70	49	36	52	67			
Outer Islands	81	81	77	63	54	39	53			
Funafuti	14	12	9	11	8	10	11			
Overall	25	25	21	20	17	17	19			

5. Private Sector Business Opportunities

Other PV Installation Systems

Site	Capacity		Installation	Donor	Owned	
	PV (kWp)	Battery (kWhr)	Gen (kVa)			
Maritime Institute	8	96	120	Rooftop	Finland	Government
Fisheries	50		Grid	Rooftop	NZ MFAT	Government
USP	6	nil	Grid	Rooftop	USP	Private
EKT Office	3.5	48	Grid	Rooftop	IUCN	Private
Leiley's	5.4	14.4	Grid	Rooftop	Private	Private



• Other PV Installations contributes about 2% in 2022.

Residence Solar Roof-Top

Planning Stage

- TEC is planning for future solar PV installations, to use residence roof-top space.
- Right type of Model to adopt
 - Solar PV only or with batteries
 - Ownership residence can own and maintain the system.
 - TEC from Panels to Inverter (Generation Part of the System) and Private Certified Technicians after the Inverter.





• Whatever model adopted, there is opportunities for selling PV Panels, batteries and other related equipment.

6. Moving Forward

- Energy Bill need to be endorsed by Parliament
- Adoption of the right type of model for rooftop systems (Feed-In Tariff (FIT) or other arrangement).
- Training of existing Electrical Contractors to be certified installers and maintenance.
- Also need to train others to get certified
- Upgrading of the Electricity Network to accommodate more solar PV's and e-mobility technology.



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