

SolarTech Power Solutions

Cook Islands Telecommunications Base Station Hybrid Energy Location



Overview

What is the future of power in the Cook Islands?

Now with full-time power, the future has taken a new shape for Cook Islands' residents thanks to government renewable energy – leading to an improved quality of life, and increased economy activity. The improved livelihood in the communities that now have the benefit of reliable, 24hour power supply is immeasurable.

How did we help the Cook Islands Government achieve its aim?

We helped the government realise its aim. To support the Cook Islands Government, the New Zealand Government – through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, installed mini-grid photo-voltaic power systems in a number of villages on six remote islands. We helped manage this logistically enjoyable project.

What does the GCF grant mean for the Cook Islands?

The GCF is providing a \$12-million grant to co-finance the project, which is part of the seven-year Pacific Islands Renewable Investment Program covering the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga. The grant will fund assistance to the Cook Islands in procuring and installing battery storage.

How much battery storage capacity will be installed in Rarotonga?

Additional battery storage capacity consisting of 1 megawatt (MW)/4 megawatt hour (MWH) for grid stability will be installed in the diesel power station in Avatiu Valley, Rarotonga, and 2 MW/8 MWh for load-shifting capability will be installed at the Rarotonga International Airport.

Why is there no electricity on the islands?

Bad weather and other events often prevent goods arriving on the islands. Previously, electricity was provided by diesel generators, usually for around 12

hours per day. Power supply was effected by issues of reliability, maintainability, capacity and access to adequate, regular diesel supplies.

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