

## SolarTech Power Solutions

# Maldives solar Energy Storage Power Station



## Overview

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What is the Maldives solar project?

The Maldives solar project is a 36 MW solar power project and 50 MWh of battery energy storage solutions development across various islands in the Maldives. It also includes grid modernization for the integration of variable renewable energy with the grid, which will be financed under the proposed AIIB loan.

Why solar PV with storage in Maldives?

Solar PV with storage has proven suitable and competitive for Maldives' high penetration of renewable energy (POISED type B projects), with an average fuel savings of 25%. The concept design of hybrid systems (efficient diesel generators + solar PV plants + energy storage) has resulted in success for Maldives.

Should investors invest in sustainable solar projects in the Maldives?

In 2014, the first 1.5 MW solar project under ASPIRE only had four investors bids, and resulted in a high power purchase price (PPA) of 21 US cents per unit of electricity, indicating a lack of interest from investors in investing in sustainable projects in the Maldives.

Will a 5 MW solar installation make Maldives a popular destination?

Now, one of the first sights for any of the 1.7 million tourists visiting the Maldives will be that of the 5 MW solar installation on the highway linking the airport island to Male and its satellite town of Hulhumale.

How much solar energy does the Maldives receive?

Maldives, located in the Equator, receives abundant solar energy. Specifically, it receives about 400 Million MW of solar energy per annum.

How do solar panels work in the Maldives?

In tropical islands like the Maldives, for example, photovoltaic panels are installed on the roofs of most resorts, delivering electricity during the presence of sunlight. However, diesel generators are still the main source of backup power.

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