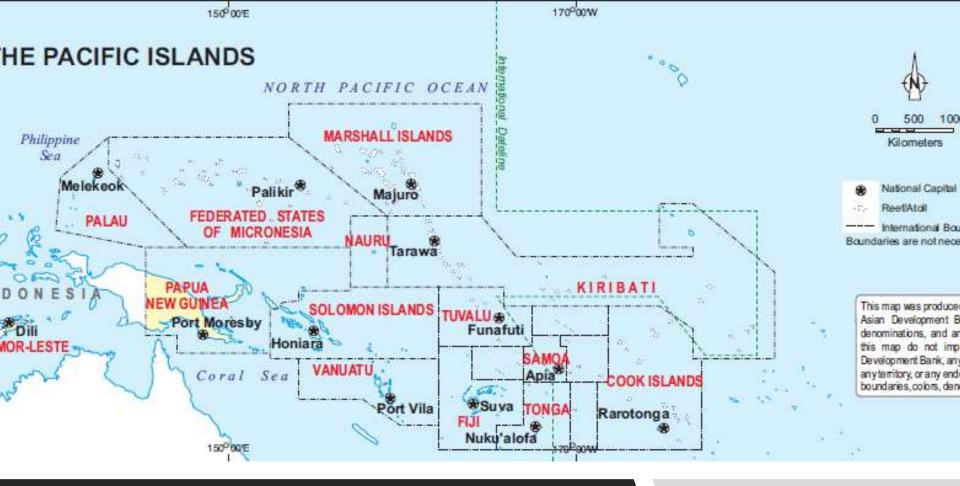


# Energy for the Pacific: Case of Tonga Renewable Energy Project

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# The Pacific Region



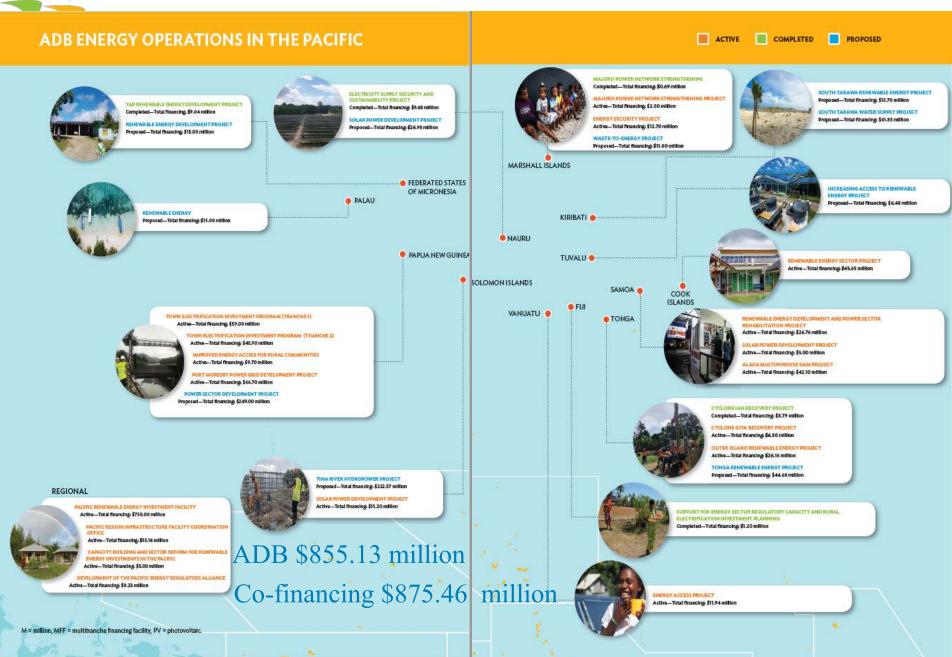
Common Challenges in the Pacific Energy Sector

- Vulnerable to natural disasters and the potential effects of climate change
- High reliance on imported fossil fuel and high tariff
- Limited electricity access in outer islands
- Lack of Capacity





### ADB Energy Projects in the Pacific



### Solutions for Paradigm-Shift in the Pacific

- MW-scale renewable energy (RE) and battery energy storage system (BESS) for main islands
- RE-based hybrid system for outer-islands
- Collaboration and cofinancing with other bilateral and multilateral development partners and private sector
- Women's participation
- One ADB Approach

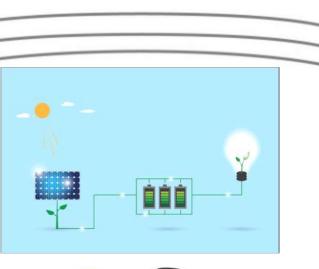




ADB's Public Sector Funding

### ADB's Advisory Services

ADB's Private Sector loan and guarantee









### Remarks from CEO of Tong Power Limited



# Take Away Messages

- Are you specialized in and passionate about the small-scale of RE/BESS/EV projects?
- Would you like to propose new and innovate solutions other than RE/BESS/EV for small islands countries in the Pacific?
- Would you like to contribute big development impacts with smaller investments?
- Would like to work for the Pacific?
- If yes, please contact us!!!

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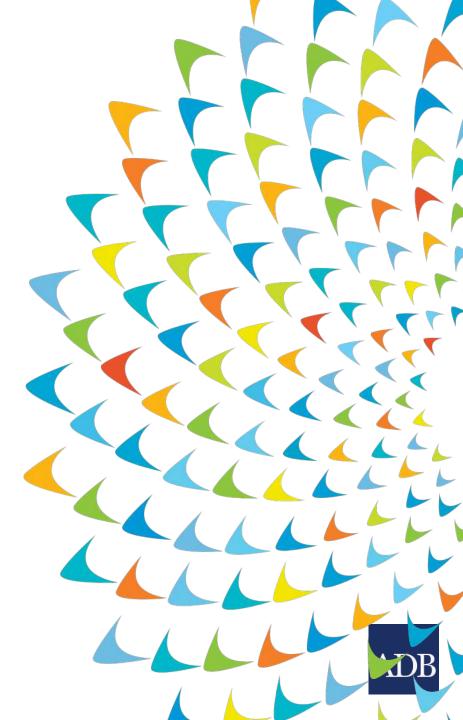
# More information

https://www.adb.org/sites/defa ult/files/institutionaldocument/545686/pacificenergy-update-2019.pdf

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# Appendixes



# Tonga Energy Road Map

### Tonga's 50% Renewable Energy Target by 2020

#### Phase 1 (2014-2019)

Outer Island Renewable Energy Project [OIREP] (RE plants on 9 outer islands + power distribution network upgrades) funded by

- ADB Loan: \$2.50M
- ADB Grant: 11.44 M
- Government of Australia Grant: \$6.72 million
- European Union: \$3.57 million
- Second Danish Cooperation Fund for Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency for Rural Areas: \$0.75M
- Global Environment Facility Grant: \$2.64 M
- Government of Tonga: \$1.57 million

#### Total: \$29.19 M

#### Phase 2 (2017-2019)

- 1 Solar IPP: ~ \$5.0 M
- 2 Wind Farms to be funded by JICA and Government of China : \$10-15M

#### <u>Total: \$15~20 M</u>

#### Phase 3 (2018-2020)

#### Tonga renewable energy project (TREP):

- Green Climate Fund Grant: \$29.90M
- ADB Grant: \$12.20M
- Government of Australia Grant \$2.50M
- Tonga Power Limited: \$3.00 million
- Government of Tonga: \$5.60 million

#### Total: \$53.20 M

- 4MW Solar PV farms and 3.8MW wind farm to be developed by IPPs
- Potential contribution from Government of NZ for wind IPP (to be confirmed)
- Potential Biomass Plant \_Funding sought

### Tonga's Energy Efficiency Target (Reduction of Power Grid Losses to 9%) by 2020

#### Completed

L. Cyclone Ian Recovery Project to rehabilitate FPL's power grid on Haápai (complet<u>ed in 2015).</u>

- ADB Grant: \$ 2.0 M
- Tonga Power Limited: \$0.5M

#### 2. Tongatapu – Tonga Village Network Upgrade Project (completed in 2015).

- Government of New Zealand Grant: \$ 35 M <u>Total:</u> \$37.5 M

#### Ongoing

- 'Eua part of OIREP (to be completed in 2018).
- Vava'u- part of OIREP (to be completed in 2019).
- 2. Tongatapu Smart Metering Project (completed in 2018).
- Government of New Zealand Grant: \$ 0.6 M
- TPL: \$3.0M

#### <u> Total: \$3.6 N</u>

#### Planned (Beyond 2020)

- 1. Nukuálofa Network Upgrade Project
- ADB Grant: \$ 6.8 M
- Government of New Zealand: \$8.0M
- 2. Battery Energy Storage System part of TREP

3. Energy Efficiency Programs for residential and commercial customers - Tonga Power Limited: \$0.5M/yr

Total: \$14.8 M (excluding TPL's annual contribution)



### Pacific Renewable Energy Program (PREP)

A project financing and donor-backed

guarantees program for private sector

investment in renewable energy projects

in the Pacific





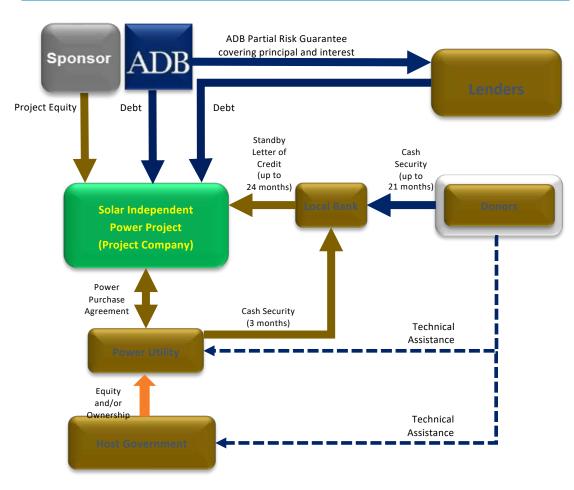
## **Overview**

- The Pacific Renewable Energy Program, provides project financing and donor backed guarantees to support private sector investment in renewable energy projects.
- The Program aims to address:
  - short term liquidity risk in relation to the offtake obligations of power utilities; and
  - long term liquidity risk to address perceived political risks and termination payment
- The objective is to mitigate a key risk for investors and "crowd-in" the private sector to develop solar and wind projects in the Pacific.



The Program encourages private sector renewable energy investment by supporting short term liquidity risk through a donor backed standby letter of credit and by supporting long term investment through a partial risk guarantee.

#### **Program Overview for a Potential Solar Independent Power Project**



#### **Key Features**

#### Jp to 99% Partial Risk Guarantee (PRG)\*

ssued by ADB in favor of qualified lenders to the project company to guarantee against the following:

- Denial of justice and arbitral award default
- Transfer restriction
- Expropriation
- War and civil disturbance

#### Letter of Credit (LC)

ssued by a local bank in favor of the project company, and in an amount sufficient to cover the monthly payment obligations of the power utility under the PPA for up to 24 months

#### Technical Assistance (TA)

Arranged by ADB to assist the host government and/or the power utility with project preparation (e.g., tender preparation, power purchase agreement drafting)

#### **ADB Debt Financing**

ADB's private sector operations department may lend to the project company alongside commercial lenders

\* Indicative only, subject to ADB satisfactory due diligence, internal credit and Board approvals, and final documentation relevant to each IPP and its sponsors.



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## **Frequently Asked Questions**

- Does the letter of credit (LC) cover equity?
  - The LC is for the benefit of the project company to keep it operating as a going concern, pay expenses and make debt service payments (including to any ADB loan). If the LC is drawn and not replenished, dividend payments will be suspended at some interval until the LC is restored by the utility and normal operations resume.
- What happens if the LC is restored?
  - If the LC is restored and normal operations resume, then the LC will be rolled over for another 24 months.
- What happens if the LC is not restored?
  - If the LC is not restored, and the project goes into the default process, the partial risk guarantee ("PRG") is exercised.
  - The PRG covers political risk and breach of contract, upon arbitration award.
- Can ADB lend in local currencies?
  - ADB can lend in local currencies by taking a risk participation (partial credit guarantee "PCG") in a domestic or international bank that can directly lend in that currency.
- How does a sponsor or utility apply to use the Program?
  - For sponsors, there is no formal application process and interested parties can contact ADB's private sector team directly so that we can assess a project's suitability for the Program.
  - The Program can be introduced by utilities to bidders during a bid process but use of the Program is subject to ADB's due diligence, internal credit and Board approvals, and final documentation relevant to each IPP and its sponsors.
- What size and tenor of financing is available?
  - Loans and guarantees combined total are \$10 million per project, with tenors of up to 15 years.
  - Equity is injected first.





## **One ADB Approach**

