



**SolarTech Power Solutions**

# **Samoa develops battery energy for communication base stations**



## Overview

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Why are Tesla specialists assisting Samoa's Electric Power Corporation engineers?

Tesla specialists are on the ground assisting Samoa's electric power corporation engineers to ensure its battery energy storage systems are operating to support Samoa's energy needs during the current power crisis.

Image: Electric Power Corporation, Samoa.

Who owns ADB in Samoa?

Established in 1966, it is owned by 69 members—49 from the region. ADB has signed a transaction advisory services agreement with Samoa's Electric Power Corporation (EPC) to support the development of a solar photovoltaic and battery energy storage systems with installations planned for the country's two largest islands, Upolu and Savai'i.

Why did the American Samoa power authority choose eastern power solutions?

The American Samoa Power Authority selected Eastern Power Solutions with the EVLO 1000 BESS to enhance the delivery of safe, reliable, and clean power to the local community. ASPA is a development-oriented public utility providing electricity, water, wastewater, and solid waste services to about 50,000 residents.

What is Samoa's energy mandate?

The mandate also includes addressing critical environmental, social, and gender considerations to ensure the project's sustainability and inclusiveness. Samoa currently relies on imported fossil fuels for approximately 69% of its electricity generation, leaving the country vulnerable to volatile oil prices.

How has the power crisis impacted Samoa?

The crisis has led to up to 16 hours of daily power interruptions across Upolu

requiring extensive power rationing coordinated by the Electric Power Corporation (EPC). Samoan Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa said the economic impact of the crisis is estimated to cost up to 16% of Samoa's GDP.

Why should American Samoa invest in solar energy?

Positioned less than 1,000 miles south of the equator, American Samoa is uniquely positioned to harness its abundant solar energy resources. BESS projects will be critical for American Samoa to achieve its renewable energy goals by maximizing solar utilization, reducing dependence on imported fuels, and ensuring a safe, reliable grid.

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