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Timor-Leste Industrial and Commercial Grid-Side Energy Storage



Overview

What is the Timor-Leste solar power project?

The Project involves the construction and 25-year operation of a new power plant in Manatuto, Timor-Leste, comprising a 72 MW solar power plant co-located with a 36 MW/36 MWh battery energy storage system. This will be the country's first full-scale renewable energy IPP project.

How long does a solar system last in Timor-Leste?

High electricity costs and readily available solar radiation mean that the average payback period for a rooftop photovoltaic (PV) solar energy system in Timor-Leste is only 1.5 to 3 years instead of the global average of 6-10 years. Transitioning to solar can also help the country meet environmental commitments.

Does Timor-Leste need a roof-top solar energy system?

In addition, most of Timor-Leste's electricity is generated through costly and polluting diesel generators. Australia's Market Development Facility (MDF) and ITP Renewables conducted an assessment of the potential market for roof-top solar energy systems in Timor-Leste.

How much does electricity cost in Timor-Leste?

The cost of electricity in Timor-Leste for commercial and industrial consumers is high compared to ASEAN countries. For instance, in Indonesia industrial electricity tariffs are 0.11 USD/kWh, compared to 0.24 USD/kWh in Timor-Leste.

Is Timor-Leste a good country for solar energy?

Timor-Leste has a high-quality solar resource. The global horizontal irradiance in Dili is higher than on the east coast of Australia, where the solar market is mature and installation costs are higher. The cost of electricity in Timor-Leste for commercial and industrial consumers is high compared to ASEAN

countries.

Do Timor-Leste businesses experience electricity outages?

Research shows that nearly all businesses in Timor-Leste experience electricity outages, in some cases multiple times a week. Outages affect businesses in different ways: For tourism businesses, it impacts customer experience (internet, device charging, air conditioning and fans, food quality, and inability to refuel diving tanks).

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