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# **Timor-Leste energy storage project benefits**



## Overview

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The project allocated USD 5.78 million to Timor-Leste to support clean energy infrastructure, reduce reliance on fossil fuels, and improve national resilience to climate-related risks. 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.

Why should Timor-Leste invest in solar & storage infrastructure?

José added: "The investment in Timor-Leste's solar and storage infrastructure is transformative. It will help reduce dependence on fossil fuels while improving grid stability and energy access across the country". José de Ponte was supported by special counsel Marnie Calli, senior associate Lisa Huynh and solicitor Jeraldine Mow.

What is Timor-Leste's energy plan?

Program of the 9th Constitutional Government: The Government is committed to modernize and expand its energy system by utilizing renewable energy. Timor-Leste plans to implement 72 MW solar and 50 MW wind by 2024 and 2026 respectively. This will increase RE share in power generation from 0.2% in 2021 to 35.4% in 2030.

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 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 improved electricity access improve development outcomes in Timor-Leste?

Overall, Timor-Leste's HDI has shown little improvement since 2010, while electricity access doubled to 100 %. The effects of improved electricity access on development outcomes appear less than observed internationally. Fig. 3. Timor-Leste's HDI component indices 2000-2021.

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