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Overview

What is the energy access project in Vanuatu?

The project will assist Vanuatu install hydropower generation to replace diesel generation in Malekula and will extend the distribution grid in both Malekula and Espiritu Santo. Project preparatory technical assistance was used in project preparation. Energy Access Project: Audited Project Financial Statements (January-December 2021).

Will solar power boost Vanuatu's energy independence and climate resilience?

The project aims to support the use of solar power and battery storage on the islands of Efate and Tanna, boosting Vanuatu's energy independence and climate resilience. New Zealand's Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs, Winston Peters, confirmed the country's commitment during a press conference held in Port Vila on Wednesday.

Does Vanuatu have biomass?

Traditional biomass – the burning of charcoal, crop waste, and other organic matter – is not included. This can be an important source in lower-income settings. Vanuatu: How much of the country's electricity comes from nuclear power?

Nuclear power – alongside renewables – is a low-carbon source of electricity.

What is the impact of low access to electricity in Vanuatu?

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How does reliance on fossil fuels affect Vanuatu's economy?

Over-reliance on imported fossil fuels (diesel) also has a negative macro-economic impact. In order to address these issues, the Government of Vanuatu has requested ADB to support development of least-cost renewable energy (hydropower) and grid extensions in targeted provincial centers.

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