

TONGA ENERGY ROADMAP OFF-GRID ELECTRIFICATION PROJECTS UPDATE

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2010 KEY TERM OBJECTIVE AND FOCUS – OFFGRID

- To provide Off-Grid communities⁽¹⁾ with access to electricity options from renewable sources that are sustainable and also provide for their varied power needs.

(1) Communities which are not currently supplied with electricity from Tonga Power Ltd.

- To cultivate quality of life and potential to increase economic activity of the outer islands communities that the Tonga Off-Grid Initiative aims.

Strategic National Targets TERM/NDC/JNAP



| Development Initiatives | Baseline 2009 | TARGET as of Year 2010 | BY Year | Current Achievements |
|--|---------------|---------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| 1) RE Power Generation | 0.2% | 50% | 2020 | Updated |
| | 50% | 70% | 2030 | Updated |
| | 70% | 100% | 2035 | Updated |
| 2) Line Loss Reduction | 18% | 9% | 2020 | Updated |
| 3) Electricity Access ¹ | 83% | 100% | 2020 | 91% |
| <i>4) Sector Emissions Anticipated [Power]</i> | 0.12% | 11% | 2020 | 2.53% |
| [Transport/Waste/Agr- Forestry] | Not Set | Not Set | Not Set | Not Set |
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SHS OFF-GRID EVOLUTION

- 1988 First SHS (Mango and Taunga Is.)
- 1993 LOME Convention (Vava'u Outer Islands)
- 1995 NZAid/GoT (Niuafo'ou/'Atataa and Tafahi Islands)
- > 2000 PREFACE/SPC/France/AusAID (Ha'apai Islands)
- > 2005 IUCN/Austria/Italy (Ha'apai Islands)
- > 2010 TERM Initiative







Niua Group



2009 OFF-GRID KEY IDENTIFIED CHALLENGES

| 2010 | 2019 |
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| Vast Geographical Locations | Will never be removed - Cost of inter- island transport continues to increase |
| High Capital Cost of RE Equipment | Slightly decreasing |
| Dependence on Donor – longer lead time | Improved |
| Donor strict rules | Removed |
| Government Duty and Levies | Totally removed |
| Lacking in technical skills | Improved dramatically - Utility/Private/GoT |
| Tropical harsh salty conditions | Will never be removed – Technology improved |
| Lack of public awareness | Improved - Schools, Communities, NGOs, Private Sector |
| Data Gaps | |



| Solar Home Systems – Offgrid | | | |
|------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Donors | Japan, Italy/Austria, Canada | | |
| Funds | USD5.42M | | |
| Total Capacity | 0.31kWp | | |
| Approaches | Bilateral and Regional | | |
| GHG Emission Reduction | 0.1Gg CO2 Equivalent | | |
| Benefits | Rural Communities socio- economic/livelihood improved, Lower Operation/Maintenance costs & tariff, BUT limited electricity service. | | |
| Management | District based Management established under Incorporated Society Act | | |



| Solar Streetlight Systems - Origin | | | |
|------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Donors | China/Private | | |
| Funds | USD3.42M worth of equipment | | |
| Total Capacity | 230kWp | | |
| Approaches | Bilateral | | |
| GHG Emission Reduction | 0.7Gg CO2 Equivalent | | |
| Benefits | Safety at all times; GoT provides maintenance; helps in times of major power blackouts during TCs particularly on main islands. | | |
| Management | District based Management established under Incorporated Society Act | | |

Solar Streetlight Systems Offgrid



| Solar Water Pump Systems – Offgrid | | | |
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| Donors | Japan, Italy/Austria, Canada | | |
| Funds | USD3.42M | | |
| Total Capacity | 180kWp | | |
| Approaches | Bilateral and Regional | | |
| GHG Emission Reduction | 1.1Gg CO2 Equivalent | | |
| Benefits | Rural Communities Hygienic, Lower Operation/Maintenance costs & tariff, Diesel Based Pumping put off, Water quality improved. | | |
| Management | District based Management established under Incorporated Society Act | | |



| Solar Freezer Systems-Offgrid | | | |
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| Donors | Japan | | |
| Funds | USD3.2M | | |
| Total Capacity | 308kWp | | |
| Approaches | Regional | | |
| GHG Emission Reduction | 2.2Gg CO2 Equivalent | | |
| Benefits | Rural Communities Hygienic, Create Business Opportunity for women/youth – Empowerment, Additional income for households. | | |
| Management | District based Management established under Incorporated Society Act | | |



| Solar Migro | Cha Systems Chighta |
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| Donors | GCF, AusAid, ADB |
| Funds | USD22.4M |
| Total Capacity | 180kWp |
| Approaches | Bilateral and Regional |
| GHG Emission Reduction | 1.1Gg CO2 Equivalent |
| Benefits | Rural Communities Hygienic, Lower Operation/Maintenance costs & tariff, Diesel Based Pumping put off, Water quality improved. |
| Management | Community based Management Established under Cooperative Society Act |

MONTHLY TARRIF PER SYSTEM SET BY MANAGEMENT - TOP

| | TOISES Inc | HOISES Inc | VOISES Inc | NIUA Inc |
|-----|------------|------------|------------|----------|
| SHS | 15 | 13 | 13 | 15 |
| SSS | GoT | GoT | GoT | GoT |
| SPS | 30% | 30% | 30% | 30% |
| SFS | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| SMS | - | 60/2-3/kWh | - | - |













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OFF-GRID INITIATIVES ELECTRICITY USED - calculated kWh





AVERAGE MONTHLY GENERATION 2015–2019





MONTHLY GENERATION kWh





FOUR KEY LESSONS LEARNT

- That service quality is priority: reliable hardware, a responsible organization, sound finance for operation, maintenance and spares, and appropriate knowledge.
- That the design must fit needs: One size does not fit all.
- <u>That the solution must be attractive</u>: Users, energy has to open better life opportunities and allow for possible economic activity.
- That the institutional framework must function. The current institutional framework governing energy in Tonga must be upgraded to cope with development in the sector.

Environmental Precaution Measures







RECOMMENDATIONS

- THAT AWARENESS AND REFRESHER TRAINING FOR USERS AND OPERATORS ARE NEEDED DUE TO CHANGES IN TECHNOLOGY
- Got/Donors to continue providing advisory roles to community management setups
- COMMUNITY MANAGEMENT SETUPS MUST ALSO ASSIST Got ON BEARING COSTS OF OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE



THANK YOU