

# Vanuatu s largest energy storage project





## Overview

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In Vanuatu, REnew Pacific has been pivotal in launching a \$75 million solar generation and battery storage project. Developed in collaboration with New Zealand-based Infratec and French-owned Unelco, this project will considerably augment the country's renewable energy capacity. 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.

Why is Vanuatu launching a solar farm?

The project underscores the Vanuatu government's commitment to decarbonising the electricity supply and aligning with international climate change goals. Notably, this solar farm represents the final direct-to-grid PV installation that can operate without an accompanying battery. Future projects will necessitate energy storage solutions.

Does Vanuatu have a low electricity access rate?

Vanuatu currently has one of the lowest electricity access rates in the world. Under the RESSET project, New Zealand will serve as the lead donor, providing the majority of funding for the installation of solar arrays and battery storage systems on Efate, near Port Vila, and the island of Tanna.

Does Vanuatu need electricity?

This initiative responds directly to Vanuatu's national climate goals and energy needs by improving access to clean and reliable electricity. Vanuatu currently has one of the lowest electricity access rates in the world.

What future projects require energy storage solutions?



Future projects will necessitate energy storage solutions. The upcoming Renewable Energy Solar and Storage on Efate and Tanna (RESSET) project, following this milestone, will provide an additional 5 MWp of PV generation, complete with a substantial stabilising and energy storage battery of 6.75MWh. Welcome to the discussion.



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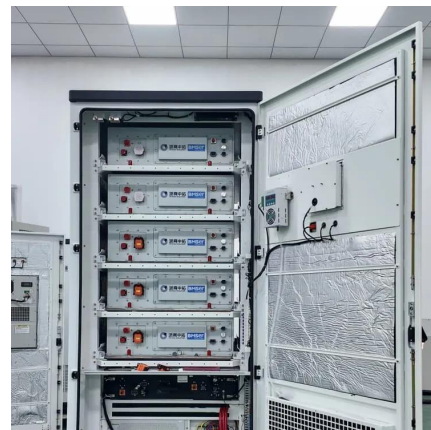
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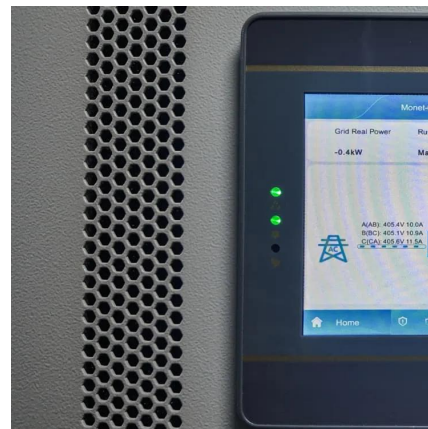
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The Renewable Energy Systems with Storage for Efate and Tanna (RESSET) project in Tanna, Vanuatu, was funded by New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT).

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