



# Solar panel scheme for farmers Maldives

What is the Maldives solar project?

The Maldives solar project is a 36 MW solar power project and 50 MWh of battery energy storage solutions development across various islands in the Maldives. It also includes grid modernization for the integration of variable renewable energy with the grid, which will be financed under the proposed AIIB loan.

Should investors invest in sustainable solar projects in the Maldives?

In 2014, the first 1.5 MW solar project under ASPIRE only had four investors bids, and resulted in a high power purchase price (PPA) of 21 US cents per unit of electricity, indicating a lack of interest from investors in investing in sustainable projects in the Maldives.

What are the challenges facing solar projects in Maldives?

Challenges facing such projects include integrating solar with existing power sources on the grid, off-taker risk, weak procurement, and planning capacity. The objective of the ASPIRE project is to increase photovoltaic (PV) generation in Maldives through private-sector investment. Approved in 2020, the ARISE Project scaled up this process.

Why solar PV with storage in Maldives?

Solar PV with storage has proven suitable and competitive for Maldives' high penetration of renewable energy (POISED type B projects), with an average fuel savings of 25%. The concept design of hybrid systems (efficient diesel generators + solar PV plants + energy storage) has resulted in success for Maldives.

Will a 5 MW solar installation make Maldives a popular destination?

Now, one of the first sights for any of the 1.7 million tourists visiting the Maldives will be that of the 5 MW solar installation on the highway linking the airport island to Male and its satellite town of Hulhumale.

How will ASPIRE solar projects benefit Maldives?

In general, the projects will benefit the people of Maldives and the government by lowering electricity prices and providing quasi-budgetary support. 2014 - The first 1.5 megawatt (MW) solar project under ASPIRE had four investors' bids, resulting in a high PPA of 21 US cents per unit of electricity.

The program, funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), is a joint initiative of the Ministry and Fenaka Corporation with the company carrying out the installation of the solar panels. Solar PV systems of three and five kilowatts are issued under the program.

The company was awarded the project in November 2020, and the work on the installation of the solar power system began in December last year. The large-scale solar energy project in the Maldives is a significant step towards reducing fuel expenditure and promoting renewable energy sources.



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World Bank-financed projects ASPIRE and ARISE support the Maldives' energy transition by installing more than 53.5 megawatts of solar capacity and 50-megawatt hours of battery storage. This will reduce Maldives' annual import bill by about \$30 million, with a project lifetime saving of \$756 million over 25 years.

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The project, approved by the Board of Investments under the SEZ Act, will see the development of a floating solar power plant capable of generating 150 megawatts of energy. The Investment Board, operating under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade, is chaired by Minister Mohamed Saeed.

Fenaka, in partnership with the Ministry of Climate Change, Environment and Energy, has officially launched the Magey Solar program, an ambitious initiative aimed at harnessing solar energy by installing photovoltaic (PV) systems on the rooftops of private homes across the Maldives.

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In 2022, 63 investor expressed interest in the third 11 MW solar project in the remote islands of Maldives, and a record low price of 9.8 US cents was received. This is one of the lowest tariffs for any small island developing state (SIDS).

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