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Overview

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.

Can a solar energy system help Timor-Leste achieve the 2030 Agenda?

"In Timor-Leste, our road to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development starts at home. Our solar energy system can be a model for other UN Country Offices to show how we can jointly, sustainably and effectively tackle greenhouse emissions while reducing operational costs and scale up support across the United Nations System.

Is Timor-Leste a good country for solar energy?

Timor-Leste has a high-quality solar resource. The global horizontal irradiance in Dili is higher than on the east coast of Australia, where the solar market is mature and installation costs are higher. The cost of electricity in Timor-Leste for commercial and industrial consumers is high compared to ASEAN countries.

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 Timor-Leste have access to energy?

Access to energy remains a concerning challenge for many in Timor-Leste. The centralised nature of the local electricity supply chain has traditionally

kept consumers reliant on the national grid to overcome chronic energy shortages.

Is a solar-powered Grid a good idea in Timor-Leste?

With the new UN reforms, the United Nations in Timor-Leste, under the leadership of the Resident Coordinator has now started lighting the way with its solar-powered grid which has begun to give maximum dividends. A powerful 300 kWp photovoltaic system is producing 400,000 kWh of clean electricity annually, filling critical gaps in energy supply.

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