

#### Pacific Region Infrastructure Facility / Clean Energy Solutions Center Webinar





**Renewable Energy Costs** in the Pacific



Collation of renewable energy infrastructure project cost data in the Pacific

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### Pacific Island Countries' Electricity Sector Overview

	Geography	Population	Electricity Access	Generation GWh pa	RE Target	RE Target by Year
Cook Islands	14 islands	15,200	99%	31.8	100%	2020
Fiji	320 islands, 106 inhabited	888,400	87%	900	100%	2030
FSM	607 islands	105,300	65%	72	> 30%	2020
Kiribati	32 widely scattered atolls	120,100	>65%	23	23 - 40%	2025
Marshall Islands	34 islands, mostly atolls	55,500	87%	101	20%	2020
Nauru	single island	11,000	100%	31.7	50%	2020
Niue	single island	1,520	99%	3.3	80%	2025
Palau	596 islands, 12 inhabited	17,900	98%	89.3	45%	2025
PNG	Over 600 islands	8,558,800	12%	217.3	100%	2030
Samoa	10 islands	196,700	100%	140	100%	2025
Solomon Islands	~1000 islands, 350 inhabited	682,500	23%	78	79%	2030
Tokelau	3 atolls	1,400	100%	1.2	100%	long-term
Tonga	176 islands, 36 inhabited	100,300	89%	55.4	50%	2020
Tuvalu	9 atolls	10,200	98%	5.2	100%	2020
Vanuatu	>80 islands, 65 inhabited	304,500	33%	66.3	100%	2030



# **Rooftop Photovoltaics (PV)**

Rooftop PV avoids land access issues, clearing, earthworks and fencing.

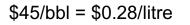


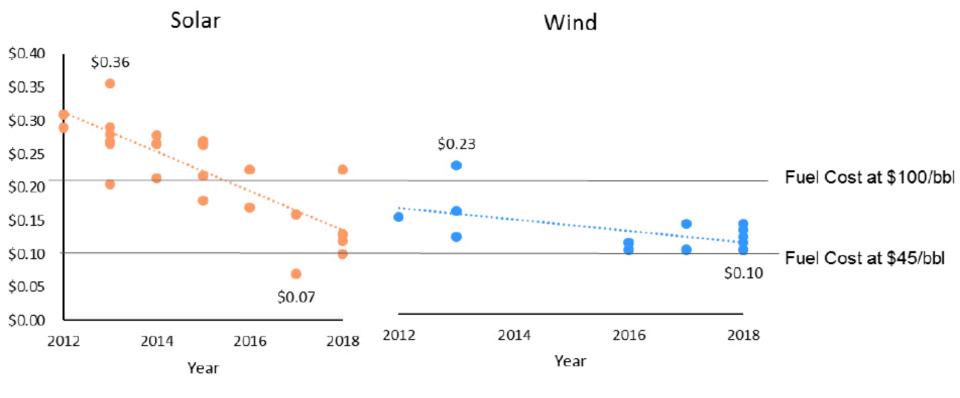


### Caribbean USD/kWh

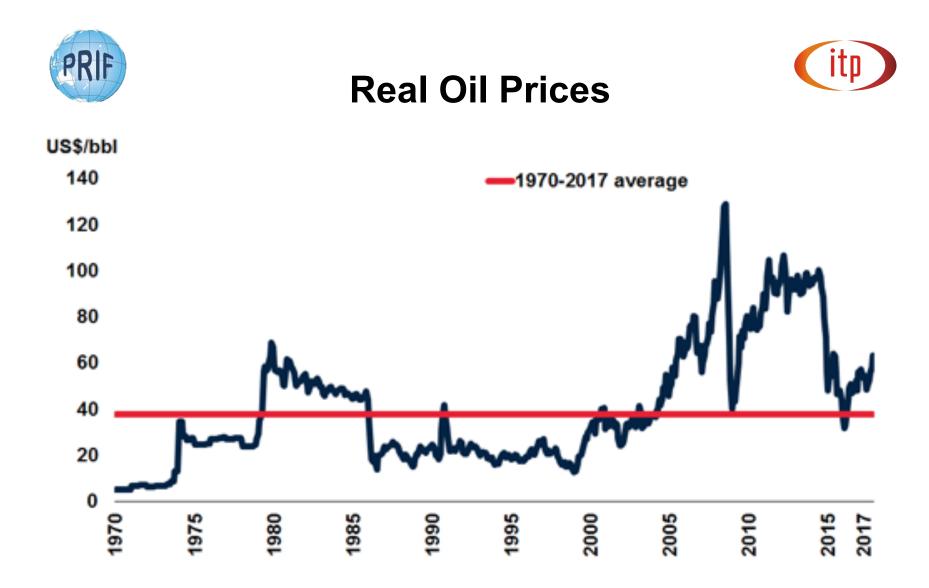


\$100/bbl = \$0.63/litre





from Castalia presentation to the Caribbean Renewable Energy Forum, Oct 2017



From World Bank website





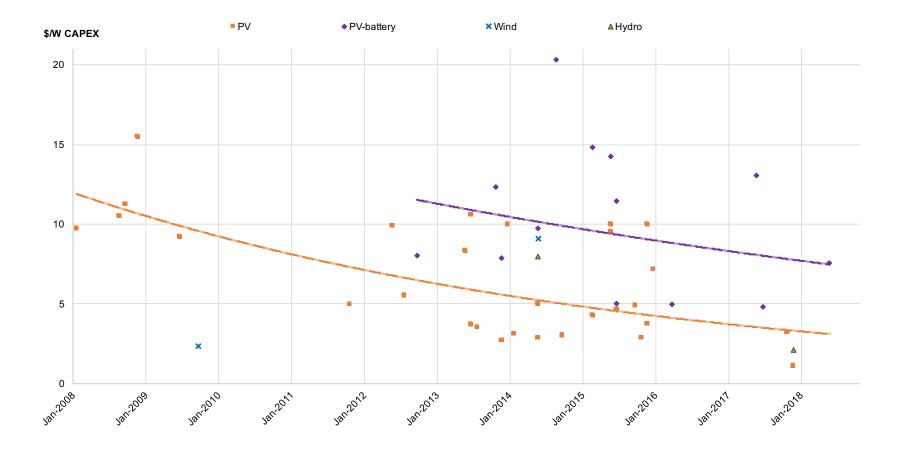
# Annex A: RE Projects List

Cook Islands							
Project Name & details	PV kWp DC	Wind kW AC	Hydro kW AC	Cost USD <b>\$</b> ,000	Key Dates (if known)	Notes	
NZ Aid solar	96.0			\$340	NI, before Aug 2013	3 systems.	
Solar PV Mini Grid - Mitiaro, Atiu, Mauke and Mangaia	1,364.0			\$3,900	approved June 2014	Website says PEC Fund Grant \$3,914,229.	
Te Mana O Te Ra Solar Farm - Airport solar (Rarotonga Airport West)	960.0			\$3,000	approved 2014, completed 2015	Switched on 15 Oct 2014, built by Infratec/ Solar City. Dec 2015 report on MFAT website says NZ funding was for 900 kWp and NZD \$3.5m.	
Outer Islands Northern Group Solar	850.5			\$17,281	tender 10 Dec 2013, USD convert rate 10 Dec 2013 completed 2015	\$20.5m NZD six atolls (Manihiki, Rakahanga, Penrhyn, Pukapuka, Nassau, and Palmerston), 8 systems, opening ceremony for Penrhyn and Manihiki 19 May 2015, PowerSmart, Dec 2015 report on MFAT website says 6 mini-grids and NZD \$19.5m and completed 2015, IRENA spreadsheet says NZD \$25.554m before tax for 8 systems with 8,021 kWh of batteries.	
Solar PV Projects - Cl: RESP Mangaia, Mauke, Mitiaro, Aitutaki, Atiu and Rarotonga	3,000.0			\$17,020	approved Nov 2014	Up to 6 PV projects includes battery plus network upgrades.	
BESS - CI: RESP Battery (3 MW, 12 MWh) to facilitate 6 MW PV	potential 6,000			\$12,000	approved 2016	Battery may be across 3 sites and PV 5 sites, includes networks and capacity building, weblink says \$12m GCF grant is additional funding.	
CI RESP: Additional funding				\$13,710	approved 2016	This row and above two may be components of the one project.	



### **CAPEX \$/W Pacific Projects**

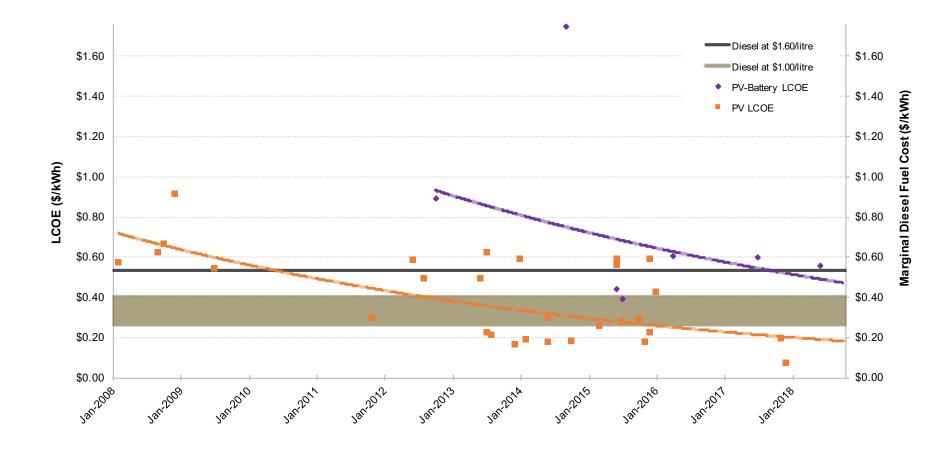






# Pacific \$/kWh







## **ARENA Regional Australia Renewables**

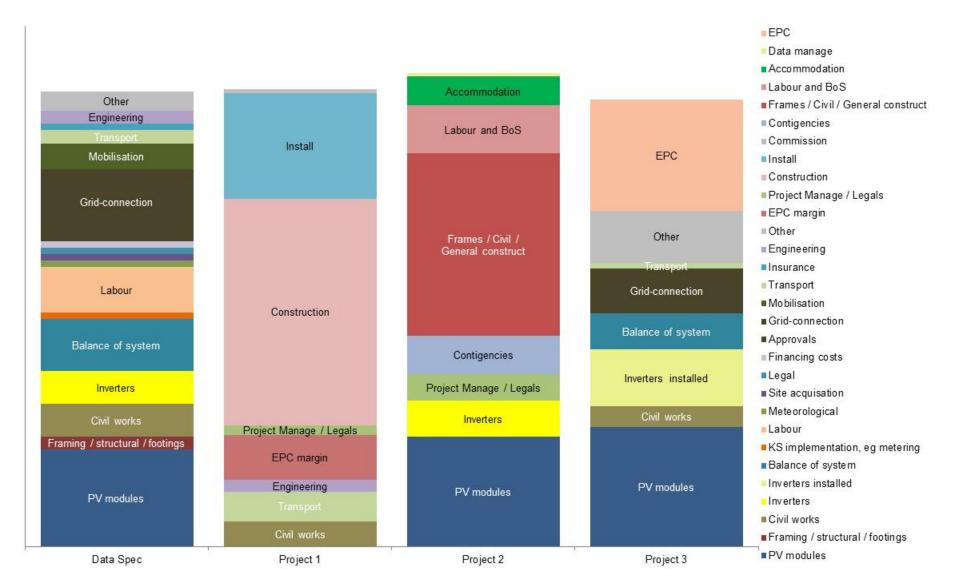
#### **RAR program Data Spec**





## **Different CAPEX categories**







## **Pacific RE Cost Template**



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	Project Overview	Component Notes	Citp) Other Project Notes	Pub
Country	Project Overview	Component Notes	Other Project Notes	Blank
Project Name				Dialik
Location			other notes on remoteness and access	
Commissioning date			other notes on remoteness and access	
		day-month-year If relevant - PPA tariff and currency		
Owner		kW DC PV with X MWh of batteries		
Capacity Total Project Cost		USD March 2018		
PV Total new capacity kWp DC PV module model No.		PV system		
		PV modules, includes spares		
PV type		mono, poly or thin-film		
Tracking		fixed, single or dual-axis tracking		
Mounting		roof, ground, floating or carpark shade		
Footing		concrete or piled		
No. of PV inverters				
Inverter model No.		Inverter manufacturer		
Total PV inverter capacity kW AC				
Actual annual generation kWh		First year's generation, can document other years in column E		
Wind total new capacity kW		Wind turbine(s)		
Wind turbine model No.		Wind turbine manufacturer		
Rated wind speed				
No. of new wind turbines				
Wind turbine hub height m		above sea level specify here if above ground level		_
Actual annual generation kWh				
Hydro total new capacity kW		Hydro turbine(s)		
Hydro turbine model No.		Hydro turbine manufacturer		_
No. of new turbines				
Head m				
Actual annual generation kWh				
Storage		Storage type, eg lead-acid or li-ion		
Storage model No.				
Rated power kW				
Total storage capacity kWh				
Total usable capacity kWh				
Load management		Load management type	In case Project Cost includes other components, eg dump load.	
Load management Identifier		Load manage manufacturer		_
Total kW increase				
Total kW decrease				
New genset(s) total capacity kVA		New genset(s)	In case Project Cost includes new gensets.	
New genset model No.		New gensets manufacturer		
No. of new gensets				
Total annual generation kWh		Document measurement point, eg powerhouse or metered load		
Total annual fuel consumption before litres pa				
Total annual fuel consumption after litres pa				
Other components		Other components - provide details		1
Weather monitoring		Where data is reported		
Control systems				
Networks km		Line Voltage		
Transformer specs				
Other (specify)				
Tender close date				
Contract signing date				
Other date info		Exchange rate date in tender		
Any other key info		Increase row height, if notes are extensive		



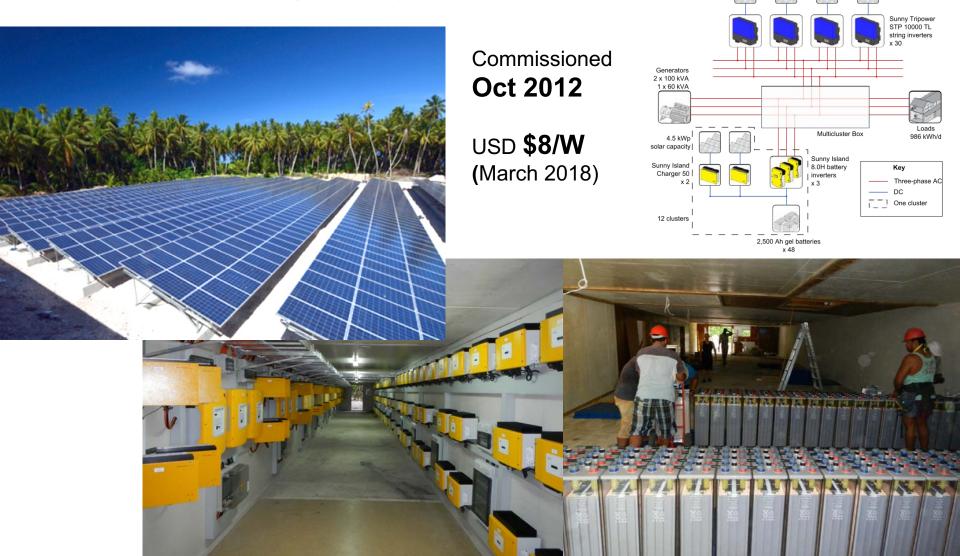




	Flooded Lead Acid	Gel Lead Acid	Lithium-ion	
Size litres/kWh	12 to 14	12 to 16	4 to 10	
Approximate weight kg/kWh	35	25	7	
Maintenance	High	Medium	Low	
Cost	Low	Low-Medium	Medium-High	
Roundtrip efficiency	80%	80%	90 to 95%	
Cycle life	1,200 at 50% DoD	1,800 at 50% DoD	3,000 at 80% DoD	
Typical Depth of Discharge	50%	50%	80% to 90%	
Capacity by discharge rate	100% at 20 hour rate	100% at 20 hour rate	100% at 20 hour rate	
	80% at 4 hour rate	80% at 4 hour rate	99% at 4 hour rate	
	60% at 1 hour rate	60% at 1 hour rate	92% at 1 hour rate	



927.4 kW<sub>DC</sub> of PV with 8,064 kWh (C10) of battery banks across 3 atolls. Two contracts (Jan 2012) NZD 7.475m + ~

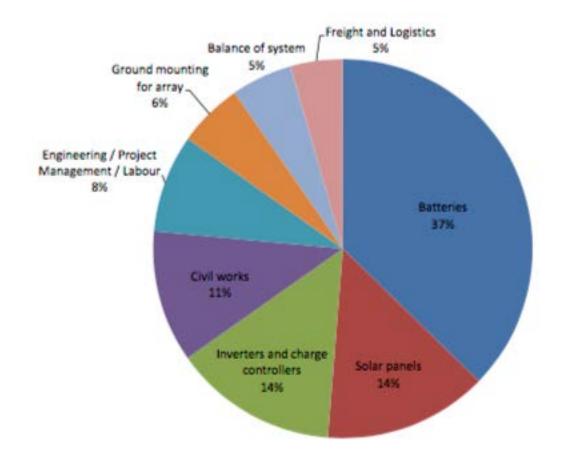




### **Batteries**



### Tokelau Battery – design DoD 30%, maximum DoD 50%



From Tokelau Renewable Energy Project Case Study, March 2013





### Key cost findings (March 2018 USD)

#### **Total system costs**

- PV system costs fallen to \$3/W<sub>DC</sub>
- PV-battery system costs fallen to about \$5 to \$8/W<sub>DC</sub>

#### **Component costs**

- PV modules less than  $1/W_{DC}$  and can be as low as  $0.50/W_{DC}$
- PV frames \$0.20 to \$0.85/W<sub>DC</sub>
- PV inverters \$0.15 to \$0.40/W<sub>DC</sub>
- Civil costs 0.05 to  $0.90/W_{DC}$ , with two outliers
- Transport costs \$0.09 to \$3.19/W<sub>DC</sub>
- Batteries \$200 to \$750/kWh



### Conclusions



Solar PV generation costs have declined significantly over the last decade.

PV fuel-savers provide economic benefits for most diesel mini-grids.

PV-battery systems can provide economic benefits where diesel prices are high.

RE project costs in the Pacific are higher than other island locations due to a variety of factors including

- Remoteness
- Smaller size of projects
- Lack of local contracting capacity
- High cost of locally sourced goods and the need to import some materials
- Contractors using high risk premiums

Civils and earthworks showed a wide range of costs. It may be worthwhile examining options to prepare sites before tendering for solar farms.



### **Further work**



Use a standard template for consistent data collection and publication.

Consider altering tenders and contracts so that cost breakdown data can be published.

Need for documenting PV  $kW_{DC}$  and  $kW_{AC}$  plus key battery specifications in detail.

Improved details in tender docs to reduce risk premiums.

Future work to consider OPEX estimates, so that lifecycle costs can be estimated.







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