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Timor-Leste installs solar power generation for home use



Overview

In remote villages across Timor-Leste, homes are being fitted with solar energy panels, installed by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), an initiative that reinforces in practice the central message of the 2025 International Clean Energy Day, celebrated this Sunday, which states that no one should be left behind. 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?

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How can solar lights help women in Timor-Leste?

As Timor-Leste moves toward prioritizing more climate-friendly development, clean energy is providing empowerment and opportunity for its people. With solar lights in their homes, women across the country can dream bigger, feel safer, and find new paths for growth and resilience.

Can a solar power grid be installed 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. It took almost a year - from feasibility to completion - to see the solar panel installed at the UN Timor-Leste compound.

How long did it take to install a solar panel in Timor-Leste?

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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.

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