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Overview

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What is the future of power in the Cook Islands?

Now with full-time power, the future has taken a new shape for Cook Islands' residents thanks to government renewable energy – leading to an improved quality of life, and increased economy activity. The improved livelihood in the communities that now have the benefit of reliable, 24-hour power supply is immeasurable.

How much energy does the Cook Islands use?

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Who imports the fuel in Cook Islands?

85% of the country's fuel and all of its jet fuel is imported by Pacific Energy. The Energy Act 1998 established an Energy Division within the Ministry of Works, Energy and Physical Planning (now Infrastructure Cook Islands) responsible for energy policy and electricity inspections.

How did we help the Cook Islands Government achieve its aim?

We helped the government realise its aim. To support the Cook Islands Government, the New Zealand Government – through the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, installed mini-grid photo-voltaic power systems in a number of villages on six remote islands. We helped manage this logistically enjoyable

project.

What does the GCF grant mean for the Cook Islands?

The GCF is providing a \$12-million grant to co-finance the project, which is part of the seven-year Pacific Islands Renewable Investment Program covering the Federated States of Micronesia, the Marshall Islands, Nauru, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, and Tonga. The grant will fund assistance to the Cook Islands in procuring and installing battery storage.

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