

 Early Warning System

ADB-43452-026

Outer Island Renewable Energy Project (4th Additional Financing)



### Quick Facts

Countries	Tonga
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2020-12-01
Borrower	Government of Australia (GOA)
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Grant
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 1.91 million
Grant Amount (USD)	\$ 1.91 million
Project Cost (USD)	\$ 2.10 million



### Project Description

Government of Australia (GOA) proposes to increase funding of its original cofinancing, to expand the project benefits.

Output 1 of the ongoing project is to construct and install solar power systems with a total capacity of 1.32 MWp on 9 outer islands of Tonga and to rehabilitate existing electricity distribution network on the islands of Vava'u and Eua by TPL. Under the first additional financing (Grant Nos. 0444 and 0445), 80% of the existing electricity distribution network on Eua and 20% of the Vava'u electricity distribution network, was to be completed. Under the second additional financing (Grant No. 0528 and Loan No. 3509), 100% of Eua and 50% of Vava'u electricity distribution networks were to be completed. The rehabilitation on Eua network was completed in May 2017 however there were delays with the rehabilitation works on Vava'u due to Cyclone Gita which struck Tonga in February 2018. Under the three grants and the loan that are funding these rehabilitation works, there are savings of \$1.77 million, which will be used to expand coverage on Vava'u to 85%. The proposed additional cofinancing will fund the 100% completion of the rehabilitation work of the Vava'u electricity distribution network.



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### Contact Information

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### Bank Documents

- [Grant Agreement \(Externally Financed\) for Grant 0768-TON: Outer Island Renewable Energy Project \(4th](#)
- [Outer Island Renewable Energy Project \(4th Additional Financing\): Additional Financing Report](#)
- [Project Disclosure PDF](#)    [\[Original Source\]](#)