

 Early Warning System

ADB-58247-001

Sun Pacific Solar Expansion Project



Quick Facts

Countries	Samoa
Specific Location	Faleolo International Airport, Upolu
Financial Institutions	Asian Development Bank (ADB)
Status	Approved
Bank Risk Rating	B
Voting Date	2025-08-15
Borrower	Sun Pacific Energy Limited
Sectors	Energy
Investment Type(s)	Loan
Investment Amount (USD)	\$ 2.80 million
Loan Amount (USD)	\$ 2.80 million



Project Description

As stated by the ADB, the Project involves a loan of up to \$2.8 million (in Australian dollar equivalent) to Sun Pacific Energy Limited (SPEL), a private company incorporated in Samoa, for upgrading and expanding SPEL's existing solar power plant, the Upolu Solar Farm (Solar Farm). The Solar Farm is located at the Faleolo International Airport and was Samoa's first independent solar power producer project. The energy from the Solar Farm is sold to Samoa's state-owned utility (EPC). The Solar Farm will be upgraded from 4.2MW (AC) to a total installed capacity of 6.0MW(AC) by replacing all older, less efficient ReneSola 305Wp panels (installed in 2014) and a portion of the YingLi 350Wp panels (installed in 2018 with ADB financing) with newer, high efficiency 625Mp JA Solar bifacial panels. This upgrade is expected to increase the Solar Farm's generation capacity from the current estimated 6.2 GWh/year to approximately 9.6 GWh/year, supporting Samoa's renewable energy targets.



Early Warning System Project Analysis

The ADB categorized the project E&S risks as follows:

Environment - B

Involuntary Resettlement - C

Indigenous Peoples - C



Investment Description

- Asian Development Bank (ADB)



Private Actors Description

Sun Pacific Energy Ltd is a company linked to people listed by ICIJ in the Paradise Papers: <https://offshoreleaks.icij.org/nodes/65402927>

The company operates energy infrastructure in Samoa.



Private Actor 1	Private Actor 1 Role	Private Actor 1 Sector	Relation	Private Actor 2	Private Actor 2 Role	Private Actor 2 Sector
-	-	-	-	Sun Pacific Energy Limited	Client	Energy



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Bank Documents

- [Draft Environmental and Social Compliance Audit Report](#)
- [Report and Recommendation of the President](#)

Media

- [ADB, Sun Pacific Energy Ltd Sign \\$2.8 Million Deal to Boost Solar Power in Samoa](#)



Other Related Projects

- ADB-58247-002 Samoa : Preparation of the Sun Pacific Solar Expansion Project