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Can Australia help secure Tonga's outer island energy needs?

Australia also has a long history of engagement in relation to helping secure Tonga's outer island energy needs. In the early 2000s, Australia funded the Ha'apai Outer Islands Electrification project (HOIEP), which involved the installation of diesel-powered generators and electrical reticulation on four islands in the Ha'apai group.

How many people have access to electricity in Tonga?

This means that little more than 30,000 people are spread across 35 islands, presenting acute issues in terms of the provision of modern infrastructure. At OIREP commencement, the ADB estimated that 89% of all households across Tonga had access to electricity.

How much does electricity cost in Tonga?

According to UK-based aggregate website Cable, Tonga's electricity is the 13th most expensive in the world, at an average cost of USD 0.35 per kilowatt hour (kWh).

How did the OIREP project impact Tonga?

The project achieved its proposed impact, in terms of helping Tonga reduce its dependence on imported fossil fuel for power generation with OIREP assets estimated to have reduced diesel usage by 0.5 million litres annually. Central to the project outcome was the provision of on-grid and off-grid generation solar power at reduced cost.

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