

## ContainerPower Energy Solutions

# Maldives solar transparent solar panels



## Overview

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What is the Maldives solar project?

The Maldives solar project is a 36 MW solar power project and 50 MWh of battery energy storage solutions development across various islands in the Maldives. It also includes grid modernization for the integration of variable renewable energy with the grid, which will be financed under the proposed AIIB loan.

Will a 5 MW solar installation make Maldives a popular destination?

Now, one of the first sights for any of the 1.7 million tourists visiting the Maldives will be that of the 5 MW solar installation on the highway linking the airport island to Male and its satellite town of Hulhumale.

Why solar PV with storage in Maldives?

Solar PV with storage has proven suitable and competitive for Maldives' high penetration of renewable energy (POISED type B projects), with an average fuel savings of 25%. The concept design of hybrid systems (efficient diesel generators + solar PV plants + energy storage) has resulted in success for Maldives.

Is Maldives ready for hybrid solar PV-diesel?

Maldives aims to transform the energy systems of at least 160 islands from diesel-based to hybrid solar PV-diesel systems through the Preparing Outer Islands for Sustainable Energy Development (POISED) project, which was established in 2014 with the support of the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The project focuses on the implementation of hybrid solar PV-diesel systems.

Should investors invest in sustainable solar projects in the Maldives?

In 2014, the first 1.5 MW solar project under ASPIRE only had four investors bids, and resulted in a high power purchase price (PPA) of 21 US cents per unit of electricity, indicating a lack of interest from investors in investing in

sustainable projects in the Maldives.

Will Maldivian governments help achieve energy transformation goals?

The foresight and climate-proactivity of successive Maldivian governments, coupled with development financing from partners like the World Bank, will help the country achieve its ambitious energy transformation targets, showcasing best practices for other island states.

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