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These Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships are part of the Australian Government's Pacific Climate Infrastructure Financing Partnership (PCIFP) initiative to expand the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific's (AIFFP) climate investments. It does this by partnering with businesses to deliver reliable and sustainable renewable energy to remote and rural communities in the Pacific and Timor-Leste, implemented by the Business Partnerships Platform.

There are now 13 Off-Grid Renewable Energy Partnerships across six different countries, representing a total investment of AUD 5.8 million. This includes AUD 3.6 million by the Australian Government, with the remaining investment by partners through cash or in-kind contributions. The PCIFP is set to launch a new A\$75 million long-term off-grid renewable energy program later this year. Stay up to date here on the AIFFP website here.

The Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade works with international partners and other countries to tackle global challenges, increase trade and investment opportunities, protect international rules, keep our region stable and help Australians overseas.

Electrification has vast potential to unlock many benefits for Solomon Islands communities, including improving the quality of life for local women by enabling them to access more opportunities for economic empowerment.

The partnership aims to enable the East Aneityupu community to enjoy increased energy services at a household and community level, boosting local economic activity and climate resilience due to the newly provided services. It will also serve as a pilot for a scalable approach to the challenge of electrification in rural and remote communities in the Solomon Islands.

"MMGB is excited to partner and explore innovative electrification opportunities with our communities in building a better, greener future"; Edgar Pollard | Coordinator, Mai-Ma; asina Green Belt

This partnership was selected through the Australian Infrastructure Financing Facility for the Pacific (AIFFP) Call for Partnerships to Support Off-Grid Renewable Energy in the Pacific and Timor-Leste.

Honiara, Solomon Islands - The Solomon Islands Government through the Ministry of Mines, Energy and Rural Electrification (MMERE), Ministry of Environment, Climate Change, Disaster Management and Meteorology (MECDM) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) have launched a renewable energy for rural electrification project.

The Stimulating Progress towards Improved Rural Electrification in the Solomons (SPIRES) will facilitate the



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achievement of increased access to electricity in rural communities in the Solomon Islands. It is focused on the enhanced application of low carbon technologies, techniques and practices to support Solomon Islands' rural electrification program, particularly in achieving the set target of 35 percent electricity access in rural areas in line with the government's rural electrification policy.

Permanent Secretary of MMERE Dr. Chris Vehe said, "MMERE appreciates the project as the objective supports the national energy policy to increase access to electricity in rural communities in a sustainable way."

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