

# Accelerating the transformational shift to a low-carbon economy in the Republic of Mauritius

With imported fossil fuels supplying 84% of Mauritius' primary energy requirements, the country is vulnerable to external energy shocks, like many other Small Island Developing States (SIDS). Also, greenhouse gas emissions are increasing at a rate of 3 percent per year.

The Green Climate Fund, through a \$28 million grant is enabling the Government of Mauritius to meet its target of using renewables to supply 35 percent of the country's energy needs by 2025.

Action to mitigate climate change has to be taken as every possible level. The past decade has been the hottest one on record.

This is part of a broad national strategy to reduce the country's dependence on fossil fuels, to enhance energy security and climate change mitigation, and to improve the country's balance of payments.

# **OUR APPROACH**

If

Bottlenecks to deployment and scale-up of renewable energy are removed

then

The country will be able to use more low emission renewable energy technologies

resulting

The country being enable to meet its target of using 35% of renewable energy in the electricity grid by 2025.

**Budget** 

2019 \$ 4,676,000

Total

\$ 28,210,000

Period 2017-2024



# **QUICK FACTS**

84%

Of primary energy met from imported fossil fuels in Mauritius





1.01tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup>/Mwh High grid emission factor

Increase of net Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emission per year





Coal

**Fuel oil** 

Imported fossil fuels



Statistically, women are under represented in the renewable energy sector

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# **OBJECTIVE**



This project is aimed at enabling the Government of Mauritius to meet its target of using renewables to supply 35 percent of the country's electricity needs by 2025, under its Renewable Energy Strategy.

# **IMPLEMENTATION**

This project is nationally implemented by Government of Mauritius in partnership with UNDP.



# **KEY RESULTS**

- 4MW Battery Energy Storage System (BESS) installed and inaugurated in October 2018;
- Procurement of 14 MW of BESS currently ongoing;
- Setting up of a Management Information System Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency and Utility Regulatory Authority ongoing;
- Awareness material developed and disseminated;
- 500 women benefiting from awareness sessions on renewable energy;
- Feasibility study for setting up of a Floating Solar PV farm on the Tamarind falls reservoir completed.



# **PARTNERS**

- Ministry of Finance and Economic Development;
- Mauritius Renewable Energy Agency;
- Utility Regulatory Authority;
- Ministry of Energy and Public Utilities;
- Central Electricity Board;
- National Women's Council.

## **UNDP IN MAURITIUS**

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