

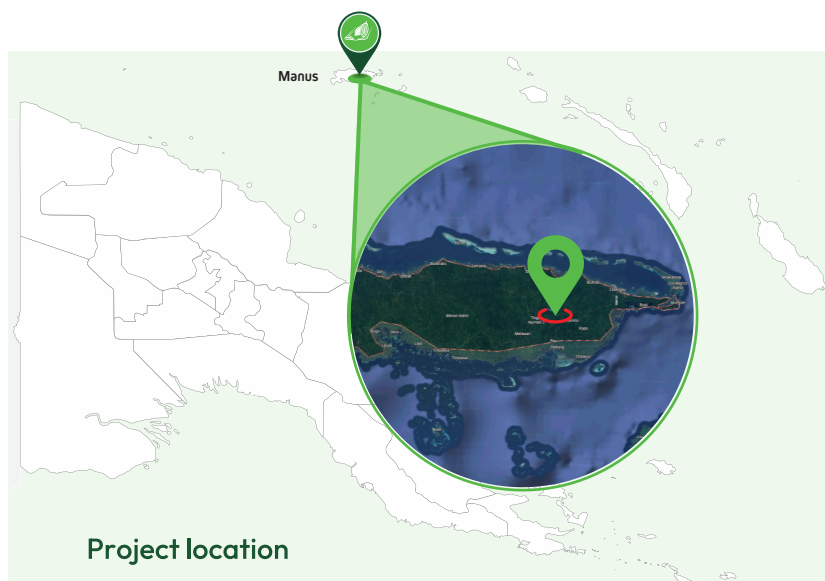
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Solar Energy Project



Australia is partnering with United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO), and The Cocoa Regiment Ltd. (CRL) to install solar systems for cocoa growers in Bowat and N'Dranou-Yiringou villages, Manus province.

The new solar systems will provide reliable, clean energy to a cocoa processing facility, homes, schools, and essential community services, including an aid post and church, benefiting approximately **7,000 people**. Solar energy will enable local growers to improve product quality, reduce production costs, and access higher-value markets.



The project will train members of the local community to maintain the solar systems. This community-driven approach will foster local ownership and guarantee access to clean, reliable energy in the years ahead. Installation is scheduled to begin in July 2026, with completion expected in September 2026.



Outcomes

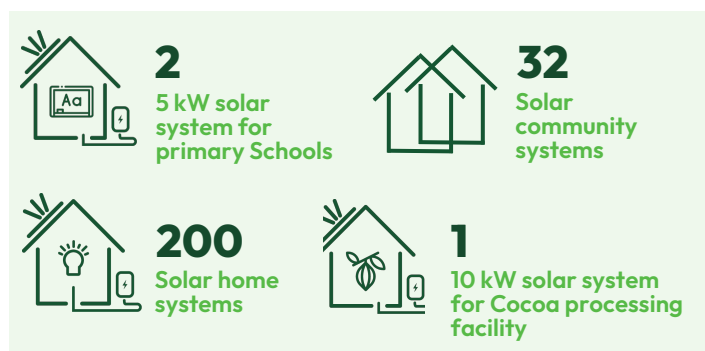
Improved livelihoods and economic opportunities:

Local cocoa-growing households will be able to downstream processing (fermentation, drying, etc.), creating jobs and boosting incomes.

Enhanced delivery of essential services: Reliable power will improve the quality of education, healthcare and other key services.

Increased security and wellbeing: Solar power will light up homes and community spaces, improving safety after dark, especially for women and girls.

Sustainable development: Clean, solar energy will reduce carbon emissions, lower energy costs and support climate-resilient growth.



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