

Hybrid System: Solar Panels + Rainwater Harvesting on a Corrugated Metal Roof

Objective: Maximize energy and water efficiency in a tropical climate while maintaining a Balinese aesthetic.

1. Roof Design

A. Main Structure

(increasing their efficiency).

interfering with the panels.

2. Rainwater Harvesting

Located at the edges of the roof.

A. Key Components

Pipes:

Material: Galvanized steel sheet or stainless steel (resistant to saltwater corrosion).

Pitch: Minimum 20° for rapid water runoff. Solar panels mounted on elevated rails, with 5-10 cm separation between the sheet and the panels.

Water flows below: Rainwater runs off the sheet without

Material: Recycled copper or UV-resistant PVC.

Direct water to underground tanks (prevent algae and

Screen for leaves and coarse sediment.

Resistance to strong winds. B. Advantages of the Mixed System B. Energy Storage Ventilated space: Prevents panels from overheating

LiFePO4 (lithium iron phosphate) batteries:

Capacity: 200 kWh per building.

UV light (optional for water purification).

Located under gardens or traffic areas.

Sanitary and cleaning (after filtration).

Greywater system for gardens.
3. Photovoltaic Solar Energy

Underground tanks (fiberglass or polyethylene):

Capacity: 50,000+ liters (depending on rainfall in Fiji).

Lifespan: +10 years.

B. Storage

C. Water Uses:

Advantages:

Automated drip irrigation.

A. Flexible Solar Panels

Hybrid inverters: Allow grid connection or island mode.

Type: Amorphous silicon (thin-film) or bifacial panels.

Lightweight and adaptable to curves (optional for aesthetic areas).

4. Fiji Architectural Integration

Wide roofs and pronounced eaves (like "Balinese eaves"), but with modern wood

Raised stilts for natural ventilation and flood protection.
Wooden lattices for shade and privacy, without blocking panels.

5. Example Applied to Your Buildings
Water System Sector Solar Energy
Workshops Gutters + 20,000 L tank 50 panels + 100 kWh battery Cultural Building UV filter for drinking water Curved roof panels

Bar Solar ice collection Photovoltaic refrigerators

Market Automatic irrigation with stored water Solar LED lighting

Key Benefits

✓ Self-sufficiency: Reduces dependence on external networks. ✓ Cost-efficient: Long-term savings in water and energy.

√ Eco-friendly: Minimizes carbon footprint.

Number of Panels:Panels = (Daily Consumption) → (Panel Power × Peak Sun

Example (Workshops): 250 kWh ÷ (0.45 kW × 5 h) = 112 panelsBattery Capacity: Estimated for 1-2 days of autonomy (depending on the criticality of the Key AssumptionsSystem Efficiency: 85% (losses due to inverters, cables, etc.).

Adjusted Consumption: Typical values for tropical climates (ventilation >

Available Roofs: Only 60% of the roofed area is used for panels (the remaining

40% is for water harvesting and structure). Additional

RecommendationsPanel Orientation: Toward geographic north (in Fiji) with a

Building Daily Consumption (kWh) Panels (450W each) Batteries (LiFePO4)

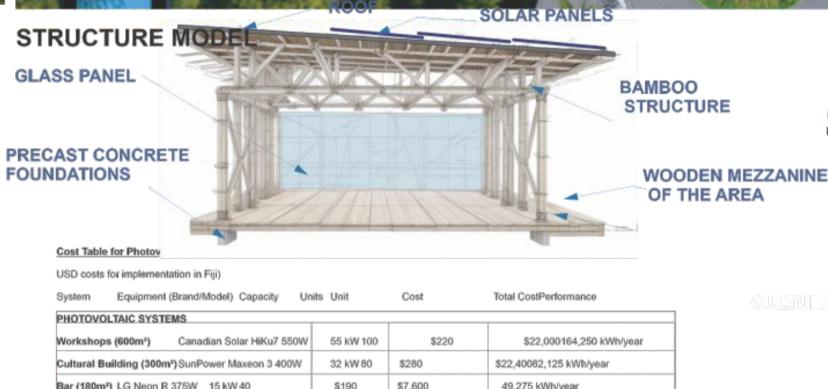
Workshops (900m2) 250 kWh/day 112 panels 200 kWh Includes power tools, lighting, and ventilation.

Cultural (300m²) 120 kWh/day 54 panels 100 kWh Stage lighting, audiovisual systems, and air conditioning.

Bar (180m²) 80 kWh/day 36 panels 50 kWh Refrigerators, blenders, lighting,

Market (600m²) 150 kWh/day 67 panels 150 kWh Lighting, basic refrigeration, and payment systems.





USD costs for implementation in Fiji)			
System Equipment (Brand/Model) Capacity	Units Unit	Cost	Total CostPerformance
PHOTOVOLTAIC SYSTEMS			
Workshops (600m²) Canadian Solar HiKu7 550	0W 55 kW 100	\$220	\$22,000164,250 kWh/year
Cultural Building (300m²) SunPower Maxeon 3 400\	W 32 kW 80	\$280	\$22,40082,125 kWh/year
Bar (180m²) LG Neon R 375W 15 kW 40	\$190	\$7,600	49,275 kWh/year
Market (600m²) Trina Solar Vertex S+ 450W	54 kW	\$210	\$25,200164,250 kWh/year
V Subtotal 156 kW		\$77,200	460,900 kWh/year total
Cost Comparison by Building Typ	e	,	'

Building	Area (m²)	PV System (Total)	Water System (Total)	Total Cost/m ²
Workshops	600	\$213,000	\$84,000	\$495/m²
Bar	180	\$44,100	\$21,600	\$365/m²
Market	600	\$213,000	\$84,000	\$495/m²

