# From Blackout to Breakthrough: Empowering Cuba with Renewable Energy Solutions.



#### **Vital Illumination**

Powering Cuban Hospitals Through Renewable Energy
Phase 1: Seed Funding Concept

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### The Problem

# Cuba's power grid is failing its hospitals.

Chronic blackouts put lives at risk:

- Surgeries interrupted mid-operation
- Neonatal incubators go offline
- Water and oxygen systems shut down
- Diesel backups are costly and unreliable



### Our Mission

#### **Permanent Power for Essential Care**

We aim to build renewable microgrids—solar, wind, battery, and hydrogen—to power hospitals through blackouts.

Phase 1 focuses on 4 critical hospitals in Santiago de Cuba.



### The Pilot

Phase 1: CAD \$75,000 Seed Plan

#### Deliverables:

- Technical feasibility studies
- Renewable system design & specs
- Budget modeling & procurement plan
- Formal partnerships in Cuba
- Gender inclusion & training framework
- Ready-to-deploy Phase 2 proposal



### Who Benefits

#### **Direct:**

- 4 hospitals
- ~10,000 patients/month
- 500+ medical staff

#### **Indirect:**

Santiago de Cuba population (~500,000 people)

#### **Special Focus:**

- Central maternity hospital
- Women's health and emergency care



## **Budget Overview**

Category Cost (CAD)

Feasibility Studies \$20,000

System Design + Budgeting \$15,000

Local Engagement & Coordination \$10,000

Project Management & Reporting \$10,000

Outreach & Documentation \$7,500

Gender & Capacity Planning \$7,500

Contingency \$5,000

Total \$75,000



# Why Now?

- Blackouts are worsening with ongoing climate stress
- Lack of fuel for consistent generation
- Hospitals are exceptionally vulnerable
- Cuba is ready for clean energy investment
- Small funding now enables massive impact later
- Proof of concept can be rolled out nationwide and help millions
- Blackouts are not a future threat—they're happening now.



### The Ask

### We are seeking:

- CAD \$75,000 in seed funding for Phase 1
- Partners and technical collaborators
- Introductions to aligned funders and institutions
- Comms and Public Relations talent



### Let's Connect

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Together, we can keep the lights on where it matters most.

