

Focus group discussions August 19th and October 21st 2021

A2A Indonesia summary of results

Replacing Suralaya coal with solar PV Fair and inclusive transition

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Project introduction

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The Ambition to Action (A2A) project **offers analytical support to governments in partner countries** to accelerate the development and implementation of their Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

In the **second phase** of Ambition to Action Indonesia (May 2020 to March 2022), the team together with Bappenas, will jointly investigate distribution of co-benefits and inclusiveness of the energy transition;

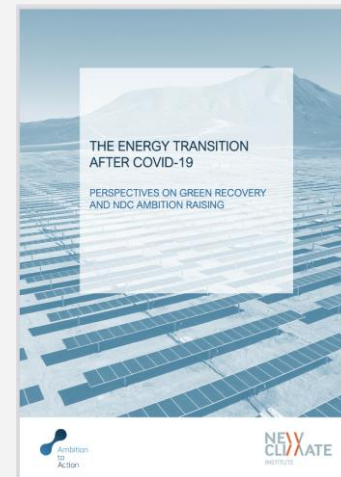
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Rapid replacement of Suralaya coal by solar PV

Three scenarios



Coal-based baseline scenario



Affordable and reliable scenario (utility focus)



Fair and inclusive scenario (rooftop focus)

3.4 GW
Suralaya **coal** power



is rapidly
replaced by

to generate the same

21 TWh
per year

>10 GW
grid-connected **solar-PV**



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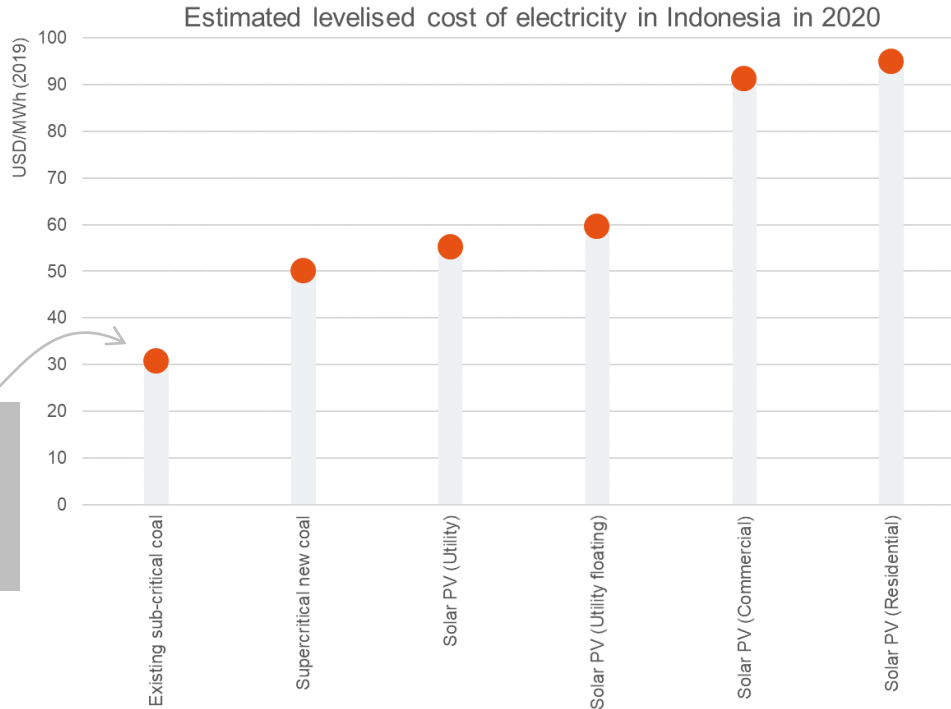
- The study aims to give a **sense of the size and direction** of socio-economic impacts associated with a real-world case study, such as Suralaya
- We modelled a coal-based baseline and **two solar PV scenarios**: *affordable and reliable* (utility focus), and *fair and inclusive* (rooftop focus).
- We present impacts across development indicators (**SDGs**) to show how changing from coal to solar PV can bring greater prosperity to Indonesia (FGD August 19th 2021)
- Based on analysis of the energy sector and a series of stakeholder interviews, we identify **barriers and enablers** and we make **suggestions on actions** different stakeholders could make to make this a reality and contribute to an inclusive green push for solar PV (FGD October 21st 2021)

Analysis: preliminary results

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Initial results: Costs of generating electricity

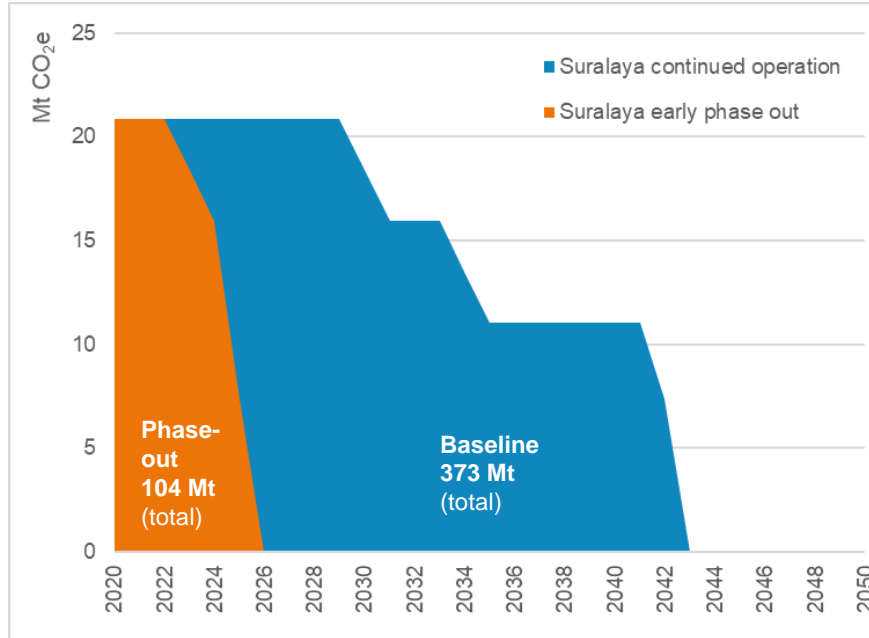
Energy security analysis: electricity generation costs



- Simplified analysis based on 10% cost of capital estimates for all technologies
- Low cost of new supercritical coal depends on fuel costs below international market prices and no domestic carbon price
- Utility scale solar PV installations are currently notably cheaper to install and operate per kWh than industrial and residential (rooftop) units

Initial results: GHG Emission reduction

Climate impact: GHG emissions



- Simplified analysis based on 1 kg/kWh for coal
- Early Suralaya unit 1-7 phase out could contribute 5-7% of Indonesia's 2030 commitment for energy sector emission reductions

Climate action co-benefits: The 'What and Who?'



SDG categories	Impacts
Health and well-being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Air pollution YLL and illness



Affordable and clean energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Production/ capacity LCOE
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Decent work and economic growth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Job years GDP contribution
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Industry, innovation, and infrastructure	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Industry turnover SME turnover Infrastructure investments
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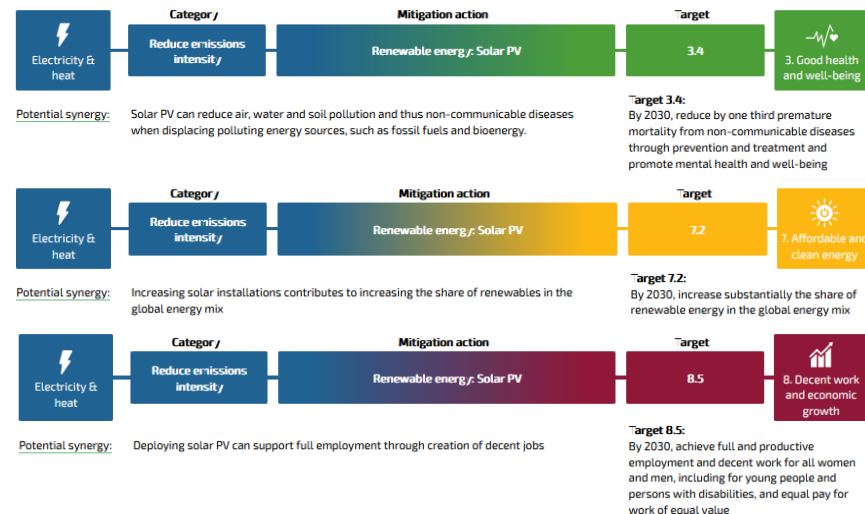
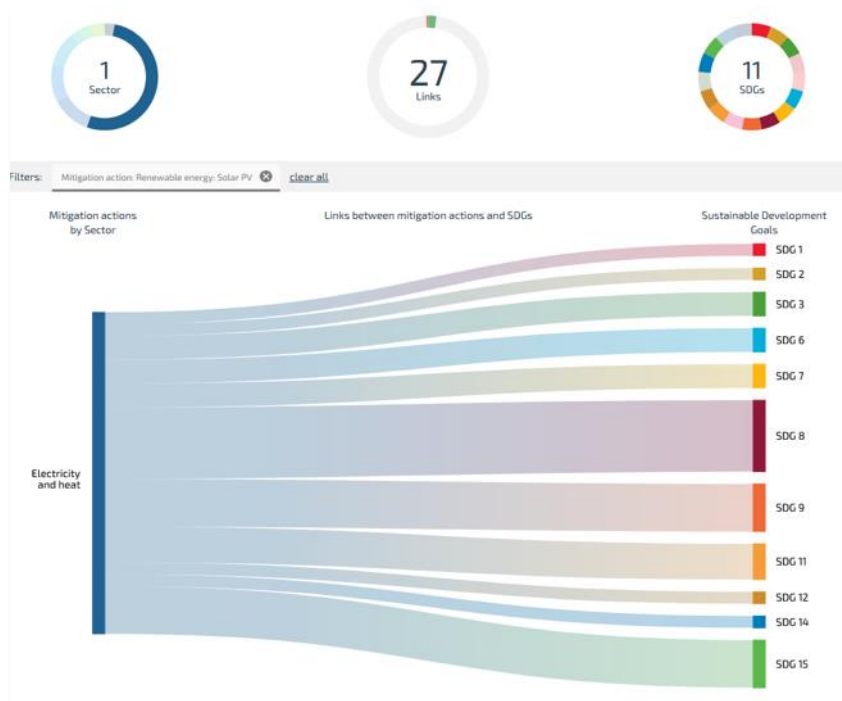


Climate action	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> GHG mitigation
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Distribution key	Households	Businesses
Location	X	X
Age	X	
Gender	X	
Health vulnerability	X	
Domestic/ International		X
Sector		X
Household/dwelling type	?	
Income/social bracket	?	
Business specifics		?
Energy security indicators?	?	?

Climate action co-benefits: SCAN-tool for SDG linkages

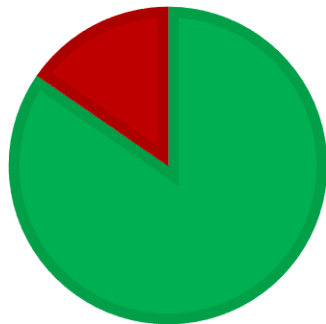
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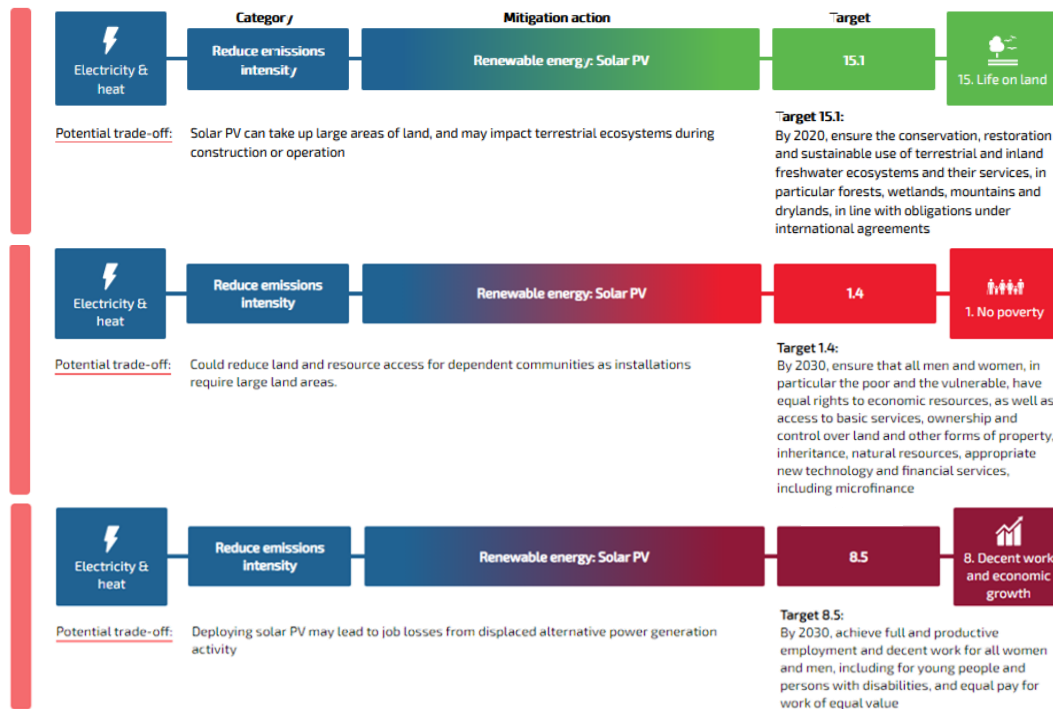
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Potential trade-offs

■ SYNERGIES ■ TRADE-OFFS



- **Synergies** with the SDGs and wider sustainable development objectives **clearly outweigh potential trade-offs**
- However, it is important to consider these trade-offs to **counter potential negative impacts and facilitate a just transition**



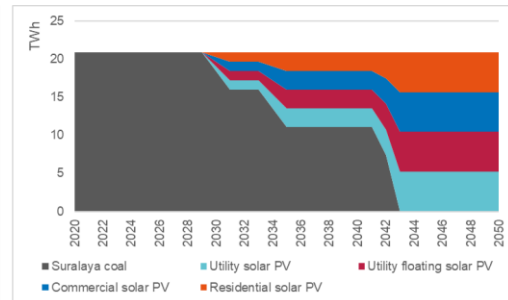
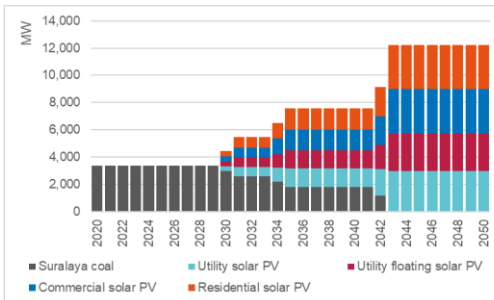
Scenarios: Suralaya continued operation

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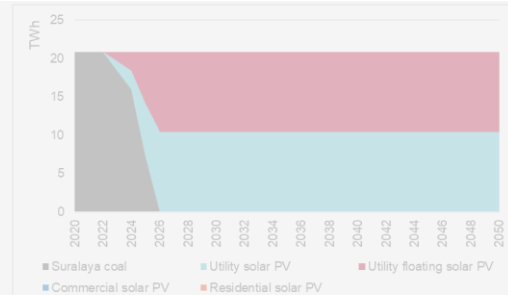
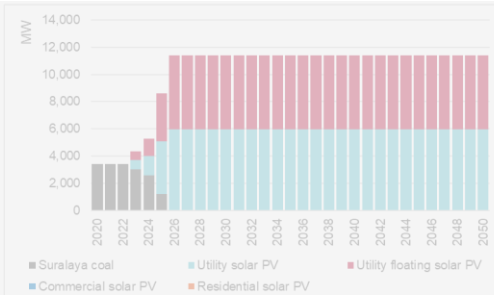
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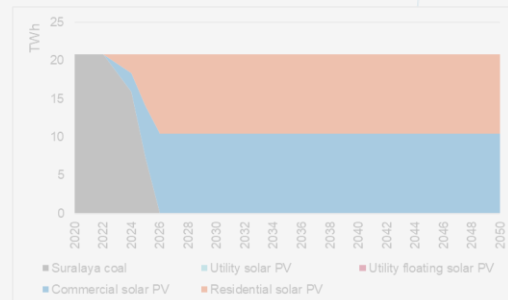
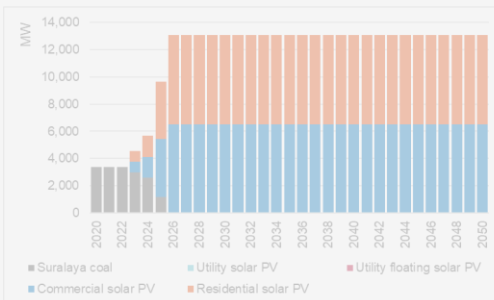
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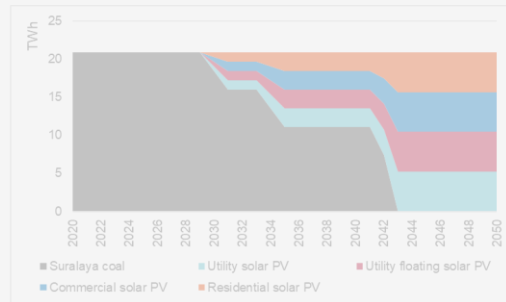
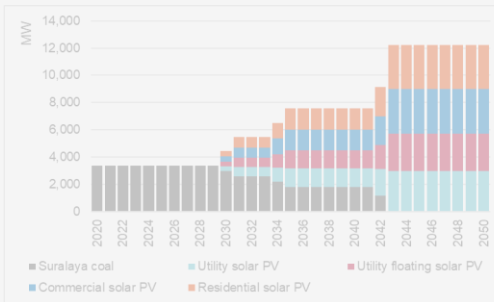
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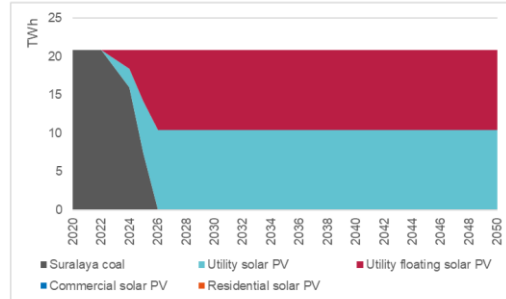
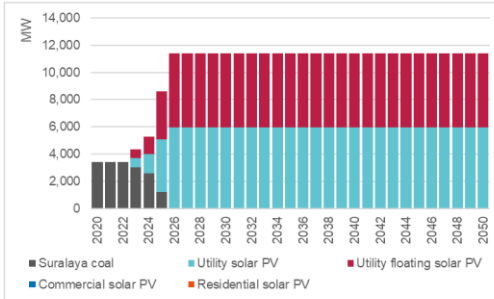
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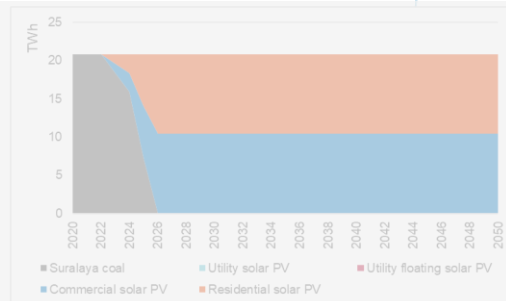
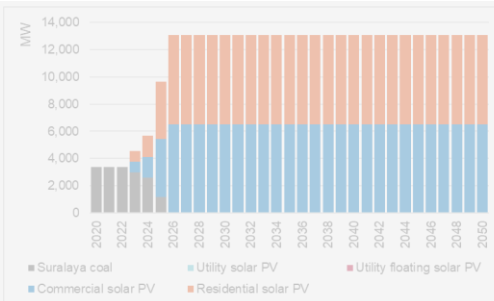
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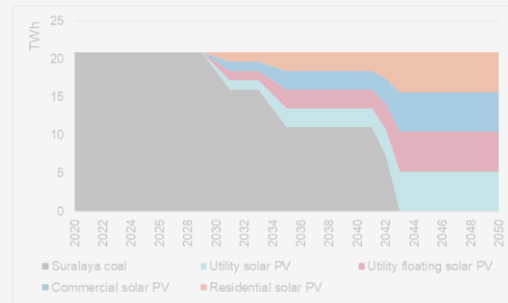
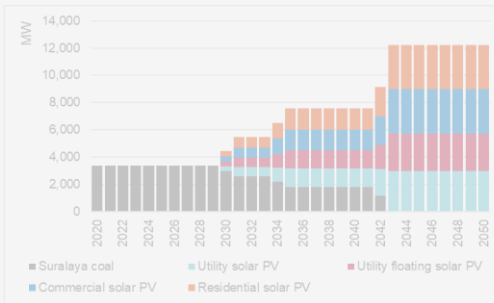
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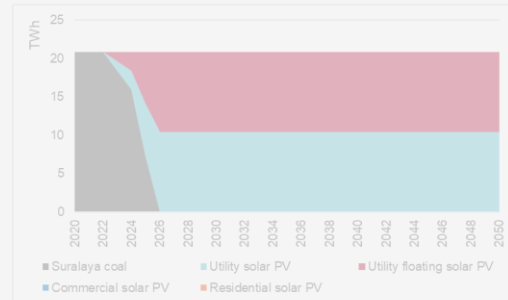
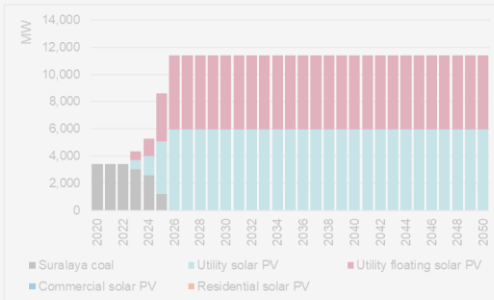
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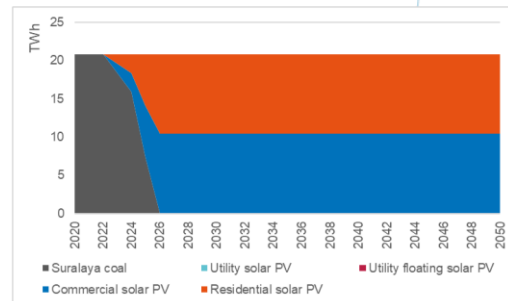
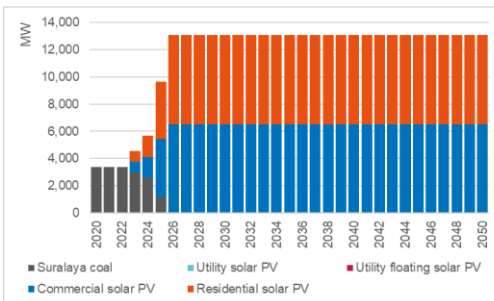
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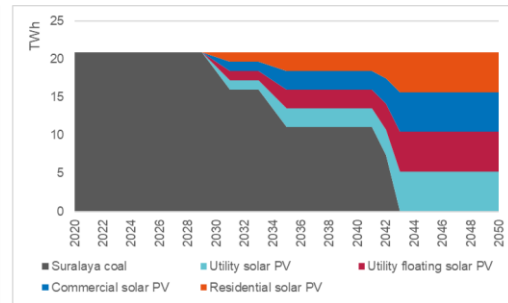
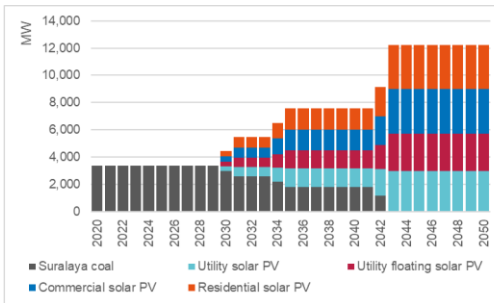
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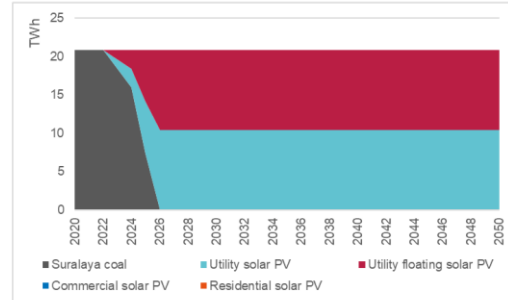
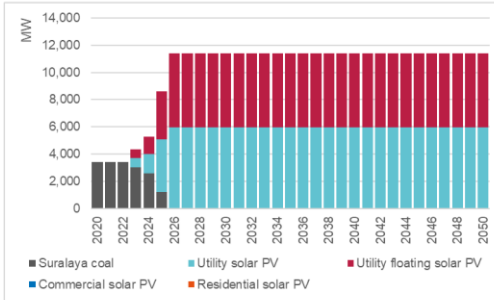
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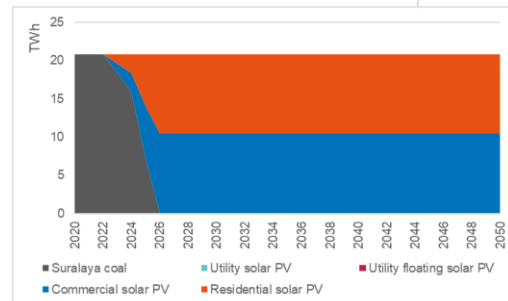
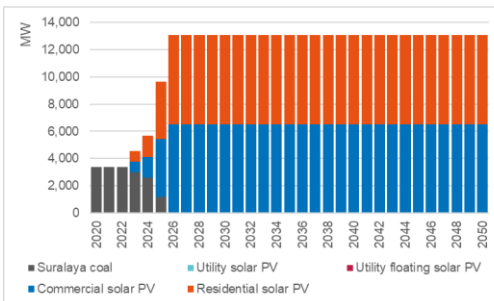
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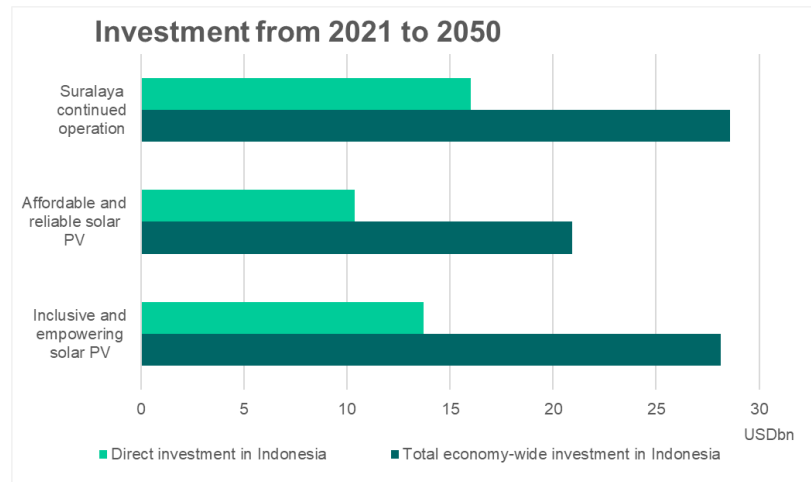
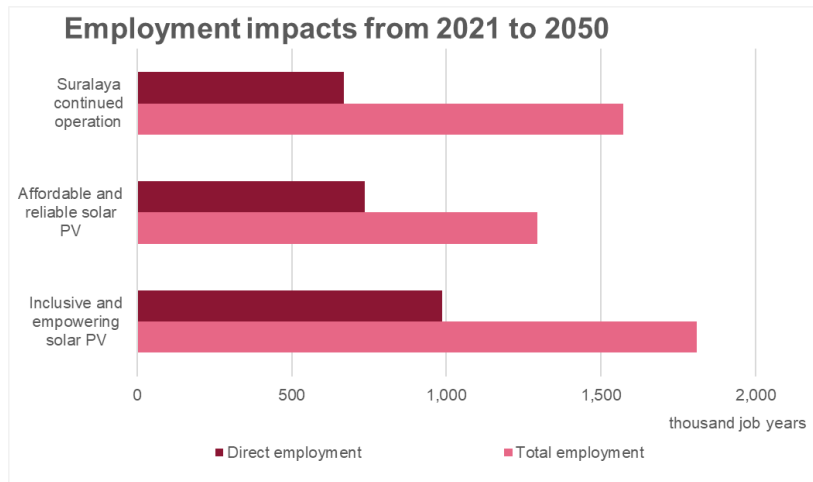
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Initial results: Economic analysis

Economic analysis: headline impacts on jobs and investment



- Scenarios can support between **0.6-1.0 million *direct* job years** and **1.3-1.8 million *total* job years** when considering the wider economic impacts throughout the Indonesian economy
- Highest employment potential in the inclusive and empowering scenario**, correlated to investment cost requirements

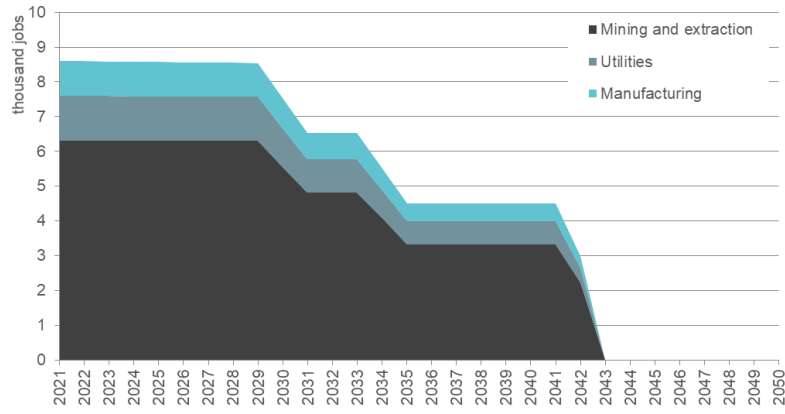
- Delivering 21TWh of electricity supply over the period to 2050 may require on the order of **USD10-16 billion in *direct* investment**, depending on the scenario
- These investments trigger further domestic economic activity throughout the value chain and through spending of salaries, leading to **total domestic investments of USD 21-29 billion**

Initial results: Employment (baseline)

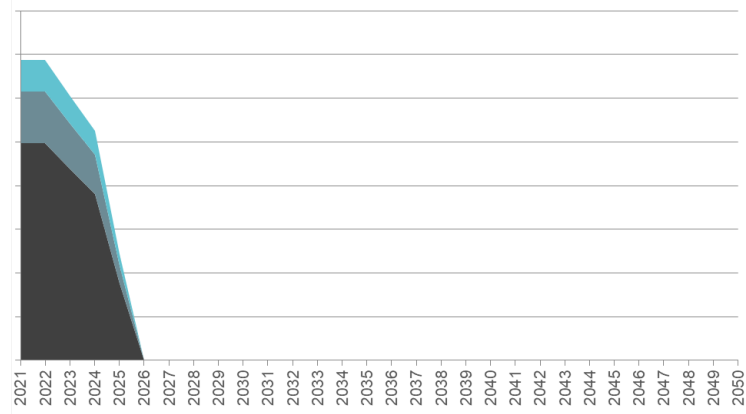
Economic analysis: focus on direct jobs at Suralaya



Suralaya supported jobs in baseline scenario



Suralaya jobs supported in phase-out scenarios

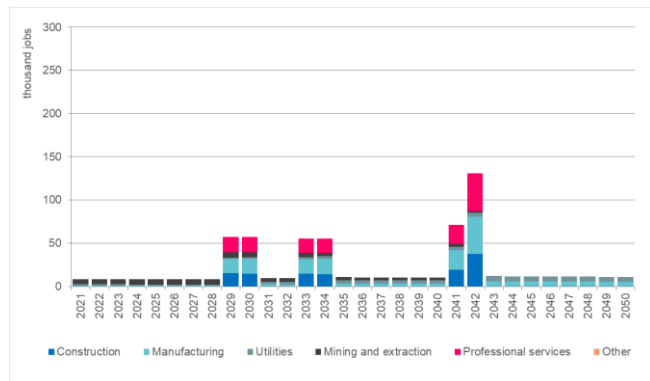


- Approximately 6,000 jobs currently supported in extraction and supply of fuel to Suralaya
- Further ~1,000 jobs supported in the operation of the units at the site and head office
- Plus ~1,000 jobs supported in the manufacturing and installation industries to maintain units, replace parts, etc.

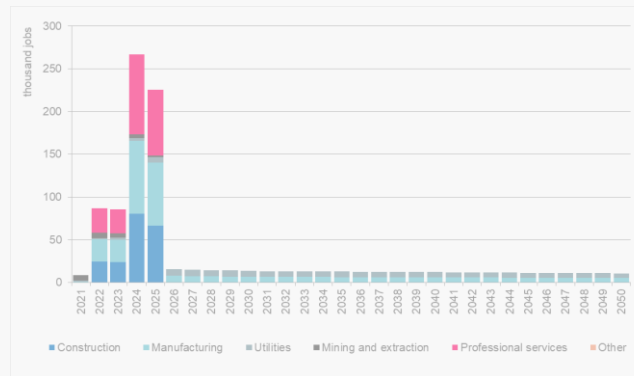
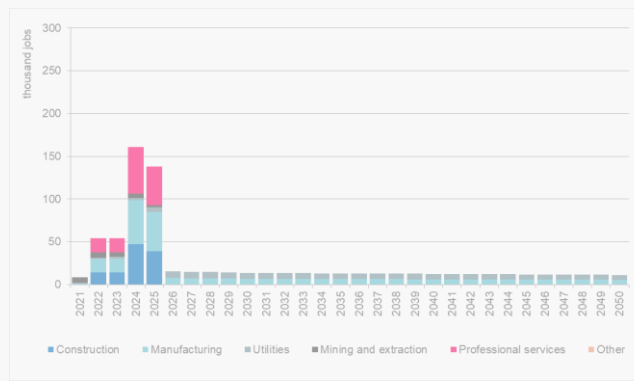
Analysis based on modelling of investment costs and salaries, calibrated to published employment figures for 2019

Initial results: Employment (baseline)

Economic analysis: direct jobs by sector over time

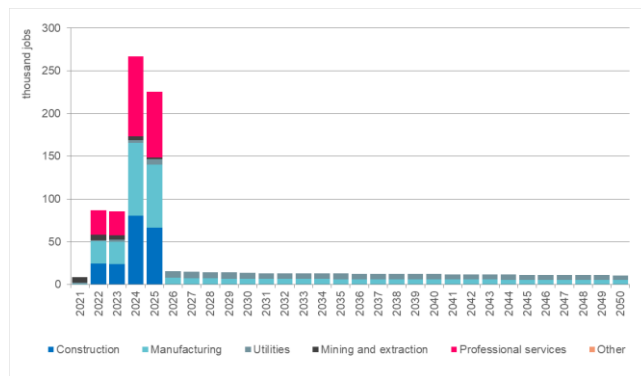
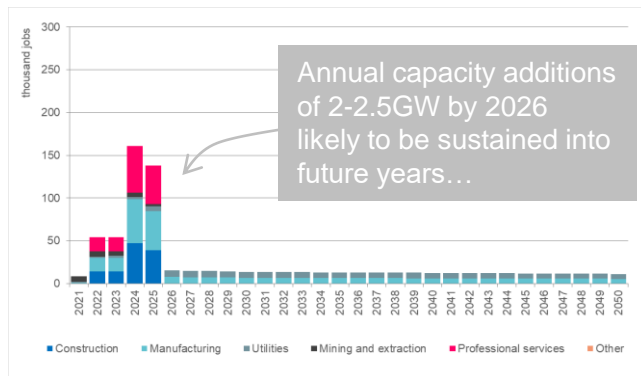


- Continued operation of Suralaya units **maintains a low level of jobs in fuel supply and plant operation** over the coming decades
- Pronounced spikes in jobs – **mainly in construction, manufacturing and professional service sectors** – occur from 2029 as new solar PV is built to make up the shortfall in generation from retiring coal units



Initial results: Employment (solar PV)

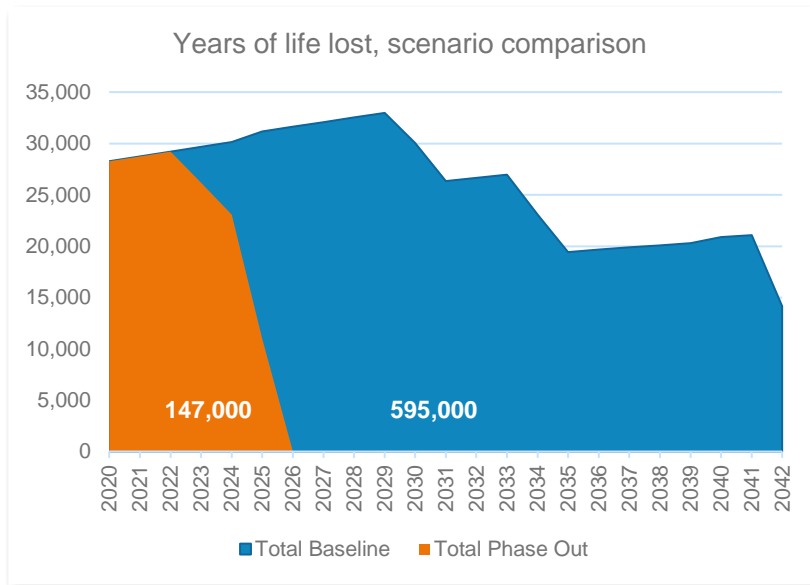
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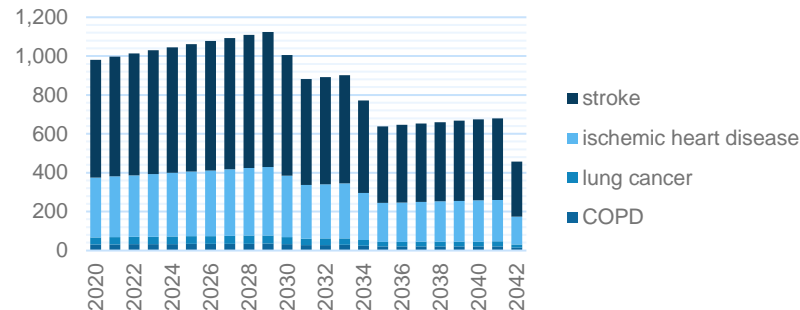
- Solar phase-in scenarios present significant employment opportunities – mainly in construction, manufacturing and professional service sectors – **reaching up to over 250,000 direct jobs a year and stimulating an additional equivalent order of magnitude of indirect and induced jobs in Indonesia**
- **Ambitious roll-out of new solar installations can stimulate employment (and wider economic) impacts in the short term** – given their relatively short planning and construction phases – which can offer important opportunities within the context of COVID19 recovery measures
- Scenarios offer a trajectory for **building the capacity and skills in the Indonesia workforce** to deploy increasing volumes of new solar PV capacity to meet growing electricity demand and the shortfall from continued phase-out of coal units in line with pathways consistent with its pledge to the Paris Agreement
- **Jobs in solar sector and associated supply chains are sustainable** as there will be a continued need for building at least as much new capacity each year over the medium-to-long term

Initial results: Air pollution and health

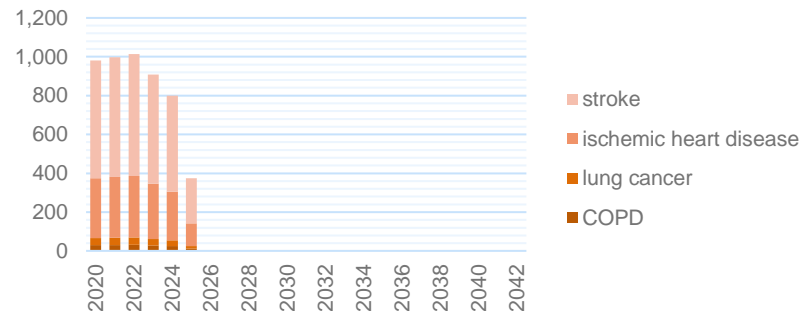
Air pollution health impacts



20,000 premature deaths



5,000 premature deaths

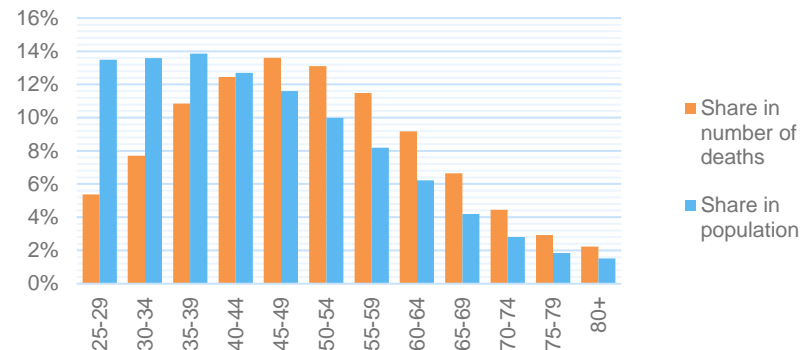


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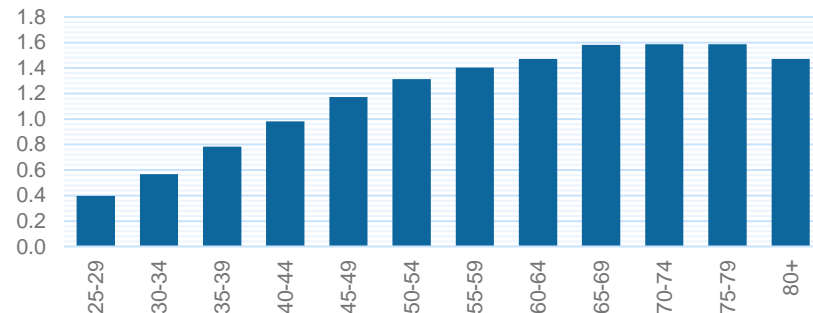
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20,000 premature deaths, by age



20,000 deaths, proportional effect by age group



Initial results: Land-use requirements

Land-use requirements for solar PV and Indonesian context

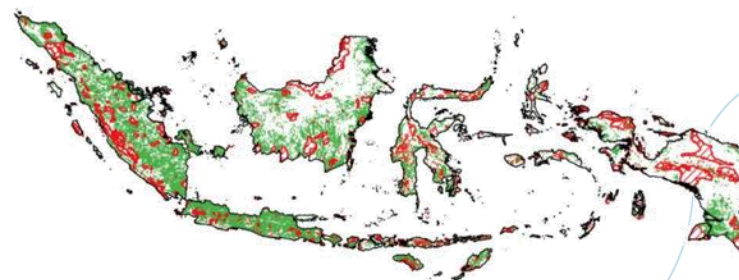


Affordable and reliable

- Approximately **84 km²** land area required to install **6 GW** of ground mounted utility scale solar by **2026**
- Approximately **76 km²** water body area required to install **5.4 GW** of floating utility scale solar by **2026**

Source: IESR (2021)

Scenarios	Suitable area (km ²) (% of Indonesia's total land mass)	Solar PV Technical Potential	
		Capacity (GWp)	Generation (TWh/year)
Scenario 1 (S1): Base exclusions (protected areas, forested areas, water bodies, wetland areas, airports and seaports) + slope exclusion (>10°)	484,455 (24.43%)	19,835	26,972
Scenario 2 (S2): S1 + agricultural lands (both pure and shrub-mixed) and plantation forest areas exclusions	187,806 (9.85%)	7,700	10,508
Scenario 3 (S3): S2 + transmigration and settlements areas exclusions	153,915 (8.07%)	6,310	8,541
Scenario 4 (S4): S2 + dry shrub exclusion	82,847 (4.34%)	3,397	4,705



Indonesia's solar PV suitable area map (Scenario 4)



Analysis based on space requirement estimates for different types of solar PV installation in Technology Data for the Indonesian Power Sector, February 2021, p57-60

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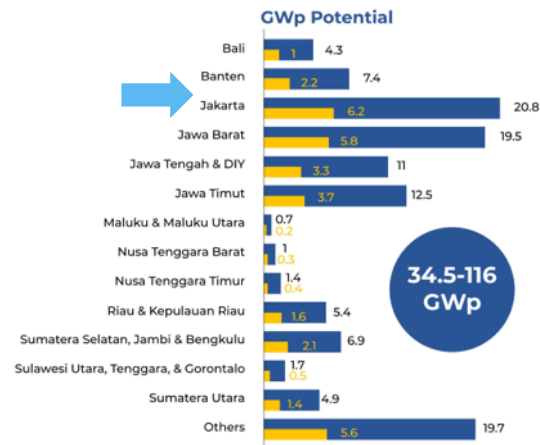
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- Approximately **65 km²** rooftop/building space required to install **6.5 GW** of commercial scale solar by **2026**
- Approximately **46 km²** rooftop space required to install **6.5 GW** of solar on residential housing by **2026**



Source: IESR (2021)

Table 3. Technical potential of rooftop solar in Indonesia based on 4 different scenarios

Province	Technical potential of rooftop solar in Indonesia, GWp			
	Scenario 1 – 24%	Scenario 2 – 60%	Scenario 3 – 81%	Scenario 4 – 33%
Jakarta	6.8	16.1	22.9	9.3
West Java	33.1	78.9	111.9	45.6
Central Java	32.5	77.3	109.6	44.6
Yogyakarta	3.7	8.9	12.6	5.1
East Java	34.7	82.6	117.2	47.7
Banten	8.6	20.5	29.1	11.9

Source: IESR (2020)

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Discussion

How can you help?

Our analysis needs a strong Indonesian evidence base!

- What are realistic job-related numbers in Indonesia?
- How do we match jobs and skills?
- How we can use/present inclusiveness?
- What are politically attractive SDG priorities?

QUESTIONS / COMMENTS / FEEDBACK

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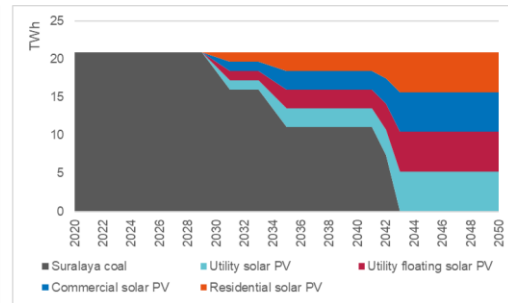
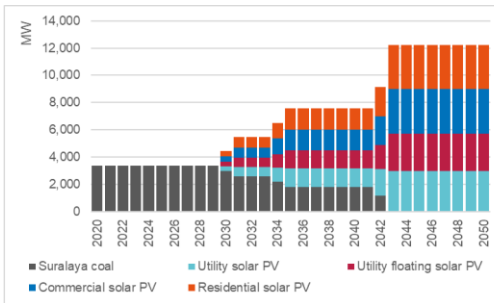
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Overview of three scenarios



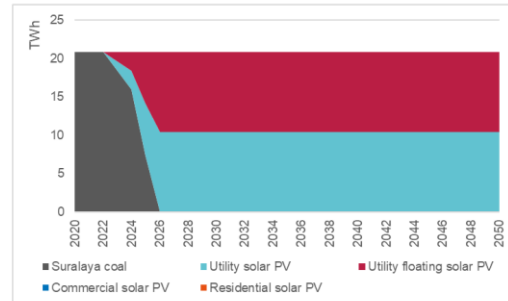
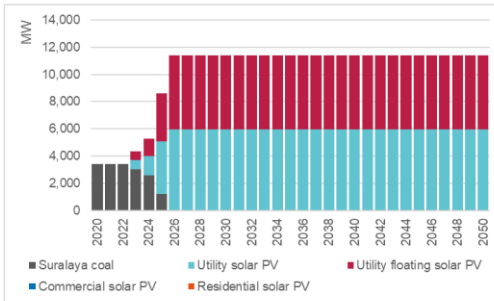
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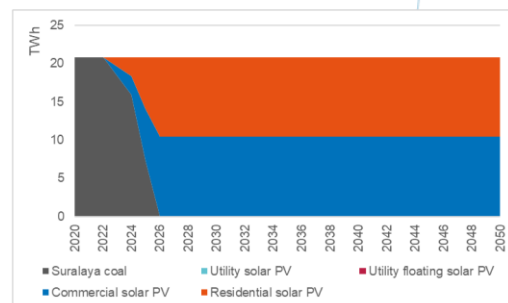
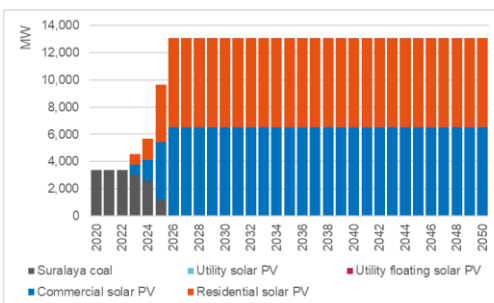
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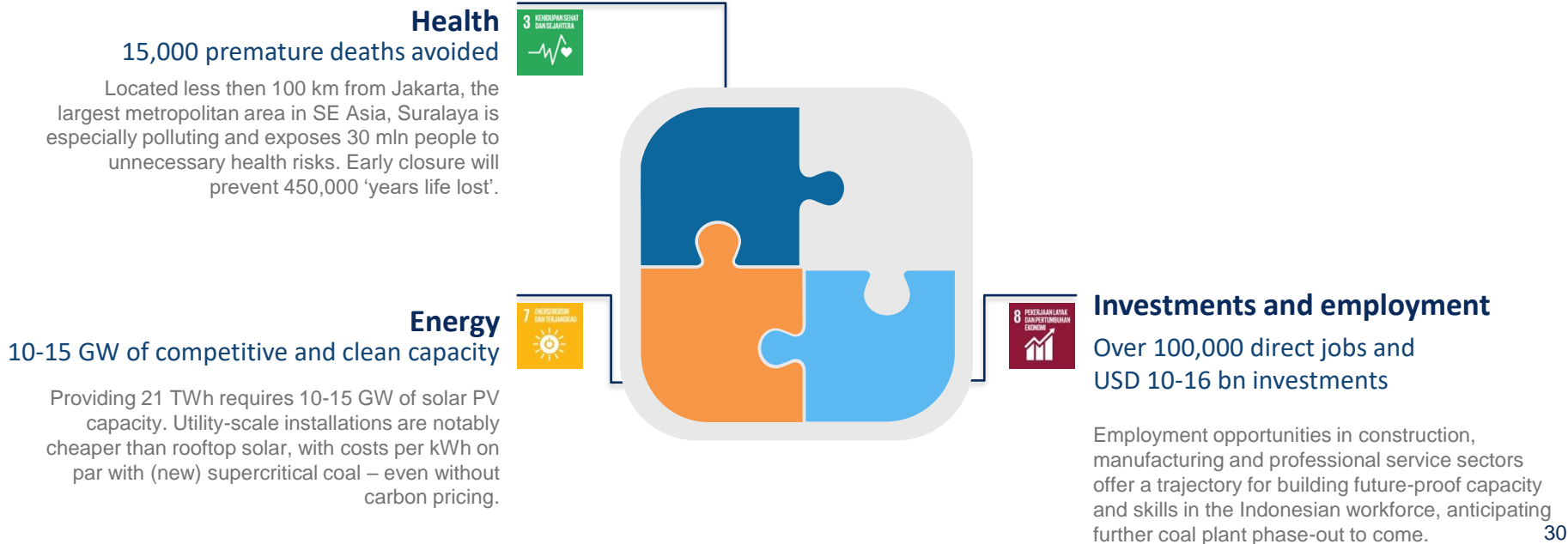
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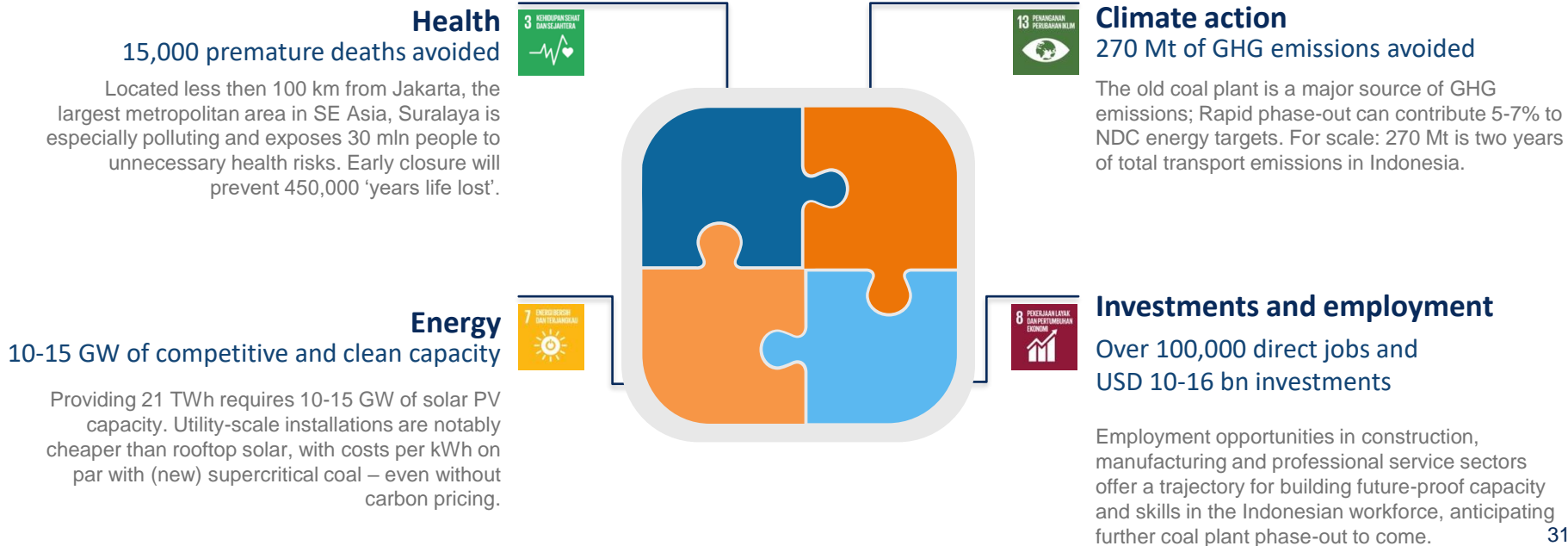
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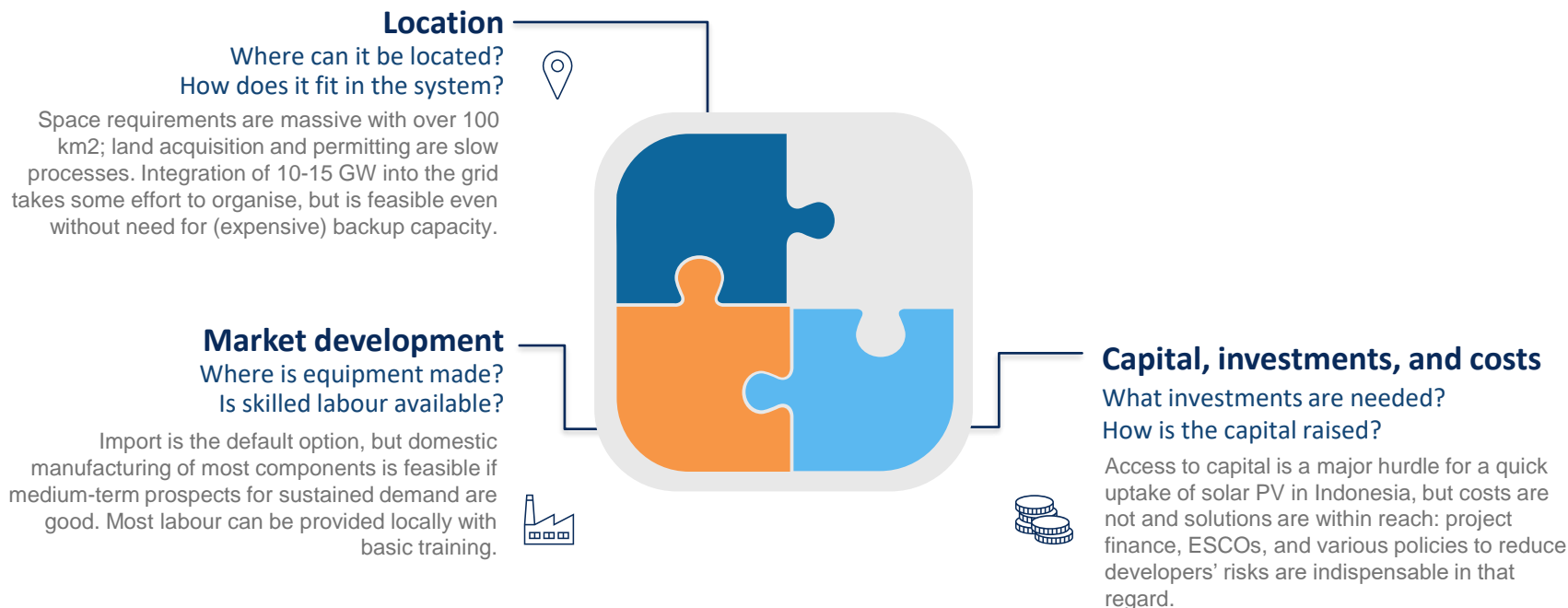
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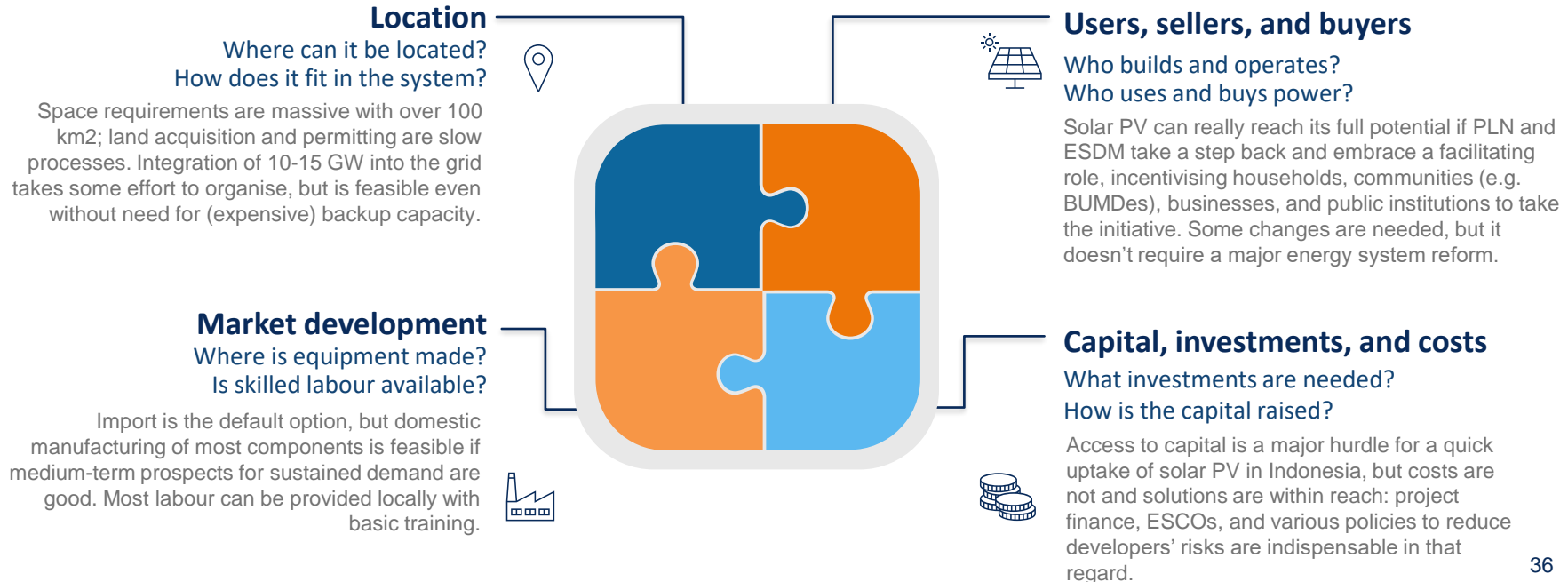
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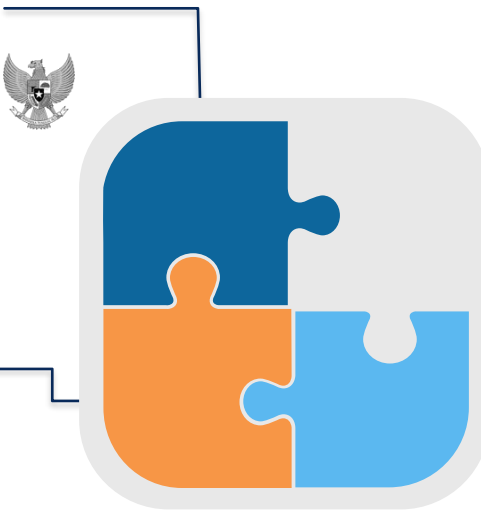
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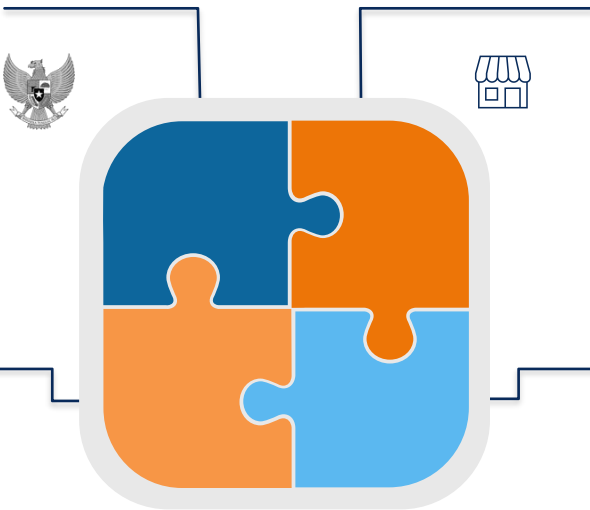
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Households & businesses

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