# 2022-23 tonga Development Program Progress ReportING

## Progress against COVID-19 development Response plan results indicators

### Health Security

| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
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| Evidence of progress against Tonga’s COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan | Australia continued to support the Ministry of Health (MoH) to implement the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan which minimised illness and death caused by the pandemic. Australia funded key operational costs for the national vaccination campaign which reached more than 90 per cent of the eligible population.  Australia also funded health promotion on COVID-19 prevention and provided new information systems to better manage vaccine and patient data. |
| Procurement of supplies and equipment are in line with Tonga’s COVID-19 plan | Australia supported the MoH procure Rapid Antigen Testing kits, swabs, hand sanitiser, oxygen related consumables, and two paediatric suction machines. Australia also collaborated with Australian non-government organisations to facilitate donation of hospital equipment, including mattresses, ultrasound machines, theatre scrubs, hand sanitiser, examination trolleys, linen, blood pressure monitors, defibrillation machines and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). |
| Evidence of progress towards implementing the ‘Package of Essential Health Services’ | Australia commenced assessments of health services and facilities in the outer islands to inform the roll out of the Package of Essential Health Services. Australian budget support was utilised in the period to ensure continuity of medical training, infrastructure maintenance, pharmaceutical supplies and the provision of new equipment and assets for essential health service delivery.  Australia’s provision of specialist training, mentoring and supplies to respond to COVID-19 strengthened the overall health system, such as improved diagnostic capability. |
| Number of beneficiaries from COVID-19 and Non-Communicable Disease health promotion efforts | Australia funded the development and distribution of more than 300 products on COVID-19 prevention and vaccination. As the lead donor supporting efforts to combat non-communicable diseases, Australia supported more than 1,290 products on nutrition and mental health, funded national campaigns on breastfeeding and exercise and helped 46 schools to reach WHO Health Promoting School status. Australia also supported the finalisation of Tonga’s National Healthy Living Guidelines.  No beneficiary data available. |
| Number of people receiving access to improved water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) facilities | Through NGO partnerships, Australia supported 3,829 students (including 25 with a disability) to receive access to improved WASH facilities. In addition, 25 households in ‘Eua with a disability benefited from a targeted water tank project to improve access for drinking and washing. |
| Health systems and preparedness: Number of partner countries where Australia has contributed to strengthened health systems including preparedness for health emergencies | Australia continued to strengthen the relationship with the Government of Tonga (MoH) and the Tonga Health Promotion Foundation. Outcomes include the establishment of a mentoring system with the MoH’s Medical Superintendent in clinical governance and risk and incident management. This has allowed for more formal processes for investigating and managing clinical incidents. |
| Medical products: Number of new or improved therapeutics, diagnostics, vaccines, and additional equipment to which Australia has contributed that are accessible in partner countries | 903 non-COVID-19 related medical equipment items were provided to the Government of Tonga (GoT) in the reporting period. Australia continued supporting COVID-19 immunisation by delivering over 2,200 COVID-19 vaccine doses to Tonga in 2022-23. |

### Stability

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| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
| Number of people receiving psychosocial support | 2,328 people were provided with counselling services. |
| Number of women and girls’ survivors of violence receiving quality, appropriate family, and sexual violence prevention/support | 2,360 women and girls accessed health and medical services, counselling, safe shelter, and legal services.  4,604 women and girls participated in gender equality and family violence prevention awareness sessions. 191 men and boys were also reached through training. |
| Number of communities receiving training to increase food security | 92 communities received training on home gardening with supplies of free seeds and seedlings. In addition, 64 farmers were trained on pest and disease management for watermelon and fruit crops, to improve exports and food security. |
| Numbers reached with new or improved social protection programs, including remote communities | Nil (no programs implemented in the period). |
| Violence against women: Number of services provided to women and girl survivors of violence, such as counselling | 8,237 services were provided to women and girl survivors of gender-based violence, including health and medical services, counselling, safe shelter, and legal services. |

### Economic Recovery

| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Result** |
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| Australian budget support as a percentage of partner government total domestic revenue *(updated indicator)* | Australia provided $47.6 million in budget support in the reporting period, equating to approximately 10 per cent of total domestic revenue for the GoT. |
| Number of women and girls who have increased access to economic opportunities | 21 women graduated with qualifications in Work Readiness and Employment Skills. |
| Number of micro, small and medium enterprises and members of cooperatives accessing financial assistance | Nil (no programs implemented in the period). |
| Number of female entrepreneurs provided with financial and/or business development services | 56 women were provided with finance and business-related training, 33 women were linked to market opportunities created for women to sell their handicrafts, and 20 women were supported to access financial services. |
| Number of economic response and recovery measures that specifically target the vulnerable | Nil (partner government data not yet available on results from the use of Australian budget support for economic response and recovery measures for the vulnerable) |
| Number of targeted programs to support labour mobility workers including number of participants | 41 pre-departure briefings were conducted for 4,269 participants. |
| Economic policy support: Countries Australia has supported in the last 12 months with policy and technical advice on stimulus measures and support for longer-term economic recovery (including examples of assistance provided and results achieved) | Policy and technical advice were provided in this reporting period to the Public Service Commission (PSC) to update policies related to overtime for public servants. This was based on recommendations from a wage bill analysis also provided in previous reporting periods as technical advice provided by Australia. The overtime policy limits claimable overtime hours and has been in place since December 2022.  This work is largely supported by Australian funded technical assistance to the PSC. This work is contributing to an easing of GoT’s wage bill pressures and to effectively implement government policies that target efficiency. |

### Emergency Assistance

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| **Key Results Indicators** | **Progress/Results** |
| Number of vulnerable women, men, girls, and boys provided with emergency assistance in conflict and crisis situations | Australia provided 39,029 women, men, girls, and boys (around 40 per cent of the Kingdom’s population) with emergency assistance in response to the Hunga Tonga- Hunga Haʻapai volcanic eruption and COVID-19 pandemic. Support included provision of essential non-food items such as such as tarps, tents, shelter tool kits, kitchen sets, hygiene kits, water containers, PPE and cash and voucher assistance. |

### Investment Performance Ratings

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| **Investment Details** | **Year** | **Effectiveness** | **Efficiency** | **Gender Equality** |
| **Tonga Energy Roadmap** | 2023 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| Investment duration: 2012-23; Budget: $16.0m | 2022 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| **Tonga Economic and Public Sector Reform Program** | 2023 | 4 | 5 | 3 |
| Investment duration: 2016-24; Budget: $51.5m | 2022 | 4 | 5 | 4 |
| **Tonga Renewable Energy Project (TREP)** | 2023 | 5 | 5 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2018-24; Budget: $3.5m | 2022 | 4 | 4 | 3 |
| **Tonga Australia Support Program** | 2023 | 3 | 4 | 4 |
| Investment duration 2021-2029; Budget: $25.0m | 2022 | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **Tonga Safe and Resilient Schools Project** | 2023 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2021-26; Budget: $5.3m | 2022 | 5 | 4 | 4 |

### Humanitarian Investment Performance Ratings

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| **Investment Details** | **Year** | **Effectiveness** | **Efficiency** | **Gender Equality** |
| **Disaster Preparedness and Response** | 2023 HIMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2011-24; Budget: $24.1m | 2022 HIMR | N/A | N/A | N/A |
| **Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha’apai Volcano Incident Response** | 2023 HIMR | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Investment duration: 2022-23; Budget: $3.6m | 2022 HIMR | N/A | N/A | N/A |

#### Definitions of rating scale:

Satisfactory (4, 5 and 6)

6 = Very good; satisfies criteria in all areas.   
5 = Good; satisfies criteria in almost all areas.  
4 = Adequate; on balance, satisfies criteria; does not fail in any major area.

Less than satisfactory (1, 2 and 3)

3 = Less than adequate; on balance does not satisfy criteria and/or fails in at least one major area.  
2 = Poor; does not satisfy criteria in major areas.  
1 = Very poor; does not satisfy criteria in many major areas.