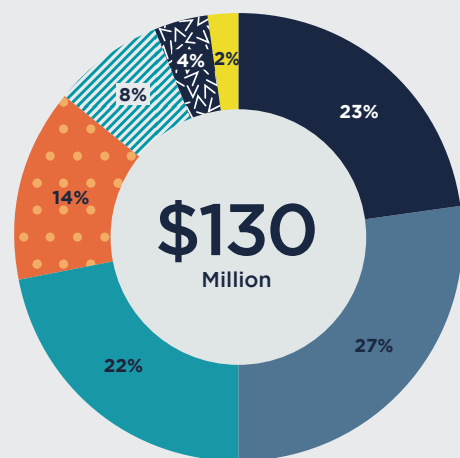


# Tonga

Tonga is a Polynesian Kingdom with a population of 105,000. The World Bank's long-term support to Tonga is focused on improving transport and infrastructure, strengthening resilience, creating jobs and improving labor mobility, and providing better digital services.



- Resilience & Land
- Trade & Investment
- Transport
- Social & Jobs
- Environment & Natural Resources
- Digital Development
- Agriculture & Food

## Resilience & Land



In addition to supplying recent budget support to respond to the dual shocks of the COVID-19 pandemic and Tropical Cyclone Harold (amounting to 6% of Tonga's GDP), the World Bank's long-term support has helped upgrade and reconstruct critical infrastructure, including more than 116 classrooms, 21 new WASH facilities, new Emergency Operation Centres in Vava'u and Ha'apai, and better multi-hazard early warning systems after 2018's Tropical Cyclone Gita.

## Social & Jobs



Faced with high secondary school drop-out rates, the [Skills and Employment for Tongans Project](#) is supporting the Tongan government to implement a cash transfer program to assist households in keeping their children in secondary school. The World Bank has also supported a new national labor mobility policy that is delivering more opportunities for Tongans to access overseas employment.

## Digital Development



Through the [Pacific Regional Connectivity Program](#), Tonga has been connected to faster, cheaper and more reliable internet. This project has facilitated increased broadband access from 2% of the population in 2010 to 50% in 2018 and reduced the average retail cost of broadband internet by 97%. The World Bank is now helping to develop the Government's capacity to deliver digital services through the [Tonga Digital Government Support Project](#).

## Transport



The World Bank supports climate-resilient road, maritime and air transport infrastructure projects in Tonga through the [Tonga Climate Resilient Transport Project](#), and provides technical assistance and emergency support in the event of a natural disaster.

## Current Projects

- Tonga: Supporting Recovery after Dual Shocks DPO
- Tonga Digital Government Support Project
- Tonga: Pathway to Sustainable Oceans
- Tonga First Resilience DPO
- Statistical Innovation & Capacity Building in Tonga
- Skills and Employment for Tongans Project
- Tonga Climate Resilient Transport Project
- Pacific Resilience Program
- Pacific Resilience Program Additional Financing

\*Based on data as of 31 March 2021.