

# Tonga

The World Bank's 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



The World Bank's support has helped upgrade and reconstruct critical infrastructure – such as *the main port on the island of 'Eua*, strengthen early warning systems, disaster policies and community resilience, and ensure Tonga has quick access to finance following a disaster.

## Jobs & Social Protection



Faced with high secondary school drop-out rates, the *Skills and Employment for Tongans Project* is supporting Tongan families to keep their children in secondary school. The World Bank has also supported Tonga's national labor mobility policy, helping Tongans access more opportunities to work overseas.

## Economic Resilience



The World Bank is supporting Tonga's efforts to better manage its public finances, improve building codes, and boost the economy's ability to bounce back from economic shocks.

## Digital Development



Thanks to World Bank investments in fibre-optic submarine cables, Tonga has been connected to faster, cheaper and more reliable internet, increasing broadband access from 2% of the population in 2010 to 64% in 2021, and reduced the cost of broadband 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



Through the *Tonga Climate Resilient Transport Project*, we are helping Tonga build road, maritime and air transport infrastructure that is more resilient to the impacts of climate change. This work also provides technical assistance and emergency support following natural disasters.



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## Current Projects

Project Name	Focus area		Total commitment in US\$m (includes IBRD, IDA, Other and Co-Financing)
Pacific Resilience Program	Resilience and Land	●	34
Tonga Digital Government Support Project	Digital Development	●	5
Pacific Resilience Program	Resilience and Land	●	5
Tonga Climate Resilient Transport Project	Transport	●	29
Skills and Employment for Tongans	Jobs & Social Protection	●	21
Tonga: Pathway to Sustainable Oceans	Environment and Natural Resources	●	10
Statistical Innovation and Capacity Building in Tonga	Poverty and Equity	●	2
Tonga Second Resilience Development Policy Operation with a Catastrophe-Deferred Drawdown Option	Economic Resilience	●	39
Tonga Safe and Resilient Schools Project	Resilience and Land	●	28
Tonga Climate Resilient Transport Project II	Transport	●	38
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>210</b>