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
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’pai, 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.

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

Additional Financing
- 22%
- 14%
- 8%
- 4%
- 23%
- 27%

*Based on data as of 31 March 2021.