

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Agriculture Grant Window
Tonga Climate Change Fund (TCCF)

1. Background

The impacts of climate change on agriculture in Tonga are projected to be considerable, with increasing changes in temperature, rainfall patterns, and the frequency and intensity of extreme weather events. Heatwaves and drought periods — already affecting yields of traditional Pacific crops such as breadfruit and coconut — are projected to intensify. Tonga's recent experience with the 2014 El Niño drought demonstrated the vulnerability of both subsistence and commercial farming, with root crops such as taro and sweet potato significantly affected. Rising temperatures combined with erratic rainfall patterns — shorter, more intense wet seasons followed by prolonged dry spells — threaten not only subsistence farmers' livelihoods but also the economic output of commercial farming operations.

2. Objectives

The **Agriculture Grant Window** aims to strengthen the resilience of Tonga's agricultural sector to drought and heat stress by:

- Supporting the adoption of **climate-resilient irrigation systems**
 - Reducing vulnerability to climate shocks for both subsistence and commercial farmers
 - Enhancing food security and rural livelihoods
 - Aligning with Tonga's national climate change priorities and adaptation strategies
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3. Funding Available

Two funding streams are available:

Small-holder Farmer Window

- Grants of up to TOP \$10,000 per small holder farmer (8 acres or less). Proposals can include multiple small holder farmers per application.
- **Eligible activities:** Implementation of drip irrigation or a dry land wicking system;
- **Eligible expenses:** Goods, services, or works directly related to irrigation system installation and operation.

Commercial Farming Window

- Grants of up to TOP \$100,000 each
- **Eligible activities:** Implementation of large-scale climate-resilient and sustainable irrigation systems
- **Eligible expenses:** Goods, services, or works directly related to irrigation system installation and operation

Estimated Project Implementation Timeline

- 12 months
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4. Eligibility Criteria

For Small-holder Farmers:

- Must be a leaseholder or landowner with existing crop operations
- Proof of permission to farm on the proposed land

- Evidence of at least one year of farming activity (e.g., export receipts, letter from town officer, letter from MAFF officer confirming inclusion in the annual agriculture survey)

For Commercial Farms / Registered Agricultural Businesses:

- Must be a leaseholder or landowner with existing crop operations
- Proof of permission to farm on the proposed land
- Evidence of at least two years of commercial farming activity

Eligible Applicants:

- Accredited Government agencies, NGOs, community groups, and registered companies

5. Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- Completed **TCCF Project Application Form – Schedule 8 of the TCCF Regulations 2024** (available [here](#))
- Proof of eligibility (certificate of accreditation, land tenure documents, proof of farming activity)
- At least one reference or supporting letter from a relevant authority (e.g., MAFF officer, town officer)
- Compliance with prohibited activities and expenditure rules (Regulation 52, TCCF Regulations 2024)
- Details of any co-financing or in-kind contributions (optional but encouraged)

6. Submission Process

- **Deadline: 5:00 PM on Friday, 26 September 2025**
- **Submission methods:**
 - Email: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com
 - Physical submission:
Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC)
Level 3, OG Sanft Building, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
- Applications may be submitted in English or Tongan
- Late submissions will not be considered
- Enquiries: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com | Phone: 26514

7. Evaluation Criteria

Alignment with National Priorities

- Contribution to Tonga's climate change, adaptation, mitigation, and disaster risk reduction goals

Project Design & Impact

- Clear outcomes and defined beneficiaries
- High priority for the benefiting community
- Demonstrated environmental, social, and economic benefits
- Vulnerability analysis, resilience-building, and climate change education

Implementer Capacity

- Proven ability to manage funds, with relevant technical expertise and resources

Partnerships

- Collaboration with government agencies, civil society, and/or private sector

Community Benefit & Inclusivity

- Positive impact on women, men, children, and vulnerable groups
- Clearly identified population and location of beneficiaries

Sustainability & Contributions

- Long-term viability and any financial or in-kind contributions (materials, labour, land, fund matching)

Please refer to Schedule 11 of the Tonga Climate Change Regulations 2024 for a detailed guide on the ranking matrix.

8. Post-Award Obligations

Successful applicants must:

- Sign a **Project Implementation Agreement** with the TCCF Secretariat (Schedule 12, TCCF Regulations 2024)
- Comply with the **TCCF Act 2021** and **TCCF Regulations 2024**, submitting regular progress, monitoring, and financial reports
- Allow site visits and audits
- Acknowledge TCCF support in all communications
- Seek Secretariat approval for any project changes
- Use funds only for approved purposes stated in the Agreement

FANONGONONGO KE TOHI KOLE MAI

Pa'anga Tokoni ki he Ngoue

Sino'i Pa'anga á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea (TCCF)

1. Puipuitu'a

Ko e ngaahi uesia 'o e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea ki he ngoue 'i Tonga 'oku fakafuofua ke toe lahi ange, 'o hange ko e fu'u mafana ange 'a e 'ea, fetu'aki 'a e taimi mo e lahi 'o e 'uha 'oku to, kae pehee foki ki he hokohoko mo e lalahi ange 'a e ngaahi fakatamaki fakanatula. Ko e vela ange 'a e 'ea mo e ngaahi vaha'a taimi la'ala'aa fuoloa, 'oku ne lolotonga uesia ai 'a e ngaahi ngoue tu'ufonua 'i he 'Pasifiki 'o hange ko e Mei mo e Niu pea 'oku fakafuofua ke toe kovi ange 'i he kaha'u.

'I he 2014 ne to ai e fa'ahi ta'u la'ala'a (El Nino) 'i Tonga pea ne ha mahino ai 'ae tu'u lavea ngofua ange ki he maumau 'ae ngaahi fua 'oe ngoue 'o tatau pe 'i he ngaahi ngoue taautaha pea moe ngaahi ngoue fakakomesiale 'o hange koe Talo pea moe Pateta. 'I ha ngaahi taimi 'e hoko fakataha mai ai 'ae fu'u mafana ange 'ae 'ea, la'ala'a fuoloa pea moe fetu'aki 'ae taimi moe lahi 'oe 'uha, 'e ikai ngata pe 'ae uesia 'i he ngaahi ngoue taautaha ka 'e uesia ai foki moe tu'unga faka'ikonomika 'o e fonua mei he ngaahi ngoue fakakomesiale.

2. Ngaahi Taumu'a

‘Oku fakataumu’a ‘a e Pa’anga Tokoni ki he Ngoue, kene fakamalohia ‘a e tu’unga matu’uaki ‘a e Sekitoa Ngoue ‘o Tonga ki he ngaahi uestia ‘a e feliuliaki ‘o e ‘ea ‘o hange ko e la’ala’aa pea mo e mafana ange ‘a e ‘ea. Pea koe ngaahi taumu’a ngaue leva ‘eni;

- Tokoni'i 'a hono ngaue'aki 'o ha ngaahi founa fu'ifu'i ngoue.
- Fakasi'isi'i 'a e tu'u laveangofua 'a e ngaahi ngoue tautaha mo fakakomesiale ki ha ngaahi tu'unga fakatu'utamaki 'o e 'ea.
- Fakaivia 'a e tu'unga malu mo e taau 'a e me'atokoni ke poupu ki he mo'ui faka'aho 'a e ngaahi famili pea mo e komuniti.
- Ke a'usia 'a e ngaahi fiema'u vivili 'a e fonua ki he sekitoa ngoue.

3. Lahi 'o e Pa'anga Tokoni.

Ko e founa tokoni fakapa'anga 'e ua 'oku faka'ataa atu;

1. **Faingamalie ki he kau ngoue iiki mo 'ikai ke fakakomesiale.** ('Eka 'e 8 pe si'isi'i ange)
 - 'Oku malava ke a'u 'a e Pa'anga Tokoni ki he pa'anga Tonga 'e \$10,000 ki ha ngaahi kole tautaha pe fakakulupu.
 - **Ngaahi ngaue 'oku ngofua ke fakapa'anga:** Fakahoko ha founa fu'ifu'i ngoue 'oku ne matu'aki e taimi la'ala'aa 'o hange koe ngaue'aki 'o ha ngaahi paipa kuo fakatoka kene fakahoko 'ae fu'ifu'i pe ko hono ngaue'aki ha ngaahi naunau kehe ange kene fakahoko 'ae fatongia fu'ifu'i ngoue.
 - **Ngaahi fakamole 'oku ngoufa ke fakapa'anga:** Ko hono hu mai 'a e ngaahi koloa pea mo e naunau kae pehe foki ki hono fakahoko 'a e ngaahi ngaue, ki hono fokotu'u mo fakalele 'a e sistemi fu'ifu'i ngoue.
2. **Faingamalie ki he kau ngoue fakakomesiale.** (Kau Ngoue Lalahi 'o 'ova he 'eka 'e 8.)
 - 'Oku malava ke a'u 'a e Pa'anga Tokoni ki he pa'anga Tonga 'e \$100,000 ki ha ngaahi kole tautaha pe fakakulupu.
 - **Ngaahi ngaue 'oku ngofua ke fakapa'anga :** Fakahoko ha founa fu'ifu'i ngoue 'oku ne matu'aki e taimi la'ala'a 'o hange ko e ngaue'aki 'o ha ngaahi paipa kuo fakatoka kene fakahoko 'a e fu'ifu'i pe ko hono ngaue'aki ha ngaahi naunau kehe ange kene fakahoko 'a e fatongia fu'ifu'i ngoue.
 - **Ngaahi fakamole 'oku ngofua ke fakapa'anga:** Ngaahi koloa, ngaue pe ngaahi ngaue felave'i tonu pe kaunga ki hono fokotu'u mo fakalele 'o e sisitemi fu'ifu'i ngoue fakakomesiale.

4. Ngaahi Makatu'unga ó e tohi kole.

Ma'a e Kau Ngoue iiki:

- Kuopau ke 'iai ho'o totonu fakalao ki he kekele 'oku ke lolotonga ngoue ai. (Lisi pe Lesisita)
- Kuopau ke 'iai ha tohi ke fakamo'oni'i pe fakamafai'i koe keke ngoue 'i he konga kekele koia. (Tohi mei he mau mafai)
- Fakamoni'i kuo a'u 'o ta'u 'e 1 ho ngoue (hangee ko e tohi tali totongi, tohi mei he 'Ofisa Kolo, tohi mei ha 'Ofisa MAFF 'oku ke kau ki he savea fakata'u 'a e ngoue)

Maáe kau Ngoue Fakakomesiolo / Pisinisi Ngoue kuo lesisita:

- Kuopau ke 'iai ho'o totonu fakalao ki he kelekele 'oku ke lolotonga ngoue ai. (Lisi pe Lesisita)
- Kuopau ke 'iai ha tohi ke fakamo'oni'i pe fakamafai'i koe keke ngoue 'i he kongá kelekele koia. (Tohi mei he maú mafai)
- Fakamoni'i kuo a'u 'o ta'u 'e 2 ho ngoue fakakomesiale (hangee ko e tohi tali totongi, tohi mei he 'Ofisa Kolo, tohi mei ha 'Ofisa MAFF 'oku ke kau ki he savea fakata'u 'a e ngoue)

Tokotaha taau ki he tohi kole:

- Tokotaha ngoue taautaha (kuopau ke ke ma'u ngaahi makatu'unga 'i 'olunga)
- Ngaahi kautaha kuo fakamo'oni'i hange ko e ngaahi kautaha 'a e Pule'anga (MAFF, MIA), NGO, Kulupu e ngaahi kolo, mo e ngaahi kautaha 'osi lesisita.

5. Ngaahi fiema'u ki he tohi kole.

Kuopau ke ke fakakau mai 'a e ngaahi me'a ni:

- Fakakakato 'o e foomu tohi kole ki he Sino'i Pa'anga á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki ó e Éa, 'a ia 'oku ha 'i he tepile 8 'a e ngaahi tu'utu'uni ki he Sino'i Pa'anga 2024. (['oku ma'u 'i heni](#))
- Ngaahi tohi fakamo'oni ki he ngofua ke tohi kole ki he Sino'i Pa'anga, tohi fakamo'oni ki he kelekele pea mo e tohi fakamo'oni ki he ngaahi ngaue fakangoue.
- Tohi fakaongoongo lelei 'e 1 mei ha taha ngaahi ma'u mafai (hange ko e 'ofisi Ngoue mo e 'ofisa kolo)
- Tohi fakamo'oni'i kuo te'eki ai keke fakahoko ha ngaahi ngaue 'oku 'ikai ke ngofua 'o fakatatau ki he tu'utu'uni fika 52 'a e Sino'i Pa'anga 2024.
- 'I ai ha ngaahi tokoni fakapa'anga pe 'ofa makehe ('okapau ku 'i ai)

6. Founa fakahu mai 'a e tohi kole.

- Taimi 'e 'osi ai: **5:00 efiai 'o e 'aho Falaite 26 'o Sepitema 2025**
- Founa 'a hono fakahu mai:

- 'Imeili: departmentofclimatechange@gmail.com
- A'u tonu mai ki homau 'api ngaue: Potungaue MEIDECC
Levolo 3, Fale OG Sanft, Nuku'alofa, Tonga

- Ko e ngaahi tohi kole kotoa pe kuopau ke fakahu mai 'i he lea faka-Pilitania pe faka-Tonga
- 'E 'ikai tali ha ngaahi tohi kole tomui.

Ki ha ngaahi fahu'i, telefoni ki he Sekelitali 'o e Sino'i Pa'anga 'a Tonga ki he Feliuliaki ó e 'Ea. (TCCF Secretariat) 'i he:

- Email: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com
- Telefoni: 26514

7. Ngaahi makatu'unga 'e fakahoko'aki hono sivi 'a e ngaahi tohi kole.

Kuopau ke fenapasi 'a e tohi kole pea mo e ngaahi fiema'u vivili fakafonua ki he Sekitoa Ngoue.

- Kuopau ke fakaha 'i he tohi kole ha ngaahi founa ngaue kene fakaivia mo matu'uaki 'e he ngoue 'a e ngaahi ha'aha'a 'o e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

Kuopau ke fa'u 'a e poloseki ke ne 'omi ha ngaahi ola;

- 'Oku mahino lelei 'a e taumu'a 'o e poloseki pea mo kinautolu tenau ma'u monu'ia mei ai.
- 'Oku matu'aki mahu'inga ki he ngaahi komuniti
- 'Oku 'i ai hono ngaahi lelei faka'ataakai, fakasosiale mo faka'ekonomika.
- 'Oku ne lava ke 'analaiso 'a e tu'u lavea ngofua 'a e ngoue, kae pehe foki ki heono fakahoko ha ngaahi ngaue kene fakaivia 'a e tu'unga matu'uaki 'a e ngoue ki he feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

Tu'unga malava 'a e tokotaha kene fakahoko 'a e Poloseki.

- Kuopau ke lava 'e he tokotaha ni pe kautaha ni kene leva'i lelei 'a e pa'anga kuo 'omi ke fakahoko 'aki 'a e poloseki pea ke 'iai mo ha'ane 'ilo fakatekinikale foki pea mo ha ngaahi me'a ngaue ke fakalele 'aki 'a e Poloseki.

Hoa Fengaue'aki.

- Ngaue fakataha mo e ngaahi Potungaue Pule'anga, Sosaieti Sivile, mo e ngaahi pisinisi taautaha.

Ko kinautolu 'eni 'oku totonu kenau lavemonu'ia 'i he ngahai poloseki;

- Kakai fefine, Kakai tangata, fanau, mo e ngaahi kulupu tu'u laveangofua pea ke fakaha foki mo e tokolahi pea mo e feitu'u 'oku nau nofo ai.

Ngaahi Tokoni makehe.

- Kuopau ke fakaha mai 'i ho'o tohi kole 'a e ngaahi tokoni fakapa'anga makehe 'e ala ma'u ke fakahoko 'aki 'a e poloseki 'o hange koha ngaahi naunau langa pe me'a ngaue.

Kataki 'o vakai ki he Tepile fika 2(II) 'o e Ngaahi Tu'utu'u ni ki he Sino'i Pa'anga 2024 ki he ngaahi fakamatala fakaikiiki 'o e founa sivi 'i 'a e ngaahi tohi kole ki he poloseki.

8. Ngaahi fatongia hili hono foaki 'o e tokoni

Ko e kau mau monuia kuo pau ke::

- Fakamo'oni Aleapau ki hono fakahoko o e poloseki moe sekelitali ki he Sinoi Paanga a Tonga ki he Feliuliaki o e Ea.

- Fai pau ki he Lao ki he Sino'i Pa'anga 'a Tonga ki he Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea 2021, pea mo e ngaahi Tu'utu'uni ki he Sino'i Pa'anga 2024 kae pehe ki hono fakahu mai 'a e ngaahi lipooti fekau'aki mo e poloseki.
- Fakangofua ke fai ha 'a'ahi feitu'u 'oku fakahoko ai 'a e poloseki kae pehe ki hono mo hono 'atita'i 'a e poloseki.
- Fakapapau'i 'oku fakahoko ma'u pe 'a e fetu'utaki pea mo e Va'a Fakasekelitali ki he Sino'i Pa'anga.
- Fiema'u ke fakahoko ki he Sekelitali 'a e Sino'i Pa'anga ha ngaahi liliu lolotonga 'a hono fakahoko 'a e poloseki.
- Faka'aonga'i 'a e Sino'i Pa'anga 'o fakatatau ki he ngaahi taumu'a 'oku ha 'i he Aleapau.

9. Ngaahi fatongia hili hono foaki 'o e tokoni

Ko kinautolu 'oku tali 'enau ngaahi tohi kole tokoni kuopau ke fiema'u 'a e:

- Fakamo'oni Aleapau Ki hono Fakahoko ó e poloseki moe sekelitali ki he Sino'i Pa'anga á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki ó e Éa.
- 'Oatu ma'u pe 'a e ngaahi lipooti fakalakalaka mo e pa'anga 'o fakatatau ki he ngaahi fakahinohino ki he foaki tokoni
- Fakangofua ke fai ha 'alu atu ki he feitu'u pea mo hono 'atita'i
- Ngaue fakatatau ki he ki he TCCF Act 2021 mo e TCCF Regulations 2024
- Fakaha 'a e pou pou mo e tokoni 'a e TCCF 'i he ngaahi fetu'utaki kotoa pe fekau'aki mo e poloseki.