

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

1. Background

As part of Tonga's commitments in its Second Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement, Tonga implemented its National Tree Planting Programme. An ambitious initiative which successfully resulted in one million trees planted by 2023 and served as a cornerstone of its national strategy to combat climate change and enhance resilience.

The **Agroforestry Grant Window** continues these efforts by:

- Supporting greenhouse gas mitigation through tree planting
- Enhancing coastal protection through mangrove to buffer against storm surges, sea-level rise, and coastal erosion
- Restoring degraded ecosystems and promoting biodiversity
- Supporting food security and alternative livelihoods, particularly for rural and remote communities
- Strengthening commercial farming initiatives through high-value crop and tree planting

This window aligns with JNAP 2 which seeks to achieve 30% of land area in Tonga utilized for Agro-forestry or forestry, Tonga's Low Emissions Development Strategy (LEDS) 2021–2050, the Second NDC, and with Tonga's broader goal of establishing a forest inventory to inform emission reduction targets for its forthcoming Third NDC in 2025.

2. Objectives

The Agroforestry Grant Window aims to:

- Support climate change mitigation through carbon sequestration via tree planting
- Increase resilience of coastal and terrestrial areas to climate impacts
- Promote biodiversity and ecosystem restoration
- Enhance livelihoods, food security, and income opportunities through commercial and community forestry
- Strengthen institutional and community capacity for sustainable agroforestry practices

3. Funding Available

Funding for this thematic window is divided across three sub-windows:

1. Coastal and Terrestrial Tree Planting Grant Window

- o Grants: up to **TOP \$10,000** each
- o Eligible applicants: Accredited Entities representing community groups, NGOs, or schools
- o Eligible activities: Supply and/or planting of coastal plants and/or terrestrial seedlings;

2. Commercial Tree Planting Grant Window

- o Grants: up to **TOP \$10,000** each
- o Eligible applicants: Accredited Entities representing commercial farmers, women's groups, community groups
- o Eligible activities: Supply of seedlings for commercial plants (e.g., high-value plants such as sandalwood, vanilla, mulberry (hiapo), pandanus (kie, tofua, kukuvalu, paongo and tutu'ila and kava)

3. Nursery Building or Upgrading Grant Window

- o Grants: up to **TOP \$15,000** each
- o Eligible applicants: Accredited Entities representing community groups and extreme poverty households
- o Eligible activities: provision of materials for nursery construction or upgrades and labour service

Estimated project implementation timeline: 16 months

Geographic focus: Nationwide, with priority given to outer islands or specific target communities based on need.

3A. Eligible Expenses

Funds may be used for:

- Supply of seedlings
 - Terrestrial plants**
 - o Traditional and cultural plants
 - o Food plants
 - o Medicinal plants
 - o Timber plants
 - Commercial Plants**
 - o Sandalwood, vanilla, mulberry (hiapo), pandanus (kie, tofua, kukuvalu, paongo and tutu'ila), and kava;
 - Coastal Plants**
 - o Mangrove, Fao, Feta'anua, Telie, Kotone, Toa, Touhuni, Fotulona, Futu, and Puataukanave.
- Materials for nursery construction or upgrade and labour service
- Tools, equipment, and supplies required for planting and maintenance
- Community training on tree planting, maintenance, and agroforestry practices

Ineligible expenses include:

- Activities not related to agroforestry or tree planting
- Construction unrelated to nurseries or approved planting activities

See TCCF Regulation 52 'Prohibited activities and expenditure for use of the Fund' for further information.

4. Eligibility Criteria

Accredited Entities:

- Registered companies (farmer associations), Government, NGOs, and Community groups (including Women's groups)

Beneficiaries:

- Communities, households, or individuals participating in planting activities
- Priority is given to households in extreme poverty and communities at high climate risk

5. Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- Completed **TCCF Project Application Form** – Schedule 8 of the TCCF Regulations 2024 ([available here](#))
- Proof of accreditation/eligibility for applying entity
- Supporting letters from relevant authorities or community leaders
- 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. Considerations for Project Design

Applicants should demonstrate how their project will:

- Ensure tree survival and long-term maintenance
- Engage communities in planning, planting, and ongoing care
- Integrate traditional knowledge and local practices
- Maximise co-benefits for livelihoods, biodiversity, and climate adaptation
- Align with national climate priorities, including coastal protection and mitigation strategies

8. Evaluation Criteria**Alignment with National Priorities:**

- Contribution to Tonga's NDC, JNAP 2, and LEDS climate mitigation and adaptation goals

Project Design & Impact:

- Clear outcomes and measurable benefits for communities
- Environmental, social, and economic impacts
- Multi-benefit design (coastal protection, biodiversity, livelihoods)

Implementer Capacity:

- Proven experience in tree planting or agroforestry projects

- Ability to manage grants and mobilize community participation

Community Benefit & Inclusivity:

- Positive impact on women, men, children, and vulnerable groups
- Clear identification of beneficiaries and project locations

Sustainability & Contributions:

- Long-term maintenance and survival of planted trees
 - In-kind or financial contributions from communities or other partners
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9. Post-Award Obligations

Successful applicants must:

- Sign a Project Implementation Agreement with the TCCF Secretariat (Schedule 12, TCCF Regulations 2024)
- Comply with TCCF Act 2021 and Regulations 2025, submitting progress, monitoring, and financial reports
- Allow site visits, monitoring, 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 Tuifio-Vaoákau Vaotata Pa'anga Tokoni á Tonga ki he Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea (TCCF)

1. Puipuitu'a

Ko e konga 'o e ngaahi tukupā 'a Tonga ki he Ngaahi Tukupa Fakafonua hono Ua (NDC) 'i he malumalu 'o e Aleapau Pālesi, na'e fakahoko ai 'e Tonga 'a 'ene Polokalama To 'Akau Fakafonua. Ko ha fokotu'utu'u mo e faka'amu 'a ia na'e lava ai hono tō 'o e fu'u 'akau 'e taha miliona 'i he 2023 pea na'e hoko ia ko e makatuliki mo ha founa fakafonua ke tau'i 'aki 'a e matu'uaki 'o e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

'Oku hoko atu 'e he Pa'anga Tokoni ki he Ngoue Tuifio-Vao'akau 'a e ngaahi feinga ko 'eni 'aki 'a e:

- Poupou ki hono fakasi'isi'i 'o e kasa 'oku ne fakatupunga 'a e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea 'o fakafou 'i he to 'akau
- Fakalahi 'a e malu'i 'o e matāfanga 'o fakafou 'i hono tō 'o e tongo ke malu'i 'a e ngaahi magari, tupu 'a e levolo 'o e tahi mo e 'auhia 'a e kelekele.
- Fakafoki mai 'a e ngaahi 'ekosisitemi kuo maumau mo malu'i 'a e ngaahi me'amo'ui kehekehe.
- Poupou ki he malu 'o e me'atokoni mo e ngaahi founa mo'ui kehe, tautau tefito ki he ngaahi komiuniti 'i he tukui kolo mo e ngaahi kolo mama'o.
- Fakamālohia 'o e ngaahi fokotu'utu'u ngoue fakakomesiale 'o fakafou 'i hono tō 'o e ngoue mo e 'akau.

'Oku fenāpasi 'a e pa'anga tokoni ko 'eni mo e JNAP 2 'a ia 'oku feinga ke a'usia 'a e 30% 'o e 'elia 'o e kelekele 'i Tonga 'oku ngāue'aki ki he Ngoue-vaotā, Founa Fakalakalaka 'a Tonga 2021–2050, NDC hono Ua, pea mo e taumu'a lahi ange 'a Tonga ke fakasi'isi'i 'a e ngaahi 'ea 'i he 2020. 'oku lolotonga hoko mai 'a e NDC hono Tolu 'i he 2025.

2. Ngaahi Taumu'a

'Oku fakataumu'a 'a e Tokoni ki he Ngoue Tuifio mo e Vao'akau ke:

- Tokoni ki honofakasi'isi'i 'o e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea 'i hono faka'auha 'o e kaponi 'o fakafou 'i he tō 'akau .
- Fakalahi 'a e tu'unga matu'uaki 'o e ngaahi matātahi mo e kelekele mei he ngaahi uesia 'o e 'ea .
- Tokoni'i 'a e ngaahi me'amo'ui kehekehe mo hono fakafoki mai 'o e 'ekosisitemi .
- Fakalahi 'a e ngaahi ma'u'anga mo'ui, malu 'o e me'atokoni, mo e ngaahi faingamalie pa'anga hū mai 'o fakafou 'i he ngoue fakakomesiale mo fakakomiuniti .
- Fakamālohia 'a e malava 'a e ngaahi kautaha mo e ngaahi komiuniti ki he ngaahi founa ngoue 'oku tu'uloa .

3. Ngaahi Tokoni fakapa'anga

Ko e fakapa'anga 'oku vahevahe ia ki he ngaahi konga 'e tolu:

1. Pa'anga Tokoni ki he To 'Akau 'i he Matāfanga mo e Fonua
 - Ngaahi tokoni: a'u ki he pa'anga tonga 'e \$10,000 takitaha

- Ko e kau tohi kole: Ngaahi Kautaha kuo Fakangofua ‘oku nau fakafofonga’i ‘a e ngaahi kulupu fakakoló, ngaahi kautaha ‘ikai fakapule‘angá mo e ngaahi ‘apiakó
- Ngaahi ngāue ‘oku taau: fakatau mo tō ‘a e ngaahi pulopula ‘akau ki he matafanga pea mo e pulopula ki he ‘akau fakaloto fonua.

2. Pa'anga Tokoni ki he To 'Akau ki he Ngoue Fakakomesiale

- Ngaahi tokoni: a’u ki he pa’anga tonga ‘e \$10,000 takitaha;
- Ko e kau tohi kole: Ngaahi Kautaha kuo fakangofua ‘oku nau fakafofonga’i ‘a e kau faama fakakomesiale, ngaahi kulupu kakai fefine mo e ngaahi kulupu fakakolo
- Ngaahi ngaue ‘oku taau: fakatau fakalukufua ‘a e ngaahi pulopula ‘akau ki he ngoue fakakomesiale (e.g., ‘akau fua mahu’inga lahi, ahi, vanilla, hiapo, louákau (kie, tofua, kukuvalu, paongo and tutu’ila and kava)

3. Paánga Tokoni ki hono fakalelei ha Fale Lulunga Ákau

Ngaahi tokoni: a’u ki he pa’anga tonga ‘e \$15,000 takitaha;

- Ko e kau tohi kole: Kautaha kuo fakangofua ‘oku nau fakafofonga’i ‘a e kulupu komuniti mo e ngaahi ‘api masivesiva ange.
- Ngaahi ngaue: ‘oatu ‘a e ngaahi naunau ki hono langa pe fakalelei’i ‘o e ngaahi Fale Lulunga ‘Akau. (ngaue/langa ‘i he koloa)

Fakafuofua ki he taimi fakahoko 'o e poloseki: mahina 'e 16

Naaghi Fetuú: Fakafonua, kae tautautefito ki he ngaahi ótu motu pe ngaahi komiuniti kuo fakapapau’i ‘oku nau fu’u fiema’u ‘a e tokoni.

3A. Ngaahi Tokoni fakapa’anga

‘E lava ke ngāue‘aki ‘a e pa‘angá ki he:

Fakatau ‘o e ngaahi pulopula ‘akau.

Ngaahi ‘akau Fakalotofonua

- ‘Akau tukufonua
- ‘Akau fua
- ‘Akau faito’o
- ‘Akau papa

Ngaahi ngoue Fakakomesiolo

- Ahi, Vanilla, Hiapo, Lou’akau (kie, tofua, kukuvalu, paongo mo e tutu’ila) mo e kava.

Ngaahi ákau matatahi

- Tongo, Fao, Feta’anu, Telie, Kotone, Toa, Touhuni, Fotulona, Futu, mo Puataukanave.
- Ngaahi naunau ki hono langa pe fakalelei’i 'o e fale lulunga’akau mo e ngāue tokoni ki he kau ngāué.
- Ngaahi me‘angāue mo e ngaahi me‘a ‘oku fie ma’u ki hono tō mo hono tokanga’i .
- Ako’i ‘a e komiuniti ki he to 'akau, tauhi mo e ngaahi founa ngaue ki he vaotata ákau.

Ko e ngaahi fakamole ‘oku ‘ikai taau ‘oku kau ki ai ‘a e:

- Ngaahi ngaue 'oku 'ikai fekau'aki mo e Ngoue-Tuifio mo e Vaotata pe ko e to 'akau .
- Langa 'oku 'ikai fekau'aki mo e ngaahi fale lulunga'akau pe ko ha ngaahi ngaahi ngāue 'ikai ke fakangofua.

Vakai ki he Tu'utu'uni 52 'a e Sino'i Pa'anga 'Ngaahi ngaue mo e fakamole 'oku tapui ki hono ngaue'aki 'o e Pa'anga' ki ha toe fakamatala.

4. Ngaahi Makatu'unga ó e tohi kole

Ngaahi Kautaha kuo Fakamo'oni'i:

- Ngaahi kautaha kuo lesisita (ngaahi kautaha ngoue), Pule'anga, ngaahi kautaha 'ikai fakapule'anga mo e kulupu Fakasiasi(FBOs/Churches), ngaahi kulupu 'a e kakai fefine mo e komiuniti (ngoue fakakomesiale).

Tokotaha taau ki he tohi kole:

- Ngaahi komiuniti, ngaahi 'api, pe taautaha 'oku nau kau 'i he ngaahi ngāue tō ngoué .
- Fakamu'omu'a ki he ngaahi 'api mo e ngaahi komiuniti masivesiva ange 'oku nau tu'u lavenga ngofua ki he feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

5. Ngaahi Fiemaú ki he tohi kole

Kuo pau 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](#)).
- Fakamo'oni 'o e taau (tohi fakamo'oni 'o e fakamo'oni)
- Ngaahi tohi poupu mei he kau ma'u mafai fekau'aki (e.g., 'ofisa kolo, fakapapau'i 'o e poupu 'a e kau ma'u faingamalie 'o e poloseki).
- 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. Ngaahi Fiemaú ki he tohi kole

- **Taimi 'e 'osi ai: 5:00 efiai 'o e 'aho Falaite 26 'o Sepitema 2025**
- **Founga '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 Fakakaukau ki he Fa'u 'o e Poloseki .

‘Oku totonu ke fakahaa’i ‘e he kau faka‘eke‘eké ‘a e founa ‘e:

- Fakapapau’i ‘oku mo’ui ‘a e ‘akau mo hono tauhi taimi loloa.
- Fakakau ‘a e ngaahi komiunitii ‘i he palani, tō, mo hono tokanga’i.
- Fakataha’i ‘a e ngaahi ‘ilo tukufakaholo mo e ngaahi founa ngaue fakalotofonua.
- Fakalahi ‘a e ngaahi monu’ia fakataha ki he ngaahi ma’u’anga mo’ui, ngaahi me’amo’ui kehekehe, mo e fe’unga mo e ‘ea.
- Fakafe’unga’i mo e ngaahi me’a ‘oku fakamu’omu’a fakafonua ki he ‘ea, kau ai ‘a e malu’i ‘o e matātahi mo e ngaahi founa fakasi’isi’i.

8. 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 tuifio mo e Vao’akau.:

- Kuopau ke fakaha ‘i he tohi kole ha ngaahi founa ngaue kene fakaivia mo matu’uaki ‘e he ngoue tuifio mo e vaoakau ‘a e ngaahi ha’aha’a ‘o e feliuliuaki ‘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 tuifio mo e vao’akau, kae pehe foki ki heono fakahoko ha ngaahi ngaue kene fakaivia ‘a e tu’unga matu’uaki ‘a e ngoue ki he feliuliuaki ‘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..

9. Ngaahi fatongia hili hono foaki ‘o e tokoni

Ko e kau maú monuíá kuo pau ke:

- Fakamo’oni Aleapau ki hono fakahoko ó e poloseki moe sekelitali ki he Sinoí Paánga á Tonga ki he Feliuliuaki ó e Éa.
- Fai pau ki he Lao ki he Sino’i Pa’anga ‘a Tonga ki he Feliuliuaki ‘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.