

CALL FOR PROPOSALS
Tourism Funding Window
Tonga Climate Change Fund (TCCF)

1. Background

Tonga's tourism sector has faced unprecedented hardship in recent years. The combined impacts of Tropical Cyclone Harold (April 2020), the Hunga Tonga–Hunga Ha'apai volcanic eruption and tsunami (January 2022), a 28-month border closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic (2020–2022), and the subsequent local outbreak of COVID-19 in early 2022 have caused unprecedented and significant negative impacts on Tonga's tourism industry, previously estimated to represent 11% of GDP.

Small-scale accommodation providers have endured the highest costs from natural disasters. Of the estimated USD \$30 million in damages suffered by the tourism industry during this period, between 80–87% were borne by accommodation providers. At least 20 tourism businesses — mostly accommodation — cannot be rebuilt or repaired without financial assistance.

Coastal areas, while highly attractive to tourists, remain at particular risk due to cyclones, storm surges, and longer-term climate change impacts such as sea-level rise. Without targeted support, the recovery and climate resilience of Tonga's tourism sector will be severely delayed.

2. Objectives

The Tourism Funding Window aims to:

- Support recovery of Tonga's tourism businesses from recent disasters
- Strengthen the climate resilience of accommodation providers and coastal operators
- Build capacity for long-term adaptation planning in the tourism sector
- Align with Tonga's national priorities for climate change adaptation, resilience, and economic recovery

3. Funding Available

Funding available under the **Climate Smart Tourism Grant Window**, divided into two sub-windows:

Sub-window A: Climate Smart Small Accommodation (MSMEs only)

- Grant of up to TOP \$20,000 per business
- Focus on cyclone readiness and resilience of small accommodation providers (≤15 rooms)

Sub-window B: Climate Smart Coastal Tourism:

- One Technical Assistance grant of up to TOP \$200,000
- Focus on identifying and designing climate-resilient infrastructure for coastal tourism businesses
- Priority: Registered tourism businesses, particularly accommodation providers

4. Eligible Expenses

Sub-window A: Climate Smart Small Accommodation (MSMEs)

- Cyclone shutters and roof strengthening
- Rooftop solar systems or solar hot water heaters
- First-aid kits, first-aid training, and staff safety equipment
- Other cyclone-readiness measures directly tied to improved disaster resilience

Note: Rainwater harvesting is not eligible under this grant

Sub-window B:

- Technical assistance to identify and design climate-resilient infrastructure (coastal protection, resilient building design, relocation assessments, etc.)
- Assessments of nature-based solutions (e.g., mangroves, coastal planting)
- Assessments of grey infrastructure (e.g., seawalls, breakwaters)
- Cost-benefit analysis of resilient vs. temporary/semi-permanent infrastructure solutions

Ineligible expenses (both sub-windows):

- General operational or administrative costs not directly tied to project delivery
- Purchase of vehicles or heavy machinery
- Rebuilding/reconstruction of large-scale tourism infrastructure

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

5. Eligibility Criteria

Eligible Applicants

- Accredited Entities (national, sub-regional, or community-based)
- Registered tourism businesses (proof of registration required)

Specific Requirements

- Climate Smart Small Accommodation: Applicant must provide evidence of operating 15 rooms or fewer
- Climate Smart Coastal Tourism: Applicant must provide proof of coastal location and evidence of permission to operate in that location (e.g., land deed, lease, or letter of consent from landowner)

6. Application Requirements

Applications must include:

- Completed **TCCF Project Application Form** – Schedule 8 of the TCCF Regulations 2024 (available [here](#))
- Proof of business registration and eligibility under the relevant sub-window
- Supporting documents (e.g., landowner consent for coastal businesses, proof of number of rooms for accommodation providers)

- Compliance with prohibited activities and expenditure rules (Regulation 52, TCCF Regulations 2024)
 - Details of any co-financing or in-kind contributions (encouraged but not mandatory)
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7. 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
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8. Considerations for Project Design

Applicants should:

- Ensure proposed activities are directly linked to **improving resilience to climate risks**
 - Demonstrate the relevance of proposed measures to tourism operations
 - Consider both immediate disaster risk reduction and long-term adaptation to climate change
 - Provide a clear description of how grant funding will be used, including detailed costing and justification
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9. Evaluation Criteria

Alignment with National Priorities

- Contribution to Tonga’s climate change, resilience, and tourism recovery priorities

Project Design & Impact

- Clear outcomes with defined beneficiaries
- Demonstrated benefits to the tourism sector, households, and communities
- Inclusion of climate vulnerability analysis and adaptation measures

Implementer Capacity

- Demonstrated capacity of the applicant to manage funds, with relevant experience in tourism and/or technical expertise

Partnerships

- Collaboration with government, private sector, and/or community organisations

Community Benefit & Inclusivity

- Positive impact on vulnerable groups (women, youth, people with disabilities, remote communities)
- Strengthened disaster resilience and preparedness

Sustainability & Contributions

- Long-term viability of the investment
 - Co-financing or in-kind contributions where available
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10. 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 2025**, including reporting requirements
- Allow site visits, monitoring, and audits
- Acknowledge TCCF support in all communications
- Obtain approval for any changes to approved activities
- Use funds strictly for approved purposes only

FANONGONONGO KE TOHI KOLE MAI

Pa'anga Tokoni ki he Sekitoa Takimamata Pa'anga Tokoni 'a Tonga ki he Feliuliaki 'o e 'Ea (TCCF)

1. Puipuitu'a

'I he ngaahi ta'u mai kimui ni ne fepaki 'a e Sekitoa Takimamata 'a Tonga mo e ngaahi faingata'a lahi. Ko e ola ia e ngaahi fakatamaki kehekehe 'o kau ai 'a e saikolone fakatalupiki ko Haloti ('Epelelei 2020), pa e mo'unga afi ko Hunga Tonga – Hunga Ha'apai mo e sunami (Sanuaali 2022), ko e taputapui 'o e fefolau'aki mei he KOVITI-19 (2020-2022) ko e a'u mai e KOVITI-19 ki Tonga ni he konga ki mu'a 'o e 2022 'o fakatupunga ai e holo lahi 'a e Sekitoa Takimamata 'aki e fakafuofua ki he 11% mei he ta'u kimu'a ai.

Ko e ngaahi pisinisi fale nofo totongi iiki na'e lahi taha e uesia tamaki mei he ngaahi fakatamaki fakaenatula. Fakafuofua ki he Pa'anga Ámelika \$30 miliona 'a e maumau na'e a'usia 'e he Sekitoa Takimamata lolotonga 'a e taimi ko 'eni, 'i he vaha'a 'o e 80-87% na'e fua ia 'e he ngaahi kautaha nofo'anga. Ko e ngaahi pisinisi takimamata 'e 20 — tautautefito ki he fale nofo totongi — 'oku 'ikai lava ke toe langa pe fakalelei'i ko e 'ikai ha tokoni fakapa'anga.

Ko e ngaahi feitu'u matatahi, neongo 'oku faka'ofa'ofa ki he takimamata, ka 'oku tu'u laveangofua 'i he taimi saikolone, ngaahi matangi malohi, pea mo e feliuliaki 'o e 'ea 'i he taimi loloa hange ko e to e ma'u'olunga ange 'a e tahi. Ka 'ikai ha tokoni fakapatonu ki he fakaakeake mo ke matu'uaki 'e he Sekitoa Takimamata 'a e ngaahi fakatamaki 'e 'alu ke to e faingata'a ange.

2. Ngaahi Taumu'a

Fakataumu'a 'a e Pa'anga Tokoni ki he Sekitoa Takimamata ke:

- Tokoni ki he fakaakeake 'o e ngaahi pisinisi Takimamata 'a Tonga mei he ngaahi fakatamaki ki mui ni mai.
- Fakaivia 'a e ngaahi Pisinisi fale nofo totongi pea mo e fale talitali'anga kakai he mataataahi ki hono matu'uaki 'o e 'ea.
- Fakatupulaki 'a e malava ke palani 'a e liliu taimi loloa 'i he Sekitoa Takimamata.
- Ke felavei mo e ngaahi mahu'inga 'uluaki 'a Tonga ke matu'uaki mo fakaakeake faka'ekonomika mei he feliuliaki 'o e 'ea.

3. Ngaahi Tokoni fakapa'anga

‘Oku lava ke ma‘u ‘a e pa‘anga ‘i he malumalu ‘o e Takimamata í heén felaveí moe feliuliaki ó e ‘Ea ‘a ia ‘oku vahevahe ki ha konga ‘e ua:

Paánga Tokoni A: Fale Nofoaánga iiki (ma‘a e MSMEs pe)

- Foaki ‘o a‘u ki he TOP \$20,000 ki he pisinisi
- ‘Oku fakatefito ‘a e tokanga ki he mateuteu mo e matu‘uaki ‘o e saikolone ma‘a e fanga ki‘i kautaha nofo totongi iiki (‘oku loki ‘e 15 pe si‘i ange)

Paánga Tokoni B: Matuúaki e pisinisi Takimamata he ngaahi matatahi (‘ata ki he ngaahi pisinisi takimamata kotoa pe)

- Malava e foi kole tokoni e taha ke a‘u kihe mahuinga koe TOP \$200,000
- Ko e tokanga ki hono ‘ilo‘i mo e fokotu‘utu‘u ‘o e ngaahi fa‘unga ‘oku matu‘uaki ‘a e feliuliaki ‘o e ‘ea ki he ngaahi pisinisi takimamata ‘i he matatahi
- ‘Oku fakamu‘omu‘a ‘a e ngaahi pisinisi takimamata kuo lesisita, tautautefito ki he ngaahi kautaha fale nofo totongi.

4. Ngaahi fakamole ‘oku tali

Paánga Tokoni A: Fale nofoánga (MSMEs)

- Ngaahi matapa malu‘i pea mo hono fakamalohi‘i ‘o e ngaahi ‘ato ‘o e fale
- Ngaahi sola ki he fungafale pe ko e sola vai mafana
- Ngaahi naunau ‘o e ‘uluaki tokoni, ako ki he ‘uluaki tokoni, mo e ngaahi me‘angaue malu‘i ma‘a e kau ngaue
- Ngaahi founa makehe ki he mateuteu ki he saikolone ‘oku fekau‘aki hangatonu mo hono matu‘uaki lelei ‘o e fakatamaki
- *Fakatokanga ‘i ange:* ‘Oku ‘ikai ke kau e ngaahi tanaki’anga vai he tokoni ko’eni.

Paánga Tokoni B: Matuúaki e Pisinisi Takimamata he ngaahi matatahi

- Tokoni fakatekinikale mo fokotu‘utu‘u ‘a e ngaahi founa ‘e lava ke matu‘uaki ‘a e feliliuaki ‘o e ‘ea, (malu‘i ‘o e matatahi, ngaahi palani é tu‘uloa, mo hono fakafuofua‘i ‘o e fehikitaki, etc.)
- Ko hono sivisivi‘i ‘o e ngaahi founa ‘oku fakanatula (tongo , to ‘akau he mataafanga).
- Fakahoko ‘a hono sivisivi‘i ‘o e ngaahi fa‘unga kehekehe (pa maka ke malu‘i mataafanga).
- Ke fakahoko ha ‘analaiso ‘o e fakamole mo e lelei ‘o fakafehoanaki ‘a e ngaahi founa ‘oku tu‘uloa vs. ngaahi fakalelei fakataimi/tu‘uma‘u ‘o e ngaahi langa ngaue lalahi.

Ngaahi fakamole ‘e ‘ikai ke tali:

- Ko e ngaahi fakamole fakalukufua ki hono fakalele pe ‘oku ‘ikai fekau‘aki patonu mo hono fakahoko ‘o e poloseki.
- Fakatau ‘o ha ngaahi me‘alele pe ngaahi misini mamafa.
- Toe langa pe toe langa ‘a e ngaahi fale takimamata lalahi.
- Vahenga ‘o e kau ngaue lolotonga ‘oku ‘ikai ke nau ngaue patonu ki hono fakahoko e poloseki.

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

5. Ngaahi makatu’unga ‘oku tali

Ngaahi makatu’unga ‘oe tohi kole:

- Ngaahi Kautaha kuo fakamo’oni’i (fakafonua, fakavahe fonua, komiuniti)
- Ngaahi Pisinisi faka-Takimamata kuo lesisita (fiema’u e fakaha mai e laiseni pisinisi)

Ngaahi fiema’u pau

- Ngaahi fale nofo totongi si’isi’i: Kuo pau ke fakahaa’i ‘e he tokotaha kole ha fakamo’oni ‘oku ngaue ‘aki ha loki ‘e 15 pe si’i ange.
 - Climate Smart Coastal Tourism: Kuo pau ke ‘omi ‘e he tokotaha kole ha fakamo’oni ‘o ha feitu’u matatahi mo ha fakamo’oni ‘o e ngofua ke fakalele pisinisi he feitu’u ko ia (hange ko ‘eni, ko ha tohi kekekele, lisi pe tohi fakangofua mei he tokotaha ‘oku ‘a’ana ‘a e kekekele)
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6. Ngaahi fiema’u ki he tohi kole

Kuopau ke fakakau mai ‘a e ngaahi me’a ni:

- Fakakakato ‘o e foomu tohi kole poloseki ki he Pa’anga Tokoni á Tonga Ki He Feliuliuaki ó e Éa ([‘oku ma’u ‘i heni](#)).
- Fakamo’oni ‘o e lesisita ‘o e pisinisi mo e fe’unga ‘i he sub-window ‘oku fekau‘aki mo ia
- Ngaahi fakamatala fakapepa (e.g., fakangofua ‘a e tokotaha ‘oku ‘a’ana ‘a e kekekele ki he ngaahi pisinisi ‘i he matatahi, fakamo’oni ‘o e lahi ‘o e ngaahi loki ma’a e ngaahi kautaha nofo’anga)
- 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.
- Fakaikiiki ‘o ha fa’ahinga kaunga tokoni fakapa’anga pe ngaahi tokoni ‘i he koloa (poupou’i ka ‘oku ‘ikai fakamalohi’i).

7. Founa fakahu mai e tohi kole

- Tapuni: **5:00 PM on Falaite, 26 Sepitema 2025**
 - Founa fakahu mai:
 - 'Imeiki: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com
 - Fakahu mai ki 'ofisi:
Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management,
Environment, Climate Change and Communications (MEIDECC)
Levolo 3, OG Sanft Building, Nuku'alofa, Tonga
 - 'E lava pe ke fakahu mai e tohi kole 'i he lea faka-Tonga pe faka-Pilitania.
 - 'E 'ikai ke tali ha tohi kole fakahu tomui mai.
 - Ki ha faka'eke'eke: departmentclimatechange@gmail.com | Telefoni: 26514
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8. Ngaahi fakakaukau ki he fa'u 'o e Poloseki

'Oku totonu ke:

- Fakapapau'i 'oku fehokotaki hangatonu 'a e ngaahi ngaue 'e fokotu'u ki he fakalakalaka e matu'uaki 'a e ngaahi maumau mei he feliuliuaki 'o e 'ea.
 - Fakahaa'i 'a e fekau'aki 'a e ngaahi founa 'oku fokotu'u ki he ngaahi ngaue 'a e kau pisinisi Takimamata.
 - Fakakaukau fakatou'osi ki hono fakasi'isi'i 'a e fakatu'utāmaki 'o e fakatamaki 'i he taimi pē ko iā pea mo e fe'unu'aki taimi lōloa ki he feliuliuaki 'o e 'ea .
 - 'Oatu ha fakamatala mahino ki he founa 'e ngāue'aki ai 'a e pa'anga tokoni, kau ai 'a e fakamole fakaikiiki mo e ffakamo'oni'i.
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9. Ngaahi makatu'unga 'e fakahoko'aki hono sivi'i

Fenapasi mo e ngaahi mahu'inga 'uluaki fakafonu

- Tokoni ki he ngaahi mahu'inga 'uluaki 'a Tonga ki he feliuliuaki 'o e 'ea, ngaahi taumu'a 'a e Puleá nga ki he matu'uaki mo e fakaakeake 'a e Sekitoa Takimamata.

Ko hono fa'u mo e ola 'o e Poloseki

- Ko ha ola óku mahino lelei pea mo kinautolu tenau ma'u monu'ia mei he poloseki
- Fakaha mai 'a e lelei 'e ma'u he Sekitoa Takimamata, ngaahi 'api nofo'anga pea mo e komuniti
- Fakakau 'a e 'analaiso 'o e tu'ulaveangofua ki he feliuliuaki 'o e 'ea pea mo hono founa ke matu'uaki.

Malava 'o e tokotaha fakahoko

- Fakahaa'i 'a e malava 'a e tokotaha kole ke ne pule'i lelei e pa'anga, pea mo e taukei fe'unga 'i he takimamata mo e /pe fakatekinikale.

Fengaue'aki

- Ngaue fakataha mo e ngaahi Potungaue Pule'anga, ngaahi Pisinisi taautaha pea mo e komuniti

Kau ma'u monu'ia 'a e Komiuniti pea mo e kau katoa

- Ngaahi ola lelei ki he kulupu tu'u laveangofua (kakai fefine, to'utupu, kau faingata'a'ia, ngaahi komiuniti)
- Fakaivia 'a e tu'unga matu'uaki mo e mateuteu ki ha fakatamaki

Tu'uloa mo e Ngaahi Tokoni

- Ke tu'uloa taimi loloa 'a e 'inivesimeni
- Ngaahi tokoni fakapa'anga pe ko e ngaahi tokoni 'oku malava ke ma'u

10. 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 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 lao-ki-he-Sinoi-Paanga-a-Tonga-ki-he-Feliuliaki-o-e-Ea-2021 mo e Tuutuuni-ki-he-Sinoi-Paangaa-Tonga-ki-he-Feliuliaki-o-e-Ea-2024.
- Fakaha 'a e poupou mo e tokoni 'a e Sinoi-Paangaa-Tonga-ki-he-Feliuliaki-o-e-Ea 'i he ngaahi fetu'utaki kotoa pe fekau'aki mo e poloseki.