

Tonga – Enhancing Resilient Education Facilities

Country

Tonga

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Support to mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning in ACP countries

Amount Approved

€152,000 / \$165,000

Duration

08/2024 – 02/2026

Context and Objectives

Tonga is highly exposed to the negative effects from climate change and natural hazards including floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, storm surges, volcanos, earthquakes and tsunamis. In recent years, Tonga has been hard-hit by several economic and natural shocks, which have eroded its fiscal buffers and capacity to respond to further shocks.

The objective of this grant is to enhance Tonga's preparedness and response to natural hazards through strengthened resilience of school infrastructure

Activities under this grant build upon previous work undertaken through the [ACP-EU NDRR](#) program.

Main Activity and Expected Results

Resilient Education Facility Investments and Capacity Building

This activity provides technical assistance to support potential scale up of resilient investments and strengthen local capacity of the Ministry of Education and Training, local contractors and school communities to reduce risk, manage, maintain and upgrade school infrastructure.

Expected Results:

- Better identification and prioritization of investment and retrofitting needs to build resilience of school infrastructure.
- Local actors have enhanced capacities to operate and manage school infrastructure for enhanced resilience.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank implements this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education and Training and the Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications. The World Bank coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.

Progress complements the [Tonga Safe and Resilient Schools Project](#), financed by the World Bank.