



Country Brief

PROJECT SITES

The EU GCCA + SUPA project focuses on the northwestern communities of Tongatapu, the same area where SPC is currently working in. USP worked with six communities in the Kolovai district, including Fo’ui, Ha’avakatolo, Kolovai, ‘Ahaui, Kanokupolu & Ha’atafu, aiming to increase the resilience of these communities to the impact of climate change.

PROJECT PROGRESS TO DATE

Project activities	Status
1. Participatory need analysis	Completed
2. A participatory need analysis report	Completed
3. Sharing of PNA report	Completed
4. Identifying change agents	Completed
5. Identify training needs	Completed
6. Climate change awareness training	Completed
7. Identification of a local training provider to conduct training	Completed
8. Review development plans to identify the entry point for climate change & disaster risk	Initiated
9. Desktop review	Completed



NETWORKING & COLLABORATION

Consolidating & strengthening project relationships with other stakeholders on the ground has improved dramatically at the beginning of this year. RCO participated in the JNAP technical committee monthly meeting organized by the climate change department & is working in collaboration with other stakeholders.

MANGROVE PLANTING

Three hundred mangroves were planted by the project along the coast of Fo'ui as part of scaling up adaptation in northwestern Tongatapu this month. This initiative was a joint team effort between USP, Climate change office staff, Tonga National Youth Congress & community members.





TRAINING NEEDS & TRAINING

The training needs of the constituency council were identified through the participatory need analysis. Once it was identified, the next step was to identify local training institutes to conduct this training. The project will co-finance with Tonga Skills to conduct this training, and it will be conducted in October.

CHALLENGE

The Tonga USP GCCA SUPA project currently faces reviewing community development plans to integrate climate change & disaster risk components into these existing plans. MORDI Tonga developed a community development plan in Tonga in collaboration with the local government division previously under the Ministry of Internal Affairs but has been moved to the Prime Minister's office. MORDI is a bit reluctant to allow us to do this, but we have the support of the climate change director who supports us to do this, as it can be a stepping-stone to do this for the whole of Tonga.



Financial Summary

Item/Activity	Total Budget Allocation (EUR)	Year 1 & 2 Actual (EUR)	Balance (EUR)
(1.2.1) Research & Community Officer	93,506	22,837	70,669
(1.4) Total Office Costs	10,625	369	10,256
(2.1) Mobilisation and outreach on climate and disaster resilience with local area stakeholders in intervention areas	21,000	3,227	17,773
(2.2) Provision of training in resilient development to local area stakeholders	16,500		16,500
(2.3) Mainstream and integrate climate change and disaster risk management in sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	15,500		15,500
(2.4) Enhance the capacity to implement, monitor and evaluate sub-national sustainable development plans e.g. island plans	10,656		10,656
Total	167,787	26,433	141,354