

Tuvalu – Strengthening Preparedness and Early Warning Systems

Country

Tuvalu

ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Operational early warning systems in
targeted ACP regions and countries

Amount Approved

€71,000 / \$75,000

Duration

11/2023 – 10/2025

Context and Objectives

With an average elevation of one meter above sea level, Tuvalu is extremely vulnerable to natural disasters which represent a major constraint to accomplishing its development goals. Climate change is worsening these conditions, which in conjunction with limited and poorly maintained shelter infrastructure is leading to increasingly dangerous conditions for communities.

To enhance the government’s disaster preparedness efforts, this project is supporting the Government of Tuvalu in identifying opportunities to strengthen Tuvalu’s Multi-Hazard Early Warning Systems (MHEWS).

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

Main Activity and Expected Result

Strengthening Preparedness and Early Warning Systems

This activity is strengthening the government, school communities and key stakeholders’ disaster preparedness and response capabilities, enabling them to better prepare for and respond to climate and disaster related emergencies. This is delivered via technical assistance for enhancing evacuation planning, managing shelter facilities effectively, and designing standard operating procedures.

Expected Result:

- Enhanced knowledge base for government ministries and agencies, that can be used to produce a comprehensive project design for the Tuvalu Resilient Infrastructure and Preparedness Project.

Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank is implementing this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, and the Ministry of Public Works, Infrastructure, Environment, Land, Meteorology and Disaster. The task team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.

Progress complements the [Tuvalu Resilient Infrastructure and Preparedness Project](#), financed by the World Bank.