

## Tonga - Enhancing Impact-based Multi-hazard Early Warning Systems

### Country

Tonga

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Early warning systems are operational in targeted ACP regions and countries

### Amount Approved

€38,000 / \$41,400

### 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 project is to support the Government of Tonga in enhancing preparedness and response to natural hazards through improved early warning systems.

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

### Main Activity and Expected Results

#### ***Strengthen multi-hazard early warning systems***

This activity will provide technical support and capacity building to improve the quality of multi-hazard early warning systems and to identify investment needs for strengthening Tonga's disaster preparedness and response.

#### *Expected Results:*

- Strengthened government capacity concerning software use and modeling.
- Strengthened government capacity and knowledge for the delivery of multi-hazard early warning systems to communities and individuals.

### 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.