

## Pacific Agriculture Policy Program (PAPP)

### Inventory of national Agriculture/Forestry Policies: National Questionnaire

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#### National policy/strategy/agenda

Please identify the **most important national level policy/strategy that applies for agriculture/forestry** (if there is more than one, e.g. one for agriculture, one for forestry, then one please use a separate sheet for each)

Full Title of policy/strategy	Tonga Strategic Development Framework (TSDF 2011-2014)
What are the key <u>issues</u> identified? (please list)	<p><b>1. Strong inclusive communities</b>, by engaging districts/villages/communities in meeting their service needs and ensuring the prioritised and equitable distribution of development benefits.</p> <p><i>Strategy 1: Better formulation and implementation of outer island and rural development programmes through local communities.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy 2: Improving gender equality by implementing the government's gender development policy.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy 3: Increasing institutional care and support services for the elderly and other vulnerable groups, including investigation of the potential private sector role.</i></p> <p><i>Strategy 4: Instilling discipline, basic life skills and good values in the youth, in particular addressing the needs of those who are unemployed, by promoting youth development programmes, including community economic development and consideration of a National Youth Service.</i></p> <p><b>2. Dynamic public and private sector partnership as the engine of growth</b>, by promoting better collaboration between government and business, appropriate incentives, and streamlining of rules and regulations</p> <p><i>Strategy 5: Creating the enabling environment for the private sector to flourish.</i></p> <p>(i) Maintaining macroeconomic stability  (ii) Promoting financial sector development  (iii) Investing in a healthy, well-educated and skilled workforce  (iv) Directing development training to increase the value-added of business  (v) Establishing an appropriate level of business supervision  (vi) <i>Involving the private sector more closely in policy formulation and implementation</i>  (vii) Fostering technological development  (viii) Promoting regional and international trade</p> <p><i>Strategy 6: Improving output of the productive sectors.</i></p> <p>(i) Tourism  (ii) <i>Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries</i></p>
What are the key <u>commodities</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Squash</li> </ul>

<b>identified? (please list)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Watermelon</li> <li>• Vanilla</li> <li>• Kava</li> <li>• Root crops (taro, cassava, kava)</li> <li>• Vegetables</li> <li>• Timber and wood products</li> <li>• Sandalwood</li> <li>• Piggery</li> <li>• Poultry</li> </ul>
<b>Are there any specific directions in the current policy that link farmer's to markets? (please list)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ The formulation of Tonga's first ever National Agriculture Sector Plan (TNASP) has just started (November 2014) and is due to complete by April 2015. TNASP will be the links to national plan TSDF and to lower plans such as MAFFF Corporate Plan and private sector plans.</li> <li>✓ The TNASP formulation is an initiative of the National Agricultural Growth Committee (AGC) which is the steering committee runs jointly by government and private sector (including marketing agencies)</li> </ul>
<b>How is evidence or data used to support directions set out in the strategy? (if possible please give 2 examples)</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Through PPP, there is a National Export Targets for key commodities put together through participatory planning by which MAFFF will carry out the monitoring roles</li> <li>✓ Through PHAMA project, an Export Parthway Manager had been appointed and jointly funded by MAFFF and PHAMA</li> </ul>
<b>What agency is responsible for implementing the policy/strategy?</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ Primarily MAFFF but</li> <li>✓ AGC assists</li> </ul>
<b>Does the strategy have a fixed term? (e.g. 2012-17; or ongoing)</b>	2011-2014
<b>When is it scheduled for review?</b>	January 2015
<b>Any other comments</b>	<p>(1) The detailed actions to deliver these strategies (refer TSDF) are articulated through sector plans, and Ministries' corporate plans and annual management plans to guide their budget allocations. Ministries will focus on their core functions where they can develop outcomes and outputs that they have the legal obligation to deliver. These are then translated into projects or programme to achieve the outputs. These in turn will contribute to the achievement of the national vision and objectives.</p>