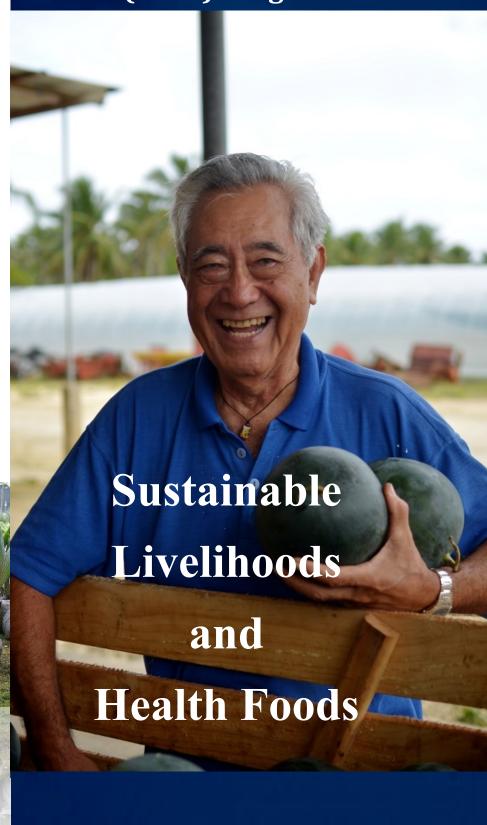


To develop diverse, climate resilient farming systems for the Kingdom's islands zones, Programme 3 focuses on improved farmers' knowledge and technologies for climate-resilient and diversified crop and livestock production systems, and the marketing of these products.



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The three specific objectives related to the sub-programmes listed below are to: (i) improve farmers' knowledge and practices of natural resource management, and diversified crop, livestock, and handicraft, production systems; (ii) revitalize Tonga's farming future and encourage young farmers to return to the land; and (iii) support farmers and handicraft producers to produce products which are marketable in local markets, can be valued-added, and which contribute to food and nutritional security.

Programme 3: Sustainable livelihoods and healthy food

Sub-Programme 1: Farmers' knowledge and practices

- Development of Farmer-Friendly Resilient Farming Guidelines
- 10 champion farmers and Village Resilient Agriculture Demonstrations (VRADs)
- ♦ Design and Implementation Village Resilient Agriculture Plans (VRAPs)

Sub-Programme 2: Young people in agriculture

- Feasibility Study of Tupou College Upgrading
- Development and Operation of a VRAD for students
- ♦ 8 Learning and Production nodes
- ♦ Dedicated Learning Centre Tupou's disused abattoir
- Student Awards and Graduate Support Packages

Sub-Programme 3: Saleable agriculture products – core of TASP

- ◆ 1,762 Farmer Field Schools (FFSs) for 100 Farmer Learning Groups (FLGs) and 88 Handicraft Learning Groups (HLGs)
- Printing and Distribution of Technical Brochures
- Contestable Learning Grants for FLGs
- Matching Grants for FLGs farm investment
- Matching Grants for Women Handicraft Materials Farmers for production investment
- Short Value Chains for Local Products
- Feasibility Study and Matching Grants for Farm Access Roads, Livestock Water Supplies, and Micro-Irrigation Systems
- Cross-visits to Vanuatu i.e. Santo Island farmers about community organisation and planning, climate resilient agriculture practices, agriculture education in schools, and rural training
- Support for Church to Assist Farmers

Budget for Programme 3 is T\$14.50 million or 34% of TASP budget.

