



To increase and sustain rural incomes across the Kingdom, Programme 4 focuses on increased exports, and increased production of import replacement agriculture products.

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The bulk of TASP support has been focused on the smallholder sector and the domestic agriculture economy, TASP supports logical recommendations for value chain development in Tonga. Tonga continues to import considerable volumes (and value) of food mainly animal products (meat) and vegetable products (including fresh vegetables). There is potential for replacement of imports of selected, widely-consumed food crops, and also for the seasonal export of products such as potatoes and onions.

Programme 4: Sustainable Economic Growth and Foreign Exchange Earnings

Sub-Programme 1: Export sales

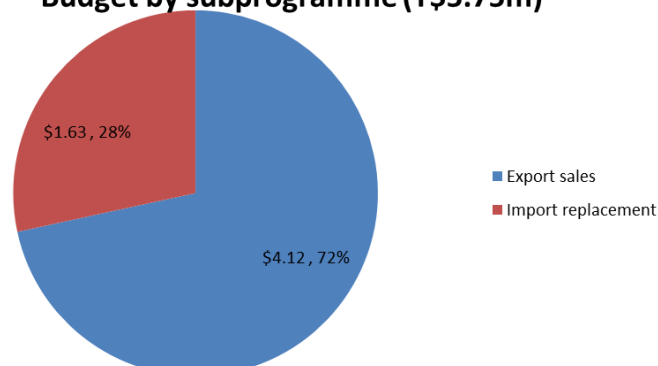
- ◆ Study of national forestry industry, export shipping requirements, farm to pack house access constraints
- ◆ Training for all stakeholders: value chain and business training, post-harvest practices
- ◆ Technical support for value chain development
- ◆ Financing value chain development
- ◆ Support for service provision
- ◆ Investment promotion
- ◆ Infrastructure: Improvements for EU-Stabex wharf facility, feasibility study for a new pack-house in the Eastern Districts of Tongatapu
- ◆ Private sector collaboration: establishing Tongan Agribusiness Association
- ◆ Priority products for export: watermelon, beans, vanilla, squash

Sub-Programme 2: Import replacement

- ◆ Training on Domestic Markets and Import Replacement: train potential investors on how to review opportunities in domestic markets for import replacement products
- ◆ production, marketing and financial plans, present business cases to bankers and potential investors
- ◆ General Support for the Livestock Industry: adaptive research on pig and poultry production, the introduction of new sheep breed genetic materials, support to improve sheep flock management, a study of village-level, livestock-based production systems
- ◆ Promising Value Chains: vegetable import replacement, animal feed mills for poultry production, beef raising and domestic processing, options for mobile slaughter units for cattle and pig

Budget for Programme 4 is T\$4.86 million or 14% of TASP budget.

Budget by subprogramme (T\$5.75m)



Budget by year (T\$5.75m)

