



## **CONSULATE GENERAL OF THE KINGDOM OF TONGA**

### **TONGA VOLCANO TSUNAMI 2022 RELIEF FUND** **TONGA CONSULAR OFFICES IN SAN FRANCISCO & HONOLULU**

An unprecedented natural disaster hit Tonga on the evening of Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022, caused by a Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcanic eruption. Ash-fall & tsunami waves rising up to 15 meters were generated, striking the main island of Tongatapu; & the 'Eua and Ha'apai Island groups of the Kingdom, triggering mass evacuations.

An estimated 84% of the total population of approximately 105,000 has been affected. Unfortunately, 3 fatalities have been confirmed and a number of injuries have been reported.

There has been extensive damage to infrastructure and structures (dwellings, offices & resorts). Many from the severely impacted areas have been displaced from their homes. The power supply and domestic & international communication lines are still disrupted, affecting contact with the outside world. Potable water; crops & vegetation have been severely affected. A thick blanket of ash covers the whole country with ensuing poor air quality.

The Tonga volcano eruption & tsunami was also felt by neighboring countries in the Pacific Region and was as far-reaching to North & South America, Asia and even parts of Europe. The still active Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai volcano remains a threat owing to its unpredictability.

The extensive damage incurred means that the road to recovery will be a slow and lengthy process as Tonga tries to rebuild again, exacerbated by COVID-19 border restrictions.

JOINTLY, the Tonga Consulate General in San Francisco and the Tonga Consular Agency in Hawaii, in response to requests for a way in which monetary donations can be made, offers the following US-based Tonga Volcano Tsunami Relief Fund details (which will then be transmitted to the Government of Tonga's main FakalikuTonga Relief Fund in Tonga):

#### SAN FRANCISCO

1) Account Name: Consulate General of Tonga  
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Swift Code: BOFAUS6S  
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#### HONOLULU

2) Account Name: Tonga Tsunami Relief Fund  
Bank: Bank of Hawaii  
Routing No: 121301028  
Account No: 0080916302  
Swift Code: BOHIUS77  
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The Government of Tonga thanks you in advance for your generous support to help the Kingdom of Tonga and her people.

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