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### TONGA- FACTSHEET

<b>GENERAL</b>	
<b>Official Name</b>	Kingdom of Tonga
<b>Capital</b>	Nuku'alofa
<b>Land Area</b>	748 sq. kms.
<b>Current Weather</b>	Maximum temperature: 33 °C Minimum temperature: 23 °C
<b>Population</b>	107,306 (2021)
<b>Population Density</b>	140/km <sup>2</sup>
<b>National Day</b>	04 November (Constitution Day)
<b>Languages</b> ( <i>with %age of speakers, if available</i> )	Tongan and English
<b>Religions</b> ( <i>with %age, if available</i> )	Protestant 64.1% (includes Free Wesleyan Church 35%, Free Church of Tonga 11.9%, Church of Tonga 6.8%, Assembly of God 2.3%, Seventh Day Adventist 2.2%, Tokaikolo Christian Church 1.6%, other 4.3%), Mormon 18.6%, Roman Catholic 14.2%, other 2.4%,
<b>Exchange rate - US\$ &amp; INR</b>	Tongan Pa'aga TOP\$ 1 = US\$ 0.42 (February 2024) TOP\$ 1 = Rs. 35.20 (February 2024)
<b>Political Structure</b>	Constitutional Monarchy: 30-member assembly (17 people's representative, 9 from Nobility and 4 appointed by King)
<b>Head of State</b>	His Majesty King Tupou-VI since 08 March 2012
<b>Head of Government (Prime Minister)</b>	Hon. Siaso 'Ofakivahafolau Sovaleni Hu'kavemeiliku
<b>Minister for Foreign Affairs</b>	Hon. Fekitamoeloa Katoa 'Utoikamanu
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### **ECONOMIC INDICATORS**

<b>Economy</b>	Tonga has a small, open, South Pacific Island economy. It has a narrow export base in agricultural goods. Squash, vanilla beans, and yams are the main crops. Agricultural exports,
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	including fish, make up two-thirds of total exports. The country imports a high proportion of its food, mainly from New Zealand and remains dependent on external aid and remittances from Tongan communities overseas to offset its trade deficit. Tourism is the second-largest source of hard currency earnings following remittances.
<b>GDP</b>	US\$ 469 mn (2021)
<b>GDP per capita</b>	US\$ 6,748.5 (2021)
<b>GDP Growth Rate</b>	-0.2.7% (2021)
<b>Total Trade</b> <b>Imports</b> <b>Exports</b>	US\$ 151.2 mn (2020) US\$ 141 mn (2020) US\$ 10.2 mn (2020) <a href="https://oec.world/en/profile/country/ton/">https://oec.world/en/profile/country/ton/</a>
<b>Bilateral Trade</b> <b>Exports from India</b> <b>Imports to India</b>	US\$ 1.31 mn (2021-22) US\$ 1.31 mn (2021-22) US\$ 0.00 mn (2021-22) [According to Ministry of Commerce, Government of India]

<b>INDIA SPECIFIC INFORMATION</b>		
<b>Indian Origin/ Permanent Resident</b>	Total: 200 (Major Indo-Fijians)	
<b>Indian Expatriates</b> <i>(composition and any pertinent information that may be of interest)</i>	Total: 10 (Estimate)	
<b>Indian Organizations</b>	Banks	Nil
	PSUs	Nil
	Government Organizations	Nil
	Others	Nil

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