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VILLAGE PROFILE OF **SOPU 'O TAUFA**.

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Introduction

This Village Profile compiles essential insights drawn from your substantial contributions to the Tonga Statistics Department (TSD) during the latest Population and Housing Census in 2021. The information you provided hold significant value for both TSD and the Government of Tonga. This information proves highly useful for strategic planning, both on a global scale outlined by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and nationally as stated in Tonga's Strategic Development Framework (TSDF) II.

In addition, the information you shared has been vital in meeting the goals of the Statistics Department, which includes setting a **unique standard and ensuring the accuracy and reliability of information produced by the department**. Your contribution is truly appreciated and will play a key role in shaping the government policies and regulations for the country when needed.

VILLAGE PROFILE OF SOPU 'O TAUFA

Name of Village	Sopu 'o Taufu
Name of Division	Tongatapu
Name of Constituency	Tongatapu 1

People and their demographic situation.

The most valuable asset of a country is its people as they are the ones who contribute to the country's economic development. Consequently, information about people and their demographic situation is disseminated to ensure that everyone in this village possesses the same knowledge and understanding.

Table 1: Total population by gender and the Household private dwelling in 2021, 2016, 2011

1.1: Total population by gender	Number of persons		
	2021	2016	2011
Total	1,354	1,166	1,139
Male	669	599	582
Female	685	567	557
Sex ratio	98	106	104
1.2: Household Private Dwelling	Number of households		
Total	329		
Occupied Household	272		
Vacant Household	57		
Average member in households	5		

The total number of people who resided in this district in the Census of 2021 was a total of 1,354, reflecting an increase of 188 individuals compared to the 2016 Census and an increase of 215 from 2011 Census. Throughout these years, there were more females than males (Table 1.1).

There were a total number of 272 occupied households and 57 vacant households. On average, approximately 5 people resided in each household (Table 1.2).

Table 2: Total population by place of birth.

Place of birth	Number of persons
Total	1,354
Sopu 'o Taufa	719
Elsewhere in Tonga	551
Overseas	84

Most of the population were born in Sopu 'o Taufa with 719 individuals. On the other hand, 551 people were born elsewhere in Tonga, while 84 individuals were born overseas.

Table 3: Total population by marital status

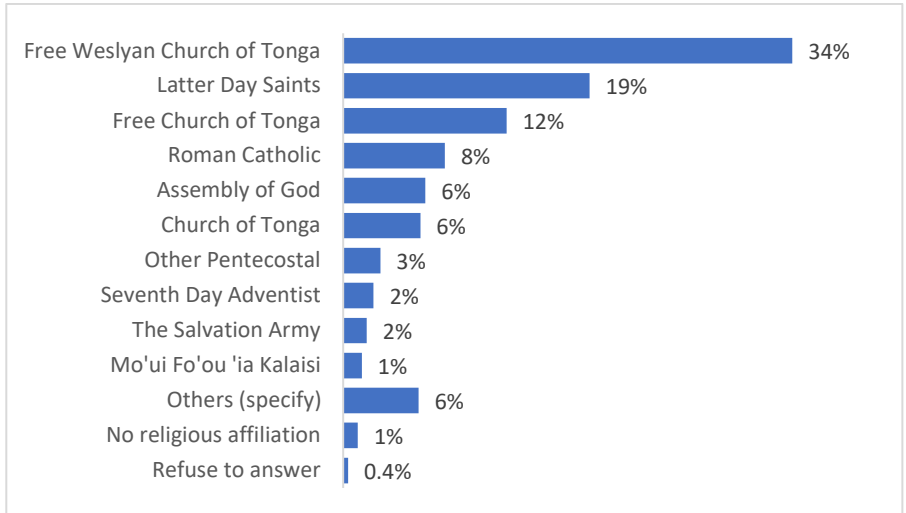
Marital status	Number of persons
Total	1,354
Never married.	785
Legal married	490
Widowed	52
Divorced	13
Separated	11
Defacto or marital union	3

Most of the population were not married (785), while 490 were legally married. The remaining individuals included 52 widowed, 13 divorced, 11 separated and 3 in a defacto relationship or marital union.

Table 4: Total population by religion

Religion	Number of persons
Total	1,354
Free Wesleyan Church	459
Latter Day Saints	252
Free Church of Tonga	167
Roman Catholic	104
Assembly of God	84
Church of Tonga	79
Other Pentecostal	38
Seventh Day Adventist	31
The Salvation Army	24
Mo'ui Fo'ou 'ia Kalaisi	19
Other (Specify)	77
No religious affiliation	15
Refuse to answer	5

Figure 1: Percentage of the population of people and their religious beliefs/denominations.



The majority of the population belonged to the Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga, with a total of 459 people, while the second-largest group attended the Church of the Latter-Day Saints (252). The smallest number of people identified with the church Mo’ui Fo’ou ‘ia Kalaisi and those in no religious affiliation.

Table 5: Total population by Age in 5-years age group.

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,354	669	685
Less than 1 year	26	13	13
1 – 4 years	106	53	53
5 – 9 years	168	105	63
10 – 14 years	175	81	94
15 – 19 years	139	66	73
20 – 24 years	111	60	51
25 – 29 years	80	34	46
30 – 34 years	83	40	43
35 – 39 years	91	39	52
40 – 44 years	77	36	41
45 – 49 years	72	36	41
50 – 54 years	61	30	31
55 – 59 years	51	25	26
60 – 64 years	44	19	25
65 – 69 years	28	14	14
70+ years	42	18	24

The majority included 175 children aged between 10 and 14, with more females than males. The minority comprised 26 children aged less than 1 year old. There were more females than males who had reached the age of 70 or older.

Table 6: Total population currently at school by age group.

Education: currently at school	Total	Male	Female
Total	498	260	238
5 – 9 years	161	101	60
10 – 14 years	172	79	93
15 – 19 years	112	53	59
20 – 24 years	28	19	9
25 – 29 years	10	3	7
30 – 34 years	3	2	1
35+ years	12	3	9

The majority of children enrolled in school, totaling 172, were aged 10 to 14, consisting of 79 boys and 93 girls. The smallest group still enrolled in school was composed of individuals aged 30 to 34, totaling 3 individuals.

Table 7: Total population aged 10 and above, access to internet and the location of using the internet.

Access to internet	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,052	496	556
No	393	187	206
Yes	659	309	350
Location			
Home	651	304	347
Commercial internet access facility	5	2	3
Someone else's home	35	15	20
Workplace	113	62	51
At place of education	40	18	22
Other	-	-	-

A total of 659 individuals had access to the internet, primarily from home (651). The remaining population of 393 individuals did not have access to the internet.

Table 8: Total population aged 10 and above, access mobile phone, access mobile date and the purpose of mobile data.

Access mobile phone	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,052	496	556
No	335	154	181
Yes	717	342	375
Yes, only TCC.	352	179	173
Yes, only Digicel.	274	124	150
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	91	39	52
Access mobile data			
Total	717	342	375
No	45	26	19
Yes	672	316	356
Yes, only TCC.	334	166	168
Yes, only Digicel.	278	124	154
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	60	26	34
Purpose of mobile data			
Education	156	72	84
Social Media	580	267	313
Work/Business	169	98	71
Information Gathering	66	36	30
Communication	393	178	215
Entertainment	377	177	200
Shopping/Product information	8	2	6
Other internet purpose	-	-	-

A total of 717 individuals used mobile phones, with the majority, 334 individuals, accessing the internet using TCC company. Among these, 580 individuals used mobile phones to access the internet for social media purposes.

People with disabilities

The sustainable development goal and the government's national objectives aspire to raise awareness for vulnerable individuals, including those with disabilities or difficulties affecting their sight, hearing, mobility, memory, or hindering individual self-care and communication due to their unique circumstances. The aim is to ensure that these individuals do not feel isolated or marginalized.

Table 9: Total population with disability aged 2 and above.

Seeing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,110	560	550
Yes, some difficulties	98	38	60
Yes, a lot of difficulties	9	3	6
Cannot do at all.	3	-	3
Total	1,220	601	619
Hearing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,168	578	590
Yes, some difficulties	47	22	25
Yes, a lot of difficulties	4	1	3
Cannot do at all.	1	-	1
Total	1,220	601	619
Mobility	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,152	568	584
Yes, some difficulties	51	25	26
Yes, a lot of difficulties	11	3	8
Cannot do at all.	6	5	1
Total	1,220	601	619
Memory	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,189	584	605
Yes, some difficulties	27	15	12
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	2	1	1
Total	1,220	601	619
Self-care	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,195	588	607
Yes, some difficulties	18	7	11
Yes, a lot of difficulties	4	3	1
Cannot do at all.	3	3	-
Total	1,220	601	619
Communication	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	1,206	593	613
Yes, some difficulties	11	6	5
Yes, a lot of difficulties	1	1	-
Cannot do at all.	2	1	1
Total	1,220	601	619

Over 99% of the entire population was without disabilities in sight, walk, memory, hearing, communication, and self-care. Conversely, less than 1% of the population faced significant disability challenges, making them unable to perform basic activities.

Covid 19 Vaccination and the reason for not vaccinated.

Table 10: Covid Vaccination and reason for not vaccinated.

Covid 19 Vaccination	Total	Male	Female
Total	984	468	516
No	140	65	75
Yes, first dose.	199	97	102
Yes, second dose	645	306	339
Reason for not vaccinated			
Total	140	65	75
Vaccine not available	8	4	4
Concerned about possible side effects	8	3	5
I do not trust the vaccine	79	37	42
I generally do not believe in vaccines	1	1	-
I do not know if the vaccine will work	6	4	2
Not eligible for the vaccine	38	16	22
Refused to answer	-	-	-

The majority of people have received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (645). However, 140 individuals remain unvaccinated, with 79 citing a lack of trust in the vaccine as their reason for not getting vaccinated.

People's habits

Table 11: Total population aged 10 and above, drinking Kava - Tonga.

Kava – Tonga	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking Kava-Tonga	876	336	540
Drinking Kava - Tonga	176	160	16
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	1	-	1
15 – 19 years	17	17	-
20 – 24 years	26	23	3
25 – 29 years	18	15	3
30 – 34 years	19	18	1
35+ years	95	87	8
How often			
Special occasions	41	33	8
Once a week	49	46	3
2-3 times per week	50	46	4
4-6 times per week	24	23	1
Every day/night	12	12	-

There were 176 consumers of Tongan Kava, with the majority being males (160). The predominant age group among Tongan Kava drinkers was 35 and above, with 50 individuals consuming it 2-3 times per week.

Table 12: Total population aged 10 and above, drinking alcohol.

Alcohol	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking alcohol	840	342	498
Drinking alcohol	212	154	58
By 5 yrs age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	17	14	3
20 – 24 years	34	26	8
25 – 29 years	26	18	8
30 – 34 years	24	19	5
35+ years	111	77	34
How often			
Rarely 1-2 drinks per week	131	96	35
Occasionally 3-7 drinks per week.	53	35	18
Sometimes 8-14 drinks per week	20	17	3
Regularly 15-21 drinks per week	8	6	2
Frequently 22+ drinks per week	-	-	-

A total of 212 individuals consumed alcohol, with the majority being males (154). Among the alcohol drinkers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, and the majority reported having only 1 to 2 drinks per week (131).

Table 13: Total population aged 10 and above, smoking cigarette.

Smoking Cigarette	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking	912	395	517
Smoking	140	101	39
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	2	-	2
15 – 19 years	9	9	-
20 – 24 years	22	18	4
25 – 29 years	14	10	4
30 – 34 years	22	16	6
35+ years	71	48	23
How often			
Little 1 pack per week.	67	52	15
Occasional 5 cigarettes per day	23	11	12
Regular 1 pack per day	37	27	10
Heavy 1+ pack per day	13	11	2

A total of 140 individuals smoked cigarettes, with the majority being males (101). Among cigarette smokers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, with the majority smoking no more than 1 pack per week (67).

Table 14: Total population aged 10 and above, smoking Local Tongan tobacco.

Smoking Local Tongan Tobacco	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking local Tongan tobacco	940	405	535
Smoking local Tongan tobacco	112	91	21
By Age group			
10 – 14 years	1	1	-
15 – 19 years	12	11	1
20 – 24 years	21	18	3
25 – 29 years	10	8	2
30 – 34 years	17	13	4
35+ years	51	40	11
How often			
Little, 1-2 tobacco per day	39	35	4
Occasional, 5 tobacco per day	17	11	6
Regular, 10 tobacco per day	28	18	10
Heavy, 15 tobacco per day	28	27	1

A total of 112 individuals in the population smoked the local Tongan Tobacco, with the majority being males (91). Most of the smokers were 35 years and older, and they smoked little 1-2 tobacco products per day (39).

Electro vote registration

Table 15: Total population age 21 and above by electro vote and the reason for not registering for vote.

Electro vote	Total	Male	Female
Total	705	332	373
Register to vote	596	273	323
Not registered to vote	109	59	50
Refused to answer	-	-	-
Why not Registered			
Total	109	59	50
Was away overseas	1	-	1
Very old	3	1	2
Sick	4	2	2
Physically disabled	4	2	2
Not interested	25	13	12
Don't know where to register.	21	12	9
Don't know how.	-	-	-
Not a citizen	39	21	18
ID problem – missing none expired etc.	1	-	1
Name not on the list.	-	-	-
Busy	5	4	1
Late	1	1	-
Other reasons	5	3	2

A total of 586 people registered for the election, while 109 individuals were not registered, with 39 citing not a citizen.

People and Employment

Table 16: Total Population aged 15 and above and their current activity.

Current Activity	Total	Male	Female
Total	877	415	462
Working for pay	272	155	117
Working in any kind of business activity	28	19	9
Working in own farming or gardening, raising animals or livestock, fishing and Handicrafts	65	48	17
Studying	156	72	84
Household duties	281	79	202
Working in family business without pay	11	7	4
Working apprentice, internship	1	1	-
Working voluntary without pay, community, charity work	9	5	4
Looking for work	22	12	10
Retired or pensioner (too old)	26	12	14
With long term illness, injury or disability	6	5	1

The majority of current activities are centered around household duties, involving 281 individuals, comprising 202 females and 79 males. The lowest participation is seen among those engaged in apprenticeship or internship, totaling 1 individual.

Table 17: Total employment and unemployment aged 15 and above.

Total employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Employment	426	233	193
Unemployment	23	13	10
Percentage (%)	5.1	5.3	4.9

Out of the total population, 426 individuals aged 15 and above were employed, with only 23 people being unemployed. There was slightly a higher proportion of employed males than females.

Table 18: Youth employment and unemployment.

Youth employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Youth employment	188	105	83
Youth unemployment	13	7	6
Percentage (%)	6.5	6.3	6.7

Out of the total population, 188 youths aged 15 -24 were employed, while only 13 youths were unemployed.

Table 19: Total Population aged 15 and above by their Occupation.

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	316	180	136
Managers	49	30	19
Professionals	70	34	36
Technicians and Associate Professionals	42	22	20
Clerical support workers	31	9	22
Services and Sales workers	35	20	15
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers	18	17	1
Craft and Related Trades Workers	34	28	6
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	16	7	9
Elementary Occupations	21	13	8
Armed Forces Occupations	49	30	19

A majority of the population aged 15 and above, totaling 70, was employed in professionals occupations, with females dominating at 36, compared to 34 males.

Household characteristics

This information is about the standard of living in households within the village.

Table 20: Labour Mobility Scheme

Labour Mobility Scheme 2020 (age 15-64)	2020	2021
Total	32	272
No	7	240
Yes	25	32
Yes – Australia (SWP or PLS)	17	23
Yes- New Zealand (RSE)	5	6
Yes – Australia and New Zealand	3	3

Goals Achieved	No. of households
Purchase Land allotment	1
Built/ renovated home.	7
Purchase vehicles	5
Pay school tuition.	6
Started a business.	-
Provide for family daily needs.	11
Other	-
None	-

Social Problem (last 12 months)	No. of Households
Yes	1
No	24

In 2020, a total of 25 household members participated in the labour mobility scheme, and this number increased to 32 in 2021. The majority engaged in the Seasonal Worker Program (SWP) and the Pacific Labour Scheme (PLS) in Australia, achieved their goals in providing for their family's daily needs (11). Additionally, the majority of the households participating in the labour mobility scheme did not encounter social problems in the last 12 months, with only 1 household experiencing such issues.

Table 21 : Main source of household income.

Main source of household income.	Number of households
Total	272
Regular salary	133
Income from own business	9
Sale of products	16
Rental income from land lease	-
Rental income from house rented out	2
Remittances from anyone not in household	77
Pension or retirement fund	4
None	28
Other	3

The majority of the households (133) relied on regular salary as their main source of income, while only 2 households derived their primary income from rental income from house rented out, representing the least common type of primary income source.

Table 22: Household remittances and sources of remittances.

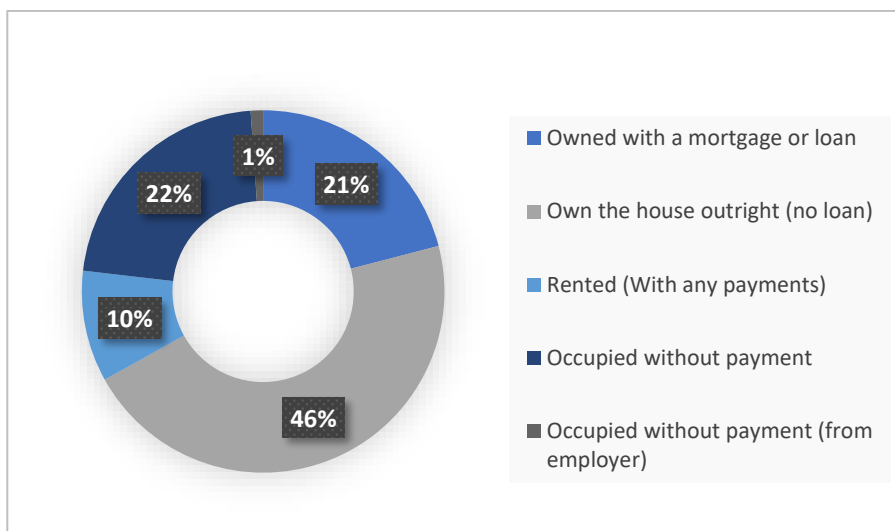
Household remittances	Number of households
Total	272
No receive remittances	86
Receive Remittances	158
Refused to answer	28
Sources of Remittances	
From outside the country only	131
From both within and outside the country	7
From within the country only	20

Out of the total households, 158 received remittances, with the majority originating from overseas or outside the country (131). However, the smallest number of households receiving remittances came from within and outside the country, with a total of 7, while 20 households received remittances from within the country only.

Table 23: Total household by their land tenure.

Land Tenure	Number of households
Total	272
Owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan.	57
Owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan	125
Rented.	27
Occupied without payment.	60
Occupied without payment (from employer)	3

Figure 2: Percentage of household and their land tenure.



The majority of the households' dwelling, accounting for 46%, were owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan. In contrast, only 1% represented occupied without payment from employer.

Table 24: Total household by their construction material.

Material construct household	Floor	Roof	Wall
Total	272	272	272
Wood / Masonite	44	9	133
Metal / iron / aluminum	5	260	4
Concrete / cement/ bricks	223	3	135
Traditional materials	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-

The most commonly used construction materials for household dwellings were metal, iron, or aluminum for roofing, concrete, cement, or bricks for constructing the floor, and concrete, cement or bricks for the walls.

Table 25: Total Households by source of drinking water.

Source of drinking water	Number of households
Total	272
Tap water supply	16
Own water tank	148
Neighbor/community water tank	28
Bottled water (purchased water)	76
Boiled water	2
Other	2

Most of the households relied on their own water tank as their main source of drinking water (148), followed by water from bottled water (purchased water).

Table 26: Total households by type of toilet and the toilet location.

Type of toilet	Number of households
Total	272
Flush toilet	270
Manual toilet	2
Pit Latrine with slab.	-
Flush or pour-flush elsewhere.	-
Compositing toilet	-
No facilities or bush or field	-
Toilet location	Number of households
Total	272
In own dwelling	250
In own yard	22
Elsewhere	-

The majority of the households used a modern toilet (flush) which included 270 households, and these were located within their own dwelling (250). The least common types of toilets used were manual toilet.

Table 27: Total Households by energy used, source of cooking fuel and the cooking location.

Stove	Number of households
Total	272
Yes	257
No	15
Cooking fuel	Number of households
Total	272
Electricity	15
Propane gas	242
Biogas	7
Kerosene	-
Solar Power	-
Wood and coconut husks/shells	7
Other	1
Cooking location	Number of households
Total	272
Inside the dwelling – separate kitchen area	241
Inside the dwelling – no devoted kitchen	13
Outside – open cooking area	8
Outside – closed cooking area	9
Other	1

Most of the households used stoves (257), with propane gas as the main source of energy for cooking food (242). The majority of households have separate kitchen areas inside their dwelling (241). Only 7 households used biogas as their main source of energy for cooking.

Table 28: Natural Disaster Emergency 72 hours bag

72 hrs. bag	Number of Household
Total	272
Yes	202
No	70

About 74% of the total households, or 202, had a natural disaster emergency bag designed to last for 72hrs or 3 days in the event of a disaster.

Table 29: Total Households by waste disposal.

Household waste disposal	Number of households.
Total	272
Personal bin - public collection	254
Personal bin – take to dump by yourself	13
Burn it	1
Compost	1
Bury in yard / bush.	1
Ocean or body of water	-
Private business collection	2

Most households utilized the government's waste authorities rubbish collection (254), while the fewest opted to burn their rubbish, compost and bury in yard/bush (1).

Table 30: Household assets / Goods

Household Assets/ goods	Number of Household	% of the household
Total	272	100
Mobile phone	269	99
Stove	257	94
Washing Machine	236	87
Electric Kettle	207	76
Cars	196	72
Television screen	183	67
Refrigerator	183	67
Freezer	173	64
Battery powered radio	165	61
Desktop/laptop computers	137	50
CD/DVD players	130	48
Electric frying	105	39
Van	103	38
Plastic water tank	101	37
Cement water tank	101	37
Tablets	84	31
Sewing machine	59	22
Landlines	57	21
Water heater	54	20
Bicycles	47	17
Generator	28	10
Air Conditioner	26	10
Truck	17	6
Boats	12	4
Solar System	12	4
Out-board Engine	8	3
In-board Engine	5	2
Motorbikes	4	1
Canoes	2	1

The three most common assets owned by households were mobile phones (99%), followed by stoves (94%) and washing machines (87%). The least common asset was motorbikes owned by only 4 households and canoes owned by 2 households.