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VILLAGE PROFILE OF **TONGATAEAPA**.

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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 TONGATAEAPA

Name of Village	Tongataeapa
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	428	512	546
Male	195	248	281
Female	233	264	265
Sex ratio	84	94	106
1.2: Household Private Dwelling	Number of households		
Total	94		
Occupied Household	79		
Vacant Household	15		
Average member in households	5		

The total number of people who resided in this district in the Census of 2021 was a total of 428, reflecting a decrease of 84 individuals compared to the 2016 Census and a decrease of 118 from 2011 Census. Throughout these years, there were more females than males (Table 1.1).

There were a total number of 79 occupied households and 15 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	428
Tongataeapa	170
Elsewhere in Tonga	240
Overseas	18

Most of the population were born in elsewhere in Tonga with 240 individuals. On the other hand, 170 people were born in Tongataeapa, while 18 individuals were born overseas.

Table 3: Total population by marital status

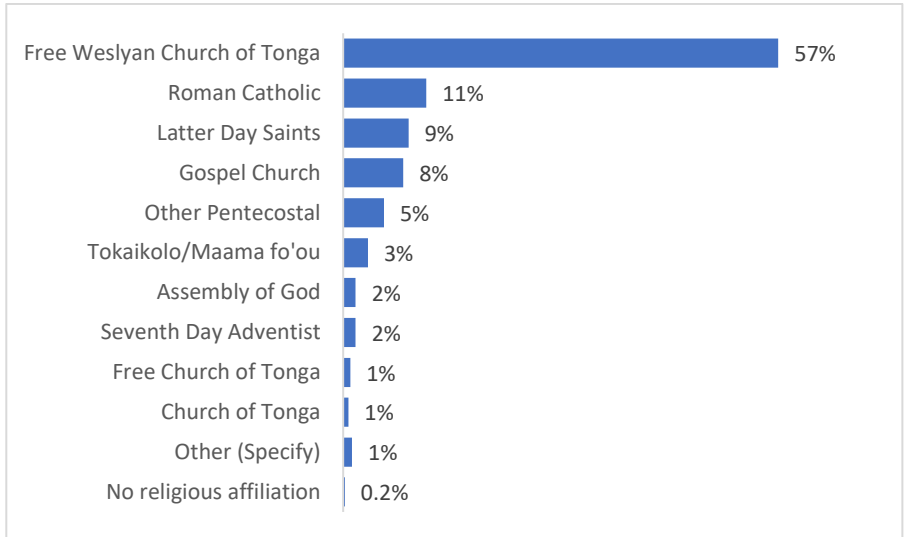
Marital status	Number of persons
Total	428
Never married.	262
Legal married	140
Widowed	16
Separated	4
Defacto or marital union	4
Divorced	2

Most of the population were not married (262), while 140 were legally married. The remaining individuals included 16 widowed, 4 divorced, 4 separated and 2 in a defacto relationship or marital union.

Table 4: Total population by religion

Religion	Number of persons
Total	428
Free Wesleyan Church	246
Roman Catholic	47
Latter Day Saints	37
Gospel Church	34
Other Pentecostal	23
Tokaikolo/Maama Fo'ou	14
Assembly of God	7
Seventh Day Adventist	7
Free Church of Tonga	4
Church of Tonga	3
Other (Specify)	5
No religious affiliation	1

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 246 people, while the second-largest group attended the Church of Roman Catholic (47). The smallest number of people identified with the Church of Tonga and those in no religious affiliation.

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

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Total	428	195	233
Less than 1 year	11	5	6
1 – 4 years	35	14	21
5 – 9 years	46	22	24
10 – 14 years	49	24	25
15 – 19 years	56	24	32
20 – 24 years	32	20	12
25 – 29 years	28	9	19
30 – 34 years	23	11	12
35 – 39 years	20	8	12
40 – 44 years	21	10	11
45 – 49 years	23	10	13
50 – 54 years	25	12	13
55 – 59 years	13	7	6
60 – 64 years	19	8	11
65 – 69 years	14	6	8
70+ years	13	5	8

The majority included 56 children aged between 15 and 19, with more females than males. The minority comprised 11 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	153	73	80
5 – 9 years	46	22	24
10 – 14 years	49	24	25
15 – 19 years	47	20	27
20 – 24 years	6	3	3
25 – 29 years	3	3	-
30 – 34 years	1	1	-
35+ years	1	-	1

The majority of children enrolled in school, totaling 49, were aged 10 to 14, consisting of 24 boys and 25 girls. The smallest group still enrolled in school was composed of individuals aged 30 to 34 and 35 years old and above, totaling 1 individual.

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	336	154	182
No	124	58	66
Yes	212	96	116
Location			
Home	210	95	115
Commercial internet access facility	1	1	-
Someone else's home	1	1	-
Workplace	19	7	12
At place of education	4	1	3
Other	-	-	-

A total of 212 individuals had access to the internet, primarily from home (210). The remaining population of 124 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	336	154	182
No	113	52	61
Yes	223	102	121
Yes, only TCC.	121	59	62
Yes, only Digicel.	75	34	41
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	27	9	18
Access mobile data			
Total	223	102	121
No	12	7	5
Yes	211	95	116
Yes, only TCC.	115	55	60
Yes, only Digicel.	80	33	47
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	16	7	9
Purpose of mobile data			
Education	41	22	19
Social Media	211	95	116
Work/Business	64	30	34
Information Gathering	1	-	1
Communication	127	58	69
Entertainment	77	39	38
Shopping/Product information	-	-	-
Other internet purpose	-	-	-

A total of 223 individuals used mobile phones, with the majority, 115 individuals, accessing the internet using TCC company. Among these, 211 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	329	156	173
Yes, some difficulties	48	19	29
Yes, a lot of difficulties	5	1	4
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	382	176	206
Hearing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	366	169	197
Yes, some difficulties	14	6	8
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	382	176	206
Mobility	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	344	160	184
Yes, some difficulties	26	11	15
Yes, a lot of difficulties	10	4	6
Cannot do at all.	2	1	1
Total	382	176	206
Memory	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	367	170	197
Yes, some difficulties	10	4	6
Yes, a lot of difficulties	5	2	3
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	382	176	206
Self-care	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	374	172	202
Yes, some difficulties	4	3	1
Yes, a lot of difficulties	3	1	2
Cannot do at all.	1	-	1
Total	382	176	206
Communication	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	377	174	203
Yes, some difficulties	3	1	2
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	382	176	206

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	311	139	172
No	13	5	8
Yes, first dose.	87	39	48
Yes, second dose	211	95	116
Reason for not vaccinated			
Total	13	5	8
Vaccine not available	-	-	-
Concerned about possible side effects	1	-	1
I do not trust the vaccine	5	1	4
I generally do not believe in vaccines	1	-	1
I do not know if the vaccine will work	5	3	2
Not eligible for the vaccine	1	1	-
Refused to answer	-	-	-

The majority of people have received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (211). However, 13 individuals remain unvaccinated, with 5 citing a lack of trust in the vaccine and don't know if the vaccine will work 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	258	78	180
Drinking Kava - Tonga	78	76	2
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	8	8	-
20 – 24 years	16	15	1
25 – 29 years	4	4	-
30 – 34 years	6	6	-
35+ years	44	43	1
How often			
Special occasions	8	8	-
Once a week	17	17	-
2-3 times per week	36	34	2
4-6 times per week	8	8	-
Every day/night	9	9	-

There were 78 consumers of Tongan Kava, with the majority being males (76). The predominant age group among Tongan Kava drinkers was 35 and above, with 36 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	289	118	171
Drinking alcohol	47	36	11
By 5 yrs age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	3	3	-
20 – 24 years	11	11	-
25 – 29 years	4	3	1
30 – 34 years	8	4	4
35+ years	21	15	6
How often			
Rarely 1-2 drinks per week	34	25	9
Occasionally 3-7 drinks per week.	7	6	1
Sometimes 8-14 drinks per week	4	3	1
Regularly 15-21 drinks per week	2	2	-
Frequently 22+ drinks per week	-	-	-

A total of 47 individuals consumed alcohol, with the majority being males (36). Among the alcohol drinkers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, and the majority reported having only 1 to 2 drinks per week (34).

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

Smoking Cigarette	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking	265	105	160
Smoking	71	49	22
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	2	1	1
15 – 19 years	3	3	-
20 – 24 years	15	14	1
25 – 29 years	12	6	6
30 – 34 years	8	4	4
35+ years	31	21	10
How often			
Little 1 pack per week.	11	6	5
Occasional 5 cigarettes per day	24	18	6
Regular 1 pack per day	24	17	7
Heavy 1+ pack per day	12	8	4

A total of 71 individuals smoked cigarettes, with the majority being males (49). Among cigarette smokers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, with the majority smoking occasional 5 cigarettes per day and regular 1 pack per day (24).

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

Smoking Local Tongan Tobacco	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking local Tongan tobacco	264	103	161
Smoking local Tongan tobacco	72	51	21
By Age group			
10 – 14 years	2	1	1
15 – 19 years	5	5	-
20 – 24 years	13	12	1
25 – 29 years	10	6	4
30 – 34 years	10	5	5
35+ years	32	22	10
How often			
Little, 1-2 tobacco per day	17	10	7
Occasional, 5 tobacco per day	18	14	4
Regular, 10 tobacco per day	28	20	8
Heavy, 15 tobacco per day	9	7	2

A total of 72 individuals in the population smoked the local Tongan Tobacco, with the majority being males (51). Most of the smokers were 35 years and older, and they smoked regular 10 tobacco products per day (28).

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	222	99	123
Register to vote	196	88	108
Not registered to vote	26	11	15
Why not Registered			
Total	26	11	15
Was away overseas	-	-	-
Very old	1	-	1
Sick	2	1	1
Physically disabled	1	1	-
Not interested	3	2	1
Don't know where to register.	9	4	5
Don't know how.	-	-	-
Not a citizen	7	2	5
ID problem – missing none expired etc.	1	-	1
Name not on the list.	-	-	-
Busy	1	-	1
Late	-	-	-
Other reasons	1	1	-

A total of 196 people registered for the election, while 26 individuals were not registered, with 9 citing don't know where to register.

People and Employment

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

Current Activity	Total	Male	Female
Total	287	130	157
Working for pay	82	41	41
Working in any kind of business activity	4	3	1
Working in own farming or gardening, raising animals or livestock, fishing and Handicrafts	34	21	13
Studying	59	25	34
Household duties	91	28	63
Working in family business without pay	3	1	2
Working apprentice, internship	2	2	-
Working voluntary without pay, community, charity work	3	3	-
Looking for work	2	2	-
Retired or pensioner (too old)	6	3	3
With long term illness, injury or disability	1	1	-

The majority of current activities are centered around household duties, involving 91 individuals, comprising 63 females and 28 males. The lowest participation is seen among those engaged with long term illness, injury or disability, totaling 1 individual.

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

Total employment and unemployment	Total	Male	Female
Employment	165	84	81
Unemployment	12	6	6
Percentage (%)	6.8	6.7	6.9

Out of the total population, 165 individuals aged 15 and above were employed, with only 12 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	76	34	42
Youth unemployment	8	5	3
Percentage (%)	9.5	12.8	6.7

Out of the total population, 76 youths aged 15 -24 were employed, while only 8 youths were unemployed.

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

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	99	51	48
Managers	7	3	4
Professionals	25	7	18
Technicians and Associate Professionals	9	6	3
Clerical support workers	10	4	6
Services and Sales workers	16	7	9
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers	7	7	-
Craft and Related Trades Workers	10	6	4
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	9	5	4
Elementary Occupations	6	6	-
Armed Forces Occupations	7	3	4

A majority of the population aged 15 and above, totaling 25, was employed in professionals occupations, with females dominating at 18, compared to 7 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	15	79
No	5	64
Yes	10	15
Yes – Australia (SWP or PLS)	8	13
Yes- New Zealand (RSE)	2	2
Yes – Australia and New Zealand	-	-
Goals Achieved	No. of households	
Purchase Land allotment	3	
Built/ renovated home.	3	
Purchase vehicles	1	
Pay school tuition.	1	
Started a business.	-	
Provide for family daily needs.	4	
Other	-	
None	-	
Social Problem (last 12 months)	No. of Households	
Yes	1	
No	9	

In 2020, a total of 10 household members participated in the labour mobility scheme, and this number increased to 15 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 (4). 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	79
Regular salary	36
Income from own business	4
Sale of products	4
Rental income from land lease	5
Rental income from house rented out	5
Remittances from anyone not in household	21
Pension or retirement fund	3
None	1
Other	-

The majority of the households (36) relied on regular salary as their main source of income, while only 1 household derived their primary income from none, representing the least common type of primary income source.

Table 22: Household remittances and sources of remittances.

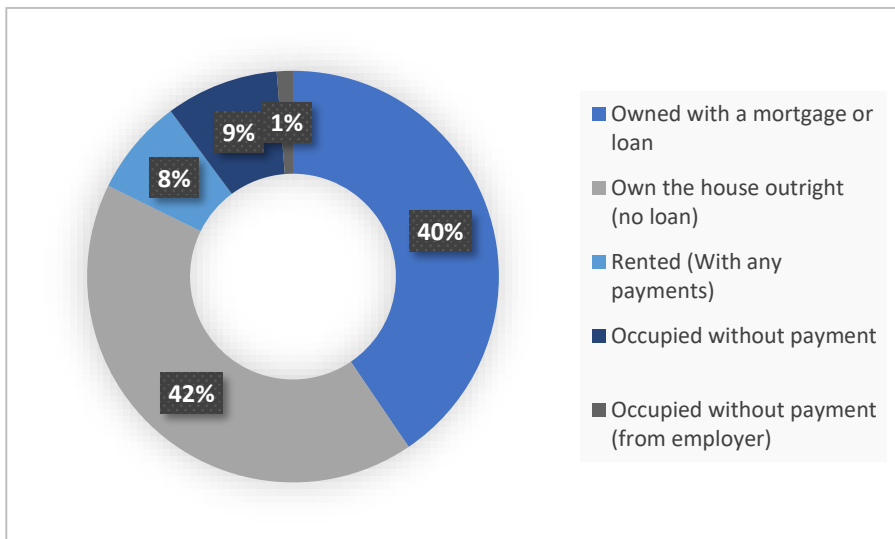
Household remittances	Number of households
Total	79
No receive remittances	12
Receive Remittances	66
Refused to answer	1
Sources of Remittances	
From outside the country only	56
From both within and outside the country	2
From within the country only	8

Out of the total households, 66 received remittances, with the majority originating from overseas or outside the country (56). However, the smallest number of households receiving remittances came from within and outside the country, with a total of 2, while 8 households received remittances from within the country only.

Table 23: Total household by their land tenure.

Land Tenure	Number of households
Total	79
Owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan.	32
Owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan	33
Rented.	6
Occupied without payment.	7
Occupied without payment (from employer)	1

Figure 2: Percentage of household and their land tenure.



The majority of the households’ dwelling, accounting for 42%, 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	79	79	79
Wood / Masonite	21	7	44
Metal / iron / aluminum	1	70	2
Concrete / cement/ bricks	57	2	33
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 wood or Masonite for the walls.

Table 25: Total Households by source of drinking water.

Source of drinking water	Number of households
Total	79
Tap water supply	8
Own water tank	45
Neighbor/community water tank	11
Bottled water (purchased water)	15
Boiled water	-
Other	-

Most of the households relied on their own water tank as their main source of drinking water (45), 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	79
Flush toilet	76
Manual toilet	-
Pit Latrine with slab.	2
Flush or pour-flush elsewhere.	1
Compositing toilet	-
No facilities or bush or field	-
Toilet location	Number of households
Total	79
In own dwelling	55
In own yard	24
Elsewhere	-

The majority of the households used a modern toilet (flush) which included 76 households, and these were located within their own dwelling (55). The least common types of toilets used were flush or pour-flush to elsewhere.

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

Stove	Number of households
Total	79
Yes	75
No	4
Cooking fuel	Number of households
Total	79
Electricity	6
Propane gas	48
Biogas	25
Kerosene	-
Solar Power	-
Wood and coconut husks/shells	-
Other	-
Cooking location	Number of households
Total	79
Inside the dwelling – separate kitchen area	62
Inside the dwelling – no devoted kitchen	14
Outside – open cooking area	3
Outside – closed cooking area	-
Other	-

Most of the households used stoves (75), with propane gas as the main source of energy for cooking food (48). The majority of households have separate kitchen areas inside their dwelling (62). Only 25 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	79
Yes	61
No	18

About 77% of the total households, or 61, 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	79
Personal bin - public collection	79
Personal bin – take to dump by yourself	-
Burn it	-
Compost	-
Bury in yard / bush.	-
Ocean or body of water	-
Private business collection	-

All of the households utilized the government's waste authorities rubbish collection (79).

Table 30: Household assets / Goods

Household Assets/ goods	Number of Household	% of the household
Total	79	100
Mobile phone	79	100
Stove	75	95
Washing Machine	68	86
Freezer	66	84
Electric kettle	51	65
Refrigerator	46	58
Cars	46	58
Battery powered radio	39	49
Desktop/laptop computers	38	48
Television screen	37	47
CD/DVD players	34	43
Plastic water tank	33	42
Electric frying	30	38
Cement water tank	22	28
Van	21	27
Sewing machine	20	30
Bicycles	19	28
Landlines	17	27
Tablets	14	20
Water heater	12	20
Generator	8	8
Truck	5	8
Out-board Engine	2	5
Air conditioner	1	4
Boats	1	2
Motorbikes	1	2
Solar System	1	2

The three most common assets owned by households were mobile phones (100%), followed by stoves (95%) and washing machines (86%). The least common asset was an out-board owned by only 2 households and air conditioner, boats, motorbikes and solar system owned by each of 1 household.