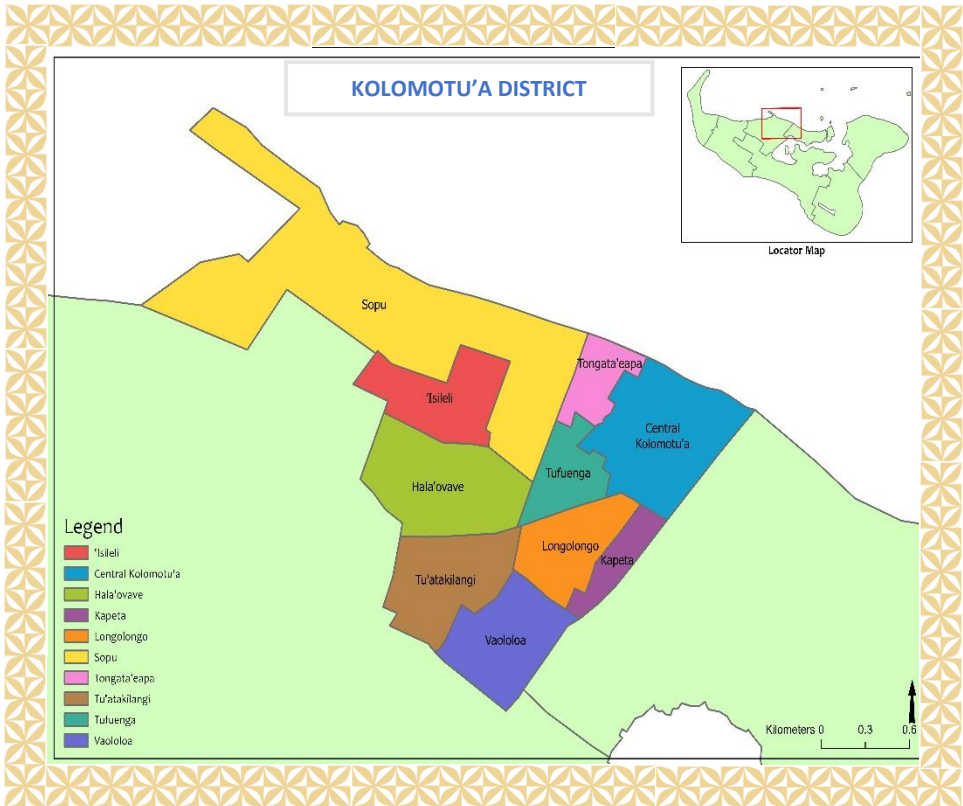




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Introduction

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 holds 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 HALA'OVAVE

Name of Village	Hala'ovave
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	1,000	903	1,008
Male	475	429	476
Female	525	474	532
Sex ratio	90	91	89
1.2: Household Private Dwelling	Number of households		
Total	211		
Occupied Household	184		
Vacant Household	27		
Average member in households	5		

The total number of people who resided in this village in the Census of 2021 was a total of 1,000, reflecting an increase of 97 individuals compared to the 2016 Census and a decrease of 8 from 2011 Census. Throughout these years, there were more females than males (Table 1.1).

There were a total number of 184 occupied households and 27 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	1,000
Halaovave	443
Elsewhere in Tonga	510
Overseas	47

Most of the population were born in elsewhere in Tonga with 510 individuals. On the other hand, 443 people were born in Halaovave, while 47 individuals were born overseas.

Table 3: Total population by marital status

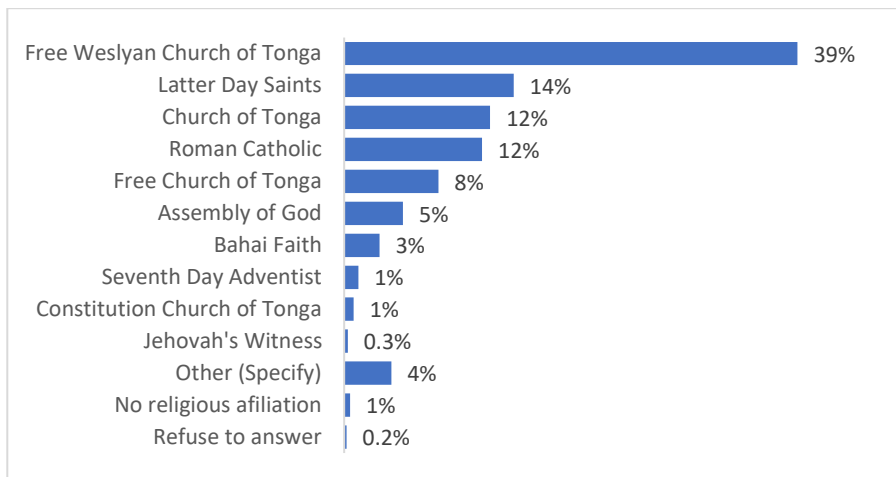
Marital status	Number of persons
Total	1,000
Never married.	599
Legal married	324
Widowed	53
Separated	12
Divorced	8
Defacto or marital union	4

Most of the population were not married (599), while 324 were legally married. The remaining individuals included 53 widowed, 12 separated, 8 divorced and 4 in a defacto relationship or marital union.

Table 4: Total population by religion

Religion	Number of persons
Total	1,000
Free Wesleyan Church	385
Latter Day Saints	144
Church of Tonga	124
Roman Catholic	117
Free Church of Tonga	80
Assembly of God	50
Bahai Faith	30
Seventh Day Adventist	12
Constitution Church of Tonga	8
Jehovah's Witness	3
Other (Specify)	40
No religious affiliation	5
Refuse to answer	2

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 385 people, while the second-largest group attended the Church of the Latter-Day Saints (144). The smallest number of people identified with the church of Jehovah’s Witness, other religious affiliation and those in no religious affiliation.

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

Age group	Total	Male	Female
Total	1,000	475	525
Less than 1 year	20	13	7
1 – 4 years	82	43	39
5 – 9 years	110	54	56
10 – 14 years	95	50	45
15 – 19 years	123	68	55
20 – 24 years	104	46	58
25 – 29 years	80	33	47
30 – 34 years	57	29	29
35 – 39 years	61	24	37
40 – 44 years	51	22	29
45 – 49 years	47	23	24
50 – 54 years	39	14	25
55 – 59 years	34	15	19
60 – 64 years	30	14	16
65 – 69 years	24	10	14
70+ years	43	17	26

The majority included 123 children aged between 15 and 19, with more males than females. The minority comprised 20 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	329	167	162
5 – 9 years	100	49	51
10 – 14 years	93	48	45
15 – 19 years	91	52	39
20 – 24 years	33	13	20
25 – 29 years	5	2	3
30 – 34 years	5	2	3
35+ years	2	1	1

The majority of children enrolled in school, totaling 100, were aged 5 to 9, consisting of 49 boys and 51 girls. The smallest group still enrolled in school was composed of individuals aged 35 and above, totaling 2 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	786	364	422
No	212	98	114
Yes	574	266	308
Location			
Home	549	249	300
Commercial internet access facility	4	2	2
Someone else's home	19	9	10
Workplace	115	59	56
At place of education	48	20	28
Other	-	-	-

A total of 574 individuals had access to the internet, primarily from home (549). The remaining population of 212 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	786	364	422
No	220	106	114
Yes	566	258	308
Yes, only TCC.	248	123	125
Yes, only Digicel.	230	97	133
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	88	38	50
Access mobile data			
Total	566	258	308
No	54	22	32
Yes	512	236	276
Yes, only TCC.	227	113	114
Yes, only Digicel.	249	108	141
Yes, both TCC and Digicel	36	15	21
Purpose of mobile data			
Education	129	63	66
Social Media	506	232	274
Work/Business	136	72	64
Information Gathering	26	12	14
Communication	276	114	162
Entertainment	298	149	149
Shopping/Product information	13	2	11
Other internet purpose	1	-	1

A total of 566 individuals used mobile phones, with the majority, 249 individuals, accessing the internet using Digicel company. Among these, 506 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	814	382	432
Yes, some difficulties	70	30	40
Yes, a lot of difficulties	12	6	6
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	896	418	478
Hearing	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	871	406	465
Yes, some difficulties	19	9	10
Yes, a lot of difficulties	6	3	3
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	896	418	478
Mobility	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	841	398	443
Yes, some difficulties	37	14	23
Yes, a lot of difficulties	14	4	10
Cannot do at all.	4	2	2
Total	896	418	478
Memory	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	876	410	466
Yes, some difficulties	17	6	11
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	1	1	-
Total	896	418	478
Self-care	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	884	415	469
Yes, some difficulties	7	1	6
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	3	1	2
Total	896	418	478
Communication	Total	Male	Female
No difficulty	883	418	479
Yes, some difficulties	11	4	7
Yes, a lot of difficulties	2	1	1
Cannot do at all.	-	-	-
Total	896	418	478

Over 98% of the entire population was without disabilities in sight, walk, memory, hearing, communication, and self-care. Conversely, less than 2% 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	747	338	409
No	67	30	37
Yes, first dose.	178	87	91
Yes, second dose	502	221	281
Reason for not vaccinated			
Total	67	30	37
Vaccine not available	3	3	-
Concerned about possible side effects	12	3	9
I do not trust the vaccine	30	16	14
I generally do not believe in vaccines	11	3	8
I do not know if the vaccine will work	6	2	4
Not eligible for the vaccine	5	3	2
Refused to answer	-	-	-

The majority of people have received their second dose of the Covid-19 vaccine (502). However, 67 individuals remain unvaccinated, with 30 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	648	227	421
Drinking Kava - Tonga	138	137	1
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	18	18	-
20 – 24 years	22	22	-
25 – 29 years	16	15	1
30 – 34 years	14	14	-
35+ years	68	68	-
How often			
Special occasions	47	47	-
Once a week	26	26	-
2-3 times per week	35	34	1
4-6 times per week	6	6	-
Every day/night	24	24	-

There were 138 consumers of Tongan Kava, with the majority being males (137). The predominant age group among Tongan Kava drinkers was 35 and above, with 47 individuals consuming it at special occasions.

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

Alcohol	Total	Male	Female
Not drinking alcohol	646	267	379
Drinking alcohol	140	97	43
By 5 yrs age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	18	17	1
20 – 24 years	29	23	6
25 – 29 years	22	11	11
30 – 34 years	14	10	4
35+ years	57	36	21
How often			
Rarely 1-2 drinks per week	104	71	33
Occasionally 3-7 drinks per week.	22	15	7
Sometimes 8-14 drinks per week	6	5	1
Regularly 15-21 drinks per week	3	2	1
Frequently 22+ drinks per week	5	4	1

A total of 140 individuals consumed alcohol, with the majority being males (97). Among the alcohol drinkers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, and the majority reported having only 1 to 2 drinks per week (104).

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

Smoking Cigarette	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking	683	289	394
Smoking	103	75	28
By 5 yrs Age group			
10 – 14 years	-	-	-
15 – 19 years	14	13	1
20 – 24 years	13	9	4
25 – 29 years	13	8	5
30 – 34 years	13	10	3
35+ years	50	35	15
How often			
Little 1 pack per week.	51	35	16
Occasional 5 cigarettes per day	30	22	8
Regular 1 pack per day	17	15	2
Heavy 1+ pack per day	5	3	2

A total of 103 individuals smoked cigarettes, with the majority being males (75). Among cigarette smokers, the predominant age group was 35 and above, with the majority smoking little 1 pack per week (51).

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

Smoking Local Tongan Tobacco	Total	Male	Female
Not smoking local Tongan tobacco	669	268	401
Smoking local Tongan tobacco	117	96	21
By Age group			
10 – 14 years	1	1	-
15 – 19 years	16	16	-
20 – 24 years	20	18	2
25 – 29 years	16	11	5
30 – 34 years	16	13	3
35+ years	48	37	11
How often			
Little, 1-2 tobacco per day	36	30	6
Occasional, 5 tobacco per day	47	38	9
Regular, 10 tobacco per day	21	18	3
Heavy, 15 tobacco per day	13	10	3

A total of 117 individuals in the population smoked the local Tongan Tobacco, with the majority being males (96). Most of the smokers were 35 years and older, and they smoked occasionally 5 tobacco products per day (47).

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	544	231	313
Register to vote	470	198	272
Not registered to vote	74	33	41
Refused to answer	-	-	-
Why not Registered			
Total	74	33	41
Was away overseas	-	-	-
Very old	3	-	3
Sick	4	2	2
Physically disabled	3	-	3
Not interested	19	9	10
Don't know where to register.	19	9	10
Don't know how.	-	-	-
Not a citizen	8	4	4
ID problem – missing none expired etc.	3	2	1
Name not on the list.	-	-	-
Busy	7	2	5
Late	3	2	1
Other reasons	5	3	2

A total of 470 people registered for the election, while 74 individuals were not registered, with 19 each for citing not interested and 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	691	314	377
Working for pay	266	147	119
Working in any kind of business activity	18	14	4
Working in own farming or gardening, raising animals or livestock, fishing and Handicrafts	61	31	30
Studying	130	69	61
Household duties	174	33	141
Working in family business without pay	6	3	3
Working apprentice, internship	1	-	1
Working voluntary without pay, community, charity work	5	3	2
Looking for work	8	5	3
Retired or pensioner (too old)	14	5	9
With long term illness, injury or disability	8	4	4

The majority of current activities are centered around working for pay, involving 266 individuals, comprising 147 males and 119 females. 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	377	199	178
Unemployment	55	24	31
Percentage (%)	12.7	10.8	14.8

Out of the total population, 377 individuals aged 15 and above were employed, with only 55 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	186	100	86
Youth unemployment	41	19	22
Percentage (%)	18.1	16.0	20.4

Out of the total population, 186 youths aged 15 -24 were employed, while only 41 youths were unemployed.

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

Occupation	Total	Male	Female
Total	297	156	141
Managers	34	22	12
Professionals	66	31	35
Technicians and Associate Professionals	30	13	17
Clerical support workers	31	5	26
Services and Sales workers	42	23	19
Skilled Agricultural, Forestry and Fishery workers	12	10	2
Craft and Related Trades Workers	57	36	21
Plant and Machine Operators and Assemblers	7	4	3
Elementary Occupations	18	12	6
Armed Forces Occupations	34	22	12

A majority of the population aged 15 and above, totaling 66, was employed as professionals with females dominating at 35, compared to 31 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	29	184
No	16	155
Yes	13	29
Yes – Australia (SWP or PLS)	7	7
Yes- New Zealand (RSE)	3	13
Yes – Australia and New Zealand	3	9

Goals Achieved	No. of households
Purchase Land allotment	3
Built/ renovated home.	4
Purchase vehicles	7
Pay school tuition.	3
Started a business.	1
Provide for family daily needs.	14
Other	-
None	-

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

In 2020, a total of 13 household members participated in the labour mobility scheme, and this number increased to 29 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 (14). 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	184
Regular salary	112
Income from own business	7
Sale of products	8
Rental income from land lease	-
Rental income from house rented out	1
Remittances from anyone not in household	48
Pension or retirement fund	3
None	2
Other	3

The majority of the households (112) relied on regular salary as their main source of income, while only 1 household derived their primary income from house rented out that representing the least common type of primary income source.

Table 22: Household remittances and sources of remittances.

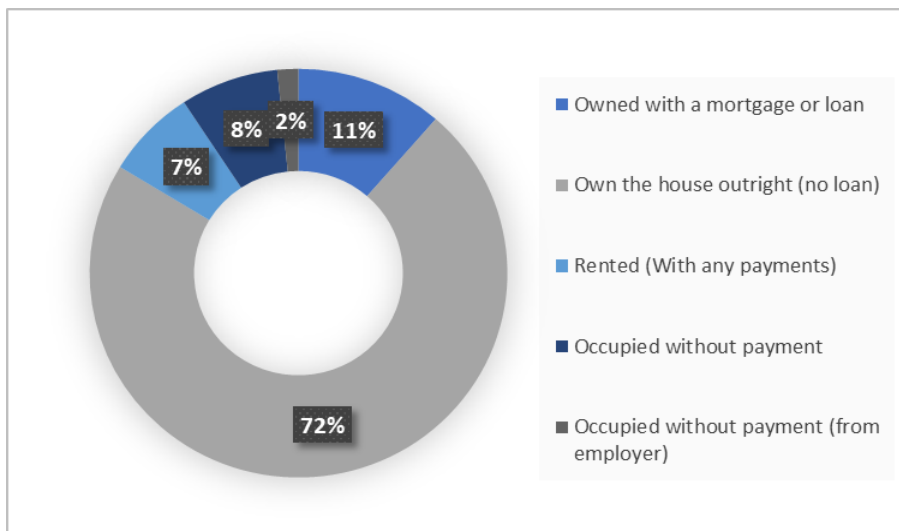
Household remittances	Number of households
Total	184
No receive remittances	31
Receive Remittances	151
Refused to answer	2
Sources of Remittances	
From outside the country only	109
From both within and outside the country	35
From within the country only	7

Out of the total households, 151 received remittances, with the majority originating from overseas or outside the country (109). However, the smallest number of households receiving remittances came from within the country, with a total of 7, while 35 households received remittances from both overseas and locally.

Table 23: Total household by their land tenure.

Land Tenure	Number of households
Total	184
Owned by someone within the household with a mortgage or loan.	21
Owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan	133
Rented.	13
Occupied without payment.	14
Occupied without payment (from employer)	3

Figure 2: Percentage of household and their land tenure.



The majority of the households' dwelling, accounting for 72%, were owned by someone within the household without a mortgage or loan. In contrast, only 2% represented occupied without payment from employer.

Table 24: Total household by their construction material.

Material construct household	Floor	Roof	Wall
Total	184	184	184
Wood / Masonite	16	7	82
Metal / iron / aluminum	1	176	3
Concrete / cement/ bricks	166	1	99
Traditional materials	-	-	-
Other	1	-	-

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	184
Tap water supply	11
Own water tank	101
Neighbor/community water tank	16
Bottled water (purchased water)	55
Boiled water	1
Other	-

Most of the households relied on their own water tank as their main source of drinking water (101), 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	184
Flush toilet	169
Manual toilet	12
Pit Latrine with slab.	-
Flush or pour-flush to elsewhere.	1
Compositing toilet	1
No facilities or bush or field	1
Toilet location	Number of households
Total	184
In own dwelling	150
In own yard	31
Elsewhere	2
Refuse to answer	1

The majority of the households used a modern toilet (flush) which included 169 households, and these were located within their own dwelling (150). The least common types of toilets used were flush or pour-flush to elsewhere, composite toilet and no facilities or bush or field.

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

Stove	Number of households
Total	184
Yes	173
No	11
Cooking fuel	Number of households
Total	184
Electricity	8
Propane gas	168
Biogas	-
Kerosene	-
Solar Power	-
Wood and coconut husks/shells	8
Other	-
Cooking location	Number of households
Total	184
Inside the dwelling – separate kitchen area	158
Inside the dwelling – no devoted kitchen	11
Outside – open cooking area	7
Outside – closed cooking area	8
Other	-

Most of the households used stoves (173), with propane gas as the main source of energy for cooking food (168). The majority of households have separate kitchen areas inside their dwelling (158). No households used biogas as its main source of energy for cooking.

Table 28: Natural Disaster Emergency 72 hours bag

72 hrs. bag	Number of Household
Total	184
Yes	104
No	80

About 57% of the total households, or 104, 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	184
Personal bin - public collection	177
Personal bin – take to dump by yourself	-
Burn it	2
Compost	1
Bury in yard / bush.	4
Ocean or body of water	-
Private business collection	-

Most households utilized the government's waste authorities rubbish collection (177), while the fewest opted to dispose their rubbish as to compost (1).

Table 30: Household assets / Goods

Household Assets/ goods	Number of Household	% of the household
Total	184	100
Mobile phone	182	99
Stove	173	94
Washing Machine	162	88
Electric Kettle	131	71
Refrigerator	126	68
Television screen	122	66
Freezer	112	61
Cars	111	60
Desktop/laptop computers	106	58
Battery powered radio	89	48
Plastic water tank	87	47
Van	86	47
Electric frying	79	43
CD/DVD players	70	38
Cement water tank	68	37
Tablets	55	30
Landlines	51	28
Sewing machine	49	27
Bicycles	37	20
Water heater	37	20
Generator	15	8
Truck	15	8
Solar system	10	5
Air conditioner	8	4
Boats	3	2
Out-board Engine	3	2
Motorbike	3	2
In-board Engine	1	1

The three most common assets owned by households were mobile phones (100%), followed by stoves (94%) and washing machines (88%). The least common asset was an in-board engine, owned by only 1 household.