



**“Emergency assistance to support the agricultural livelihood recovery of affected families in the outer islands of Tuvalu”**

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**Target areas:** Nui, Nukulaelae and Nanumanga islands.



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**Objective:** To increase resilience and restore the food security of cyclone-affected households in the outer islands of Tuvalu.

**Key partners:** Department of Agriculture (DoA), Ministry of Natural Resources, Energy and Environment and Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC).

**Beneficiaries reached:** 95 households and 85 trainees.

- Activities implemented:**
- Renovated and restocked three community nurseries in Nui, Nanumanga and Nukulaelae with planting materials.
  - Supplied the main government nursery in Funafuti with improved varieties of planting materials imported from SPC's Centre for Pacific Crops and Trees.
  - Prepared nursery management training materials.
  - Trained DoA officers, casual workers and *kapule* community members on nursery management and plant propagation.
  - Collected seedlings and plant cuttings for propagation from other islands and organized import of seeds and planting materials.
  - Procured nursery equipment, planting materials and supplies.
  - Delivered 6 000 tissue culture plantlets in three batches.
  - Propagated and distributed 2 003 improved planting materials, including climate-resilient varieties with proven demonstrable salt- and drought-tolerant traits.
  - Conducted participatory rural appraisal and identified Cyclone Pam-affected households for crop and livestock production assistance.
  - Distributed planting and fencing materials, compost, fertilizers and small-hand tools to 35 households.
  - Distributed fencing materials to 60 households to repair damaged piggery fences.
  - Trained 70 participants on propagation, transplanting, crop and tree planting, farm management and animal husbandry.
  - Conducted two workshops for 15 participants on institutional analysis for disaster risk management (DRM) in the main island of Funafuti.
  - Developed new emergency preparedness framework guidelines for staff training.

- Results:**
- Increased cyclone-affected households' resilience.
  - Sustained the food security and nutritional status of communities in light of climate change and other threats like pests and diseases.
  - Revived households' destroyed food gardens.
  - Enabled households to grow and produce food crops.
  - Strengthened technical and operational capacities of DoA and key stakeholders to better prepare for, and respond to, natural disasters.
  - Increased understanding of DRM concepts in agriculture at policy and implementation levels.