



Key Indicators

- Tonga had experienced a sustained increase in per-capita GDP over the years, with a limited decrease for two years, nevertheless, the trend has resumed its growing tendency.
- Despite a decreasing trend in infant mortality rates, the country will not meet the Millennium Development Goal (MDG) target. The anaemia situation is of public concern, particularly among pregnant women.
- although a recent 2012 demographic and health survey has been made, more data are needed to have a better understanding of the overall health and nutrition situation

Figure 1.1 Food Availability



Figure 1.2 Undernourishment and Economic Growth

From 1990 to 2012:

- GDP increased 43%



No Data

Figure 1.3 Child Malnutrition

In the Tonga DHS of 2012 stunting reported at 8.1%, wasting 5.2 and underweight 1.8. Overweight reported at 17.3%



17.3

No Data

8.1

5.2

1.8

2012

Figure 1.4 Child Mortality From 1990 to 2012:

- Under-5 mortality reduced 44% and will not achieve the MDG target
- Infant mortality reduced 43%
- Neonatal mortality reduced 39%

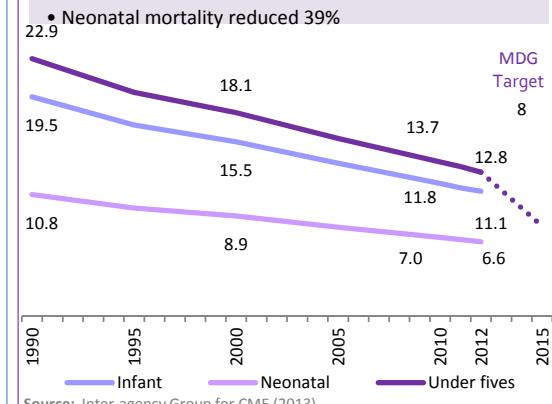
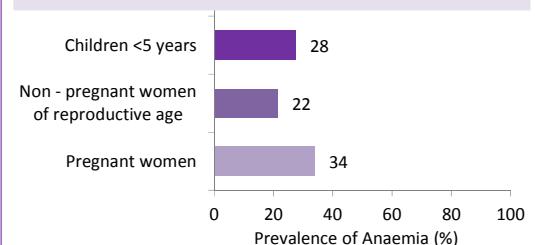


Figure 1.5 Anaemia

- Anaemia is a public health issue among under-5 children (28%), pregnant women (34%) and non-pregnant women alike (22%)



Anthropometry (Table 1.1)

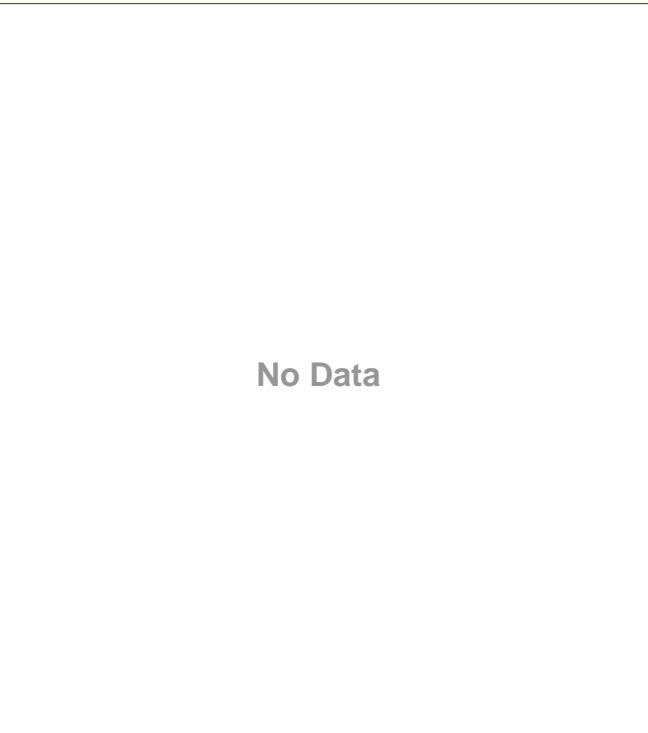
Underweight women (BMI < 18.5 kg/m ²)	-	-
Overweight adults (BMI >= 25 kg/m ²)	-	-
Proportion of infants with low birth weight	3 %	2002
Source: SOWC 2014		



Food Availability / Food Access



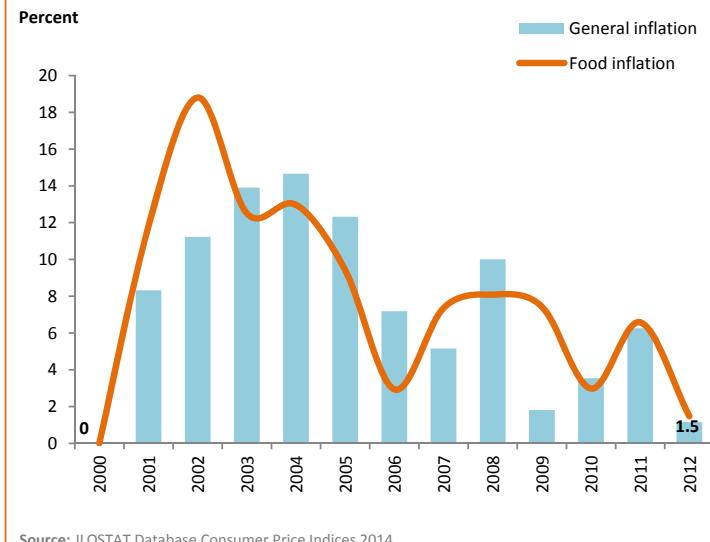
Figure 2.1 Food supply by food group -



Access to food

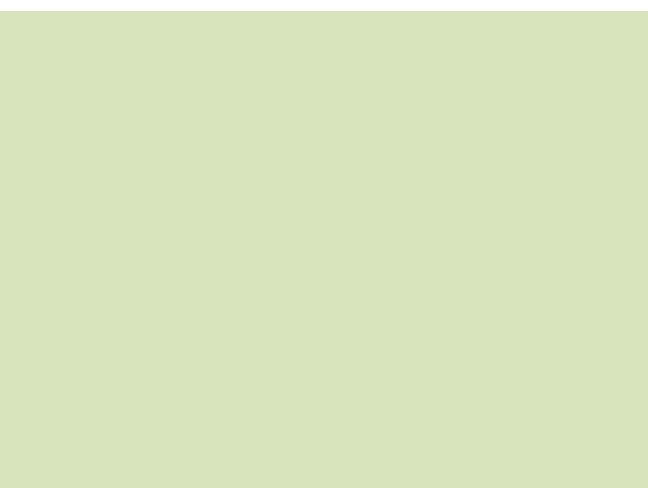
Figure 2.2 Economic access to food

General and food inflation



- There is a correlation between food inflation and general inflation over the period.

Figure 2.3 Share of food expenditure



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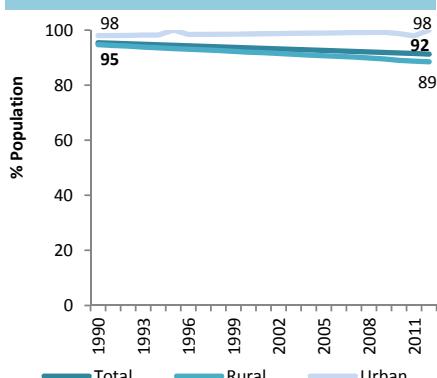
Food Utilization

Water and Sanitation

Figure 3.1 Access to Improved Sanitation

From 1990 to 2011:

- Access to improved sanitation decreased 4% in 22 years
- Disparities between rural and urban areas have more than doubled
- 11% of people in rural areas and 1% in urban areas do not have access to improved sanitation



Source: WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme, 2014

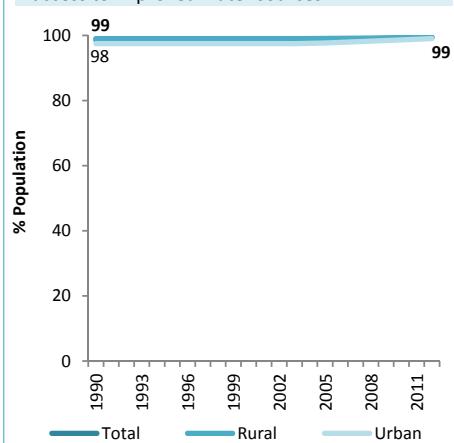
Figure 3.2 Open Defecation

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Figure 3.3 Access to improved water sources

From 1990 to 2011:

- Disparities in access to improved water sources between urban and rural areas have been reduced significantly
- At least 99% of people have sustainable access to improved water sources



Source: WHO-UNICEF Joint Monitoring Programme, 2014

Food Safety

Figure 3.4 Diarrhoea

No Data

Management of Diarrhoea (Table 3.1)

Zinc

Share of children under age 5 with diarrhoea receiving zinc treatment

Existing policy framework

Zinc Supplementation and Reformulated Oral Rehydration Salt in the Management of Diarrhea

Source:



Food Utilization

Nutrition and Health

Figure 3.5 Exclusive Breastfeeding

Early initiation of breastfeeding within the first hour of life occurs for 79% of children. Exclusive breastfeeding is 52%.



Figure 3.6 Complementary Feeding

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Figure 3.7 Duration of Breastfeeding

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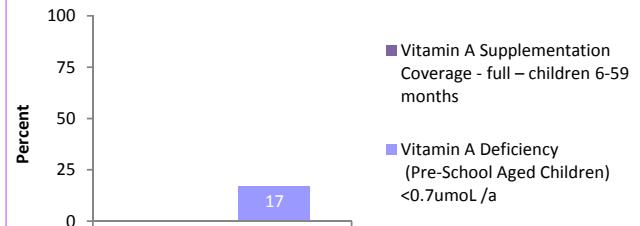
Figure 3.8 Child Malnutrition and Poverty

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Micronutrient Status

Figure 3.9 Vitamin A

• Vitamin A deficiencies (17% of pre-schoolers) indicate that Vitamin A is lacking in the daily diet of a significant proportion of children. This is a public health issue and deserves ongoing attention.



* VAD is a severe public health problem if >20% of preschool children (6-71 months) have low serum retinol (<0.7 μ mol/L)

Source: a/ WHO Global prevalence of vitamin A deficiency in population at risk 1995-2005 report.

Iodine (Table 3.2)

Households consuming iodized salt	-
Iodine deficiency (Urinary Iodine Concentration <100 μ g/L) among school-age children	-

*Optimal UIE 100 - 199 μ g/L

Source:

**Enabling environment for Nutrition and Food security - Policy documents addressing nutrition issues**

Nutrition related issues covered in these policies		Covered	Comments
Maternal and Child Undernutrition	Child undernutrition Low Birth Weight Maternal undernutrition		
Obesity and diet related NCDs	Child obesity Adult obesity Diet related NCDs		
Infant and Young Child Nutrition	Breastfeeding Complementary feeding Int'l Code of Marketing of BMS		
Vitamins and Minerals	Supplementation: Vitamin A children/women Iron Folate children/women Zinc children Other vitamins & min child/women		
	Food fortification		
Underlying and contextual factors	Food Safety Food security Food Aid Nutrition and Infection Gender Maternal leave		

Social Protection policies or legislation including food or nutrition component



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Demographic Indicators (Table - 5.1)		Year	Economic Indicators (Table - 5.3)		Year					
Population size (thousands) /a	105	2012	GDP annual growth rate /c	0.84 %	2012					
Average annual population growth/a	0.37 %	2012	GDP per capita (PPP) (constant 2011 international dollars) /c	5,127	2012					
Proportion of population urbanised/c	23.6 %	2012	Gini index /c (100= complete inequality; 0= complete equality)	-	-					
Number of children <5 years (thousand)/a	14	2012	Unemployment rate /c	-	-					
Education level of mothers of under-fives: None (%)	-	-	Population below US \$ 1.25 (PPP) per day /c (%)	-	-					
Life expectancy at birth (Years) /c	Male	70	Poverty gap ratio /e	-	-					
	Female	75.5	Income share held by households /c	<table border="1"> <tr> <td>Poorest 20%</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Richest 20%</td> <td>-</td> <td>-</td> </tr> </table>	Poorest 20%	-	-	Richest 20%	-	-
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Agriculture population density(people/ ha of arable land /b)	-	-	Sources:							
Employment in agriculture sector (% of total employment) /c	-	-	a/ World Bank, Health Nutrition and Population Statistics Database 2014 Update							
Women employed in agriculture sector (% of total female employment) /c)	-	-	b/ FAOSTAT 2013 Update;							
Adolescents (Table - 5.2)		Year	c/ World Bank, World Development Indicators Database, 2014 Update;							
Adolescent birth rate (number of births per 1,000 adolescent girls aged 15-19) /d	16	2006	d/ UNICEF, State of the World Children 2014 (data refer to the most recent year available during the period specified)							
Adolescent girls aged 15-19 currently married or in union /d	-	-								
Women aged 20-24 who gave birth before age 18 /d (%)	-	-								

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