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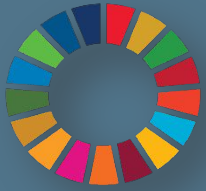


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Kingdom of Tonga



SIDE EVENT A: Tonga's Experiences with Planning of Agricultural Censuses

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TNAC - Metadata

Lead Ministry/Agency	Tonga Statistics Department
Key Data User/Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Forests
Legislative/Policy Mandate	Statistics Act 1978 revised 2015
Sub-Sectors Coverage	-
Data Collection Duration/Period	May – June 2025
Reference period	2025
Methodological approach (classical, modular, etc.)	Classical Approach
Sources of Census Frames (e.g. last population census, or special listing operation, or last agricultural census)	Using of Population Census 2021 as benchmark with updated listing operation before enumeration of EA
Data Collection Method (CAPI, PAPI, etc.)	CAPI, Survey Solution
Use of Technology (IT)	Monitoring Dashboard

TNAC 2025 - Background

- *3 Agricultural censuses already undertaken in 1985, 2001 and 2015*
- *2025 is the 4th Agriculture census for Tonga*
- *1st time to use CAPI for Agriculture census*
- *Very rich questionnaire in terms of modules and questions compared to previous census*

TNAC 2025 – Challenges

- *Funding*
- *Collaborations amongst key players*
- *Lack of institutional knowledge in this area*
- *Recruitment of large field staff*
- *Tight surveys and census calendar*
- *Long questionnaires - counterproductive*

TNAC 2025 – Way Forward

- *Decide the best time to Conduct TNAC given the other national surveys taken*
- *Include questions in the PHC to identify households involved in 'own-account' as frame for TNAC*
- *Initial step is to secure enough funding*
- *Explore other modalities in conducting Census that is cost effective given that funding is currently the main obstacle*
- *Have a designated staff or staffs for Agriculture Census*

TNAC 2025 – Recommendations

- Module to collect data regarding Climate Change

Thank you for your attention!

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