# JICA ROAD MAINTENANCE

# INCEPTION REPORT 2025

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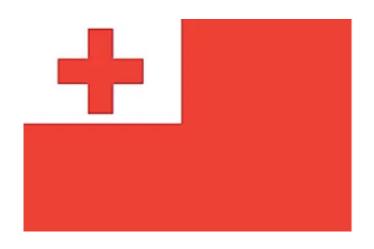
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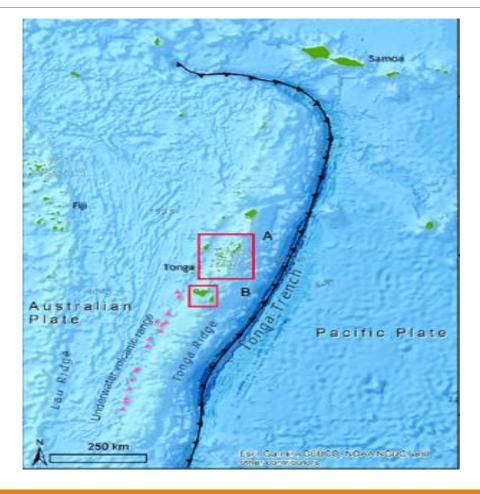
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1.1 Personal Detail

Name: Ane Tauki'uvea

➤ Nationality: Tongan







Pacific Ocean Continent Region Oceania @ 20°S 175°W Coordinates Ranked 174th Area 747 km<sup>2</sup> (288 sq mi) Total Land 95.98% Water 4.02% Coastline 419 km (260 mi) **Borders** None Highest point on Kao 1,033 metres (3,389 ft) Pacific Ocean Lowest point 0 metres (0 ft)

Exclusive economic 659,558 km<sup>2</sup>

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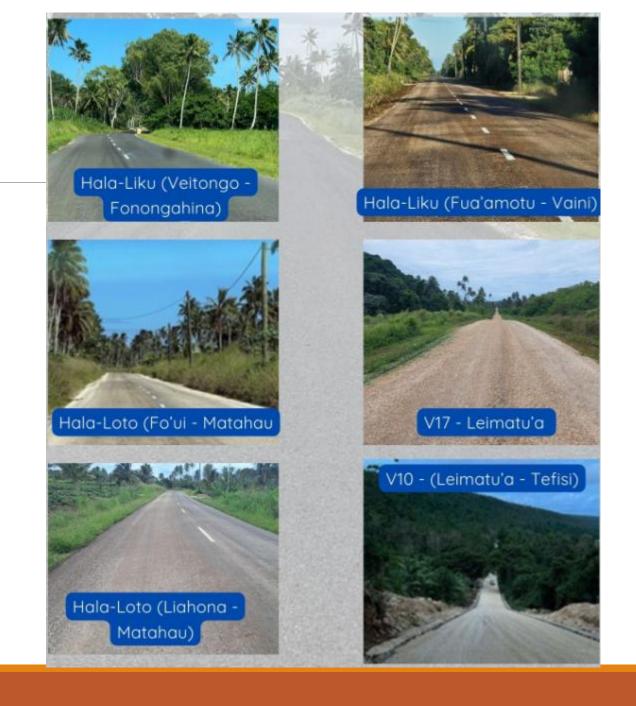
(254,657 sq mi)

- 1.2 Organization Role & Responsibilities.
- Organization Ministry Of Infrastructure, Tonga.
- ➤ Roles & Responsibility.
  - Responsible for maintaining, planning and developing Tonga entire Road Networks.
- Ministry **Vision** & Mission: **Enabling higher economic growth that supports achievement of a prosperous Tongan economy.** Through developing of quality (innovative, timely and evidence-based) infrastructure related policies supported by proactive deliveries of a more sustainable and resilience, safe and affordable infrastructure and transport system.

# ROAD CLASSIFICATION SUMMARY

General	Classification	Brief Description	Agricultural Road
Major	Primary (Cat1)	Significant inter-village road links with high traffic volumes	
	Secondary(Cat2)	Significant inter-village road links with moderate traffic volumes	
	Tertiary(Cat3)	Interconnecting roads between primary and secondary roads and roads of local, economic or social importance	<b>√</b>
Minor	Local(Cat4)	Access to a number of minor village or urban or rural access roads	✓
	Access(Cat5)	Access to small number of individual urban or rural properties	✓

- 1.2 Tonga Roads have the following major asset:
- > Sealed Roads
  - Unbound layers
  - Bound layers.
  - 2 Coat chip seal Finish.
- Unsealed Roads.
- Road Furniture.
  - Road Signs.



#### LAND TRANSPORT DIVISION

1. Safer Vehicles

2. Safer Road (Routine)

3. Safer Road (Periodic)

4. Safer Road Users

Quality Control

(Ana Fifita)

Routine Maintenance

(Krishna Hansen)

Ane Tauki'uvea)

(Liuaki 'Otuvaka)

TCRTP

**Asset Management** 

Material Testing Laboratory (Sione Taukei'aho)

Periodic Maintenance

(Kasipa Paea)

(Sione Taukei'aho)

Fanga'uta Crossing Project Tiueti Fangupo)

(Tiueti Fangupo IURTP

(Hepiseipa Oko) Road Safety

Road Safety Taskforce (Hepisipa Oko)

('Olivia Lafitani) Administration

#### 1.4 Present Post

- ➤ Road Engineering Officer.
  - Prepared, plan, design and deliver annual works program.
  - \* Routine Maintenances.
  - \* Vegetation Clearing.
  - Based in the main Island, Tongatapu.
  - Manage the entire Routine Maintenances works and Vegetation Clearing in the main Island (Tongatapu) and the outer Island (Vava'u Island, Ha'apai Island & 'Eua Island) as well.

# 2. Country Basic Information of Roads & Bridges.

- 2.1 Matters related to Road/Bridge Administration.
- Legal Requirements.
- Tonga Road Network are managed under the Tonga Road Act 2020 of it's function, roles and responsibilities.
- Other legal requirement (Traffic Act 2020) in term of legal load, vehicle type and enforcements as MOI are working together with Ministry of Police.
- Standards.
  - Contract Administration Manual (CAM).
  - MOI General Technical Specification (GTS 2014).

### 2.2 Periodic / Sealing FY25 – 26.

#### Pavement preparation

All pavement preparation works will be carried out under **force account** and shall be commencing from current date until all roads for sealing are well prepared in compliance to GTS 2014.

#### Sealing works delivery

Tongatapu: Sealing works will be implemented under the framework contract. Eua, Ha'apai, and Vava'u: Sealing works will be delivered under force account.

#### **Procuring and Mobilization**

All procuring and mobilization activities are planned to complete by **November** 2025.

#### Sealing milestone

Tongatapu – Ongoing, complete in December 2025 Vavaú – Commence October to complete in November 2025 Haápai – Commence November to complete in December 2025 Éua – Commence September to complete in November 2025

#### **TONGATAPU**

#### KM of Roads (83 Rd's = 59.95km)

- Reseal 25.056 km (\$3.078 million TOP)
- New Seal 0.81 km (\$3.038 million TOP

#### VAVAÚ

#### KM of Roads (36 Rd's = 19.7km)

- Reseal 13.4 km (\$1.77 million TOP)
- New Seal 2.665 km (\$0.27 million TOP

### HAÁPAI

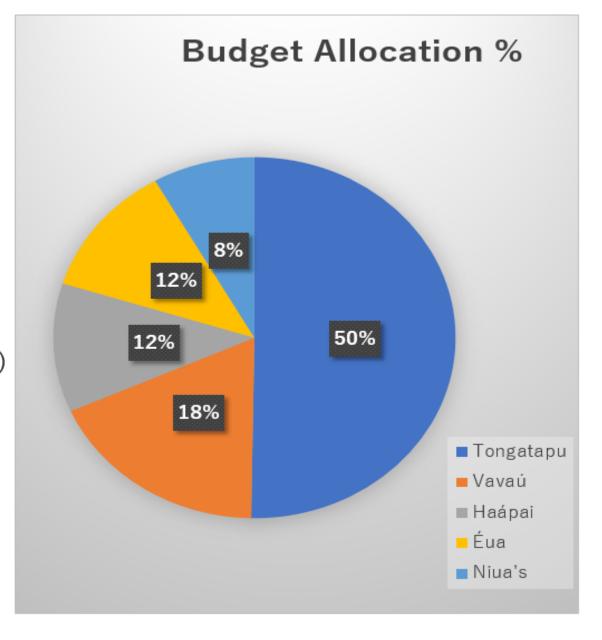
#### KM of Roads (20 Rd's = 14.6 km)

- Reseal 13.503 km (\$1.289 million TOP)
- New Seal 1.1 km (\$0.114 million TOP)

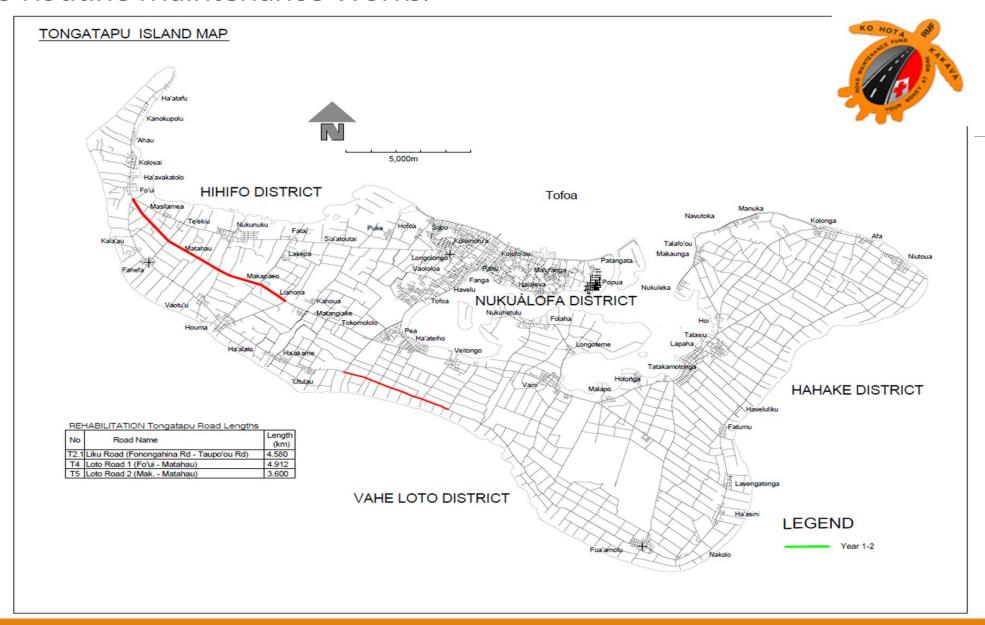
### <u>ÉUA</u>

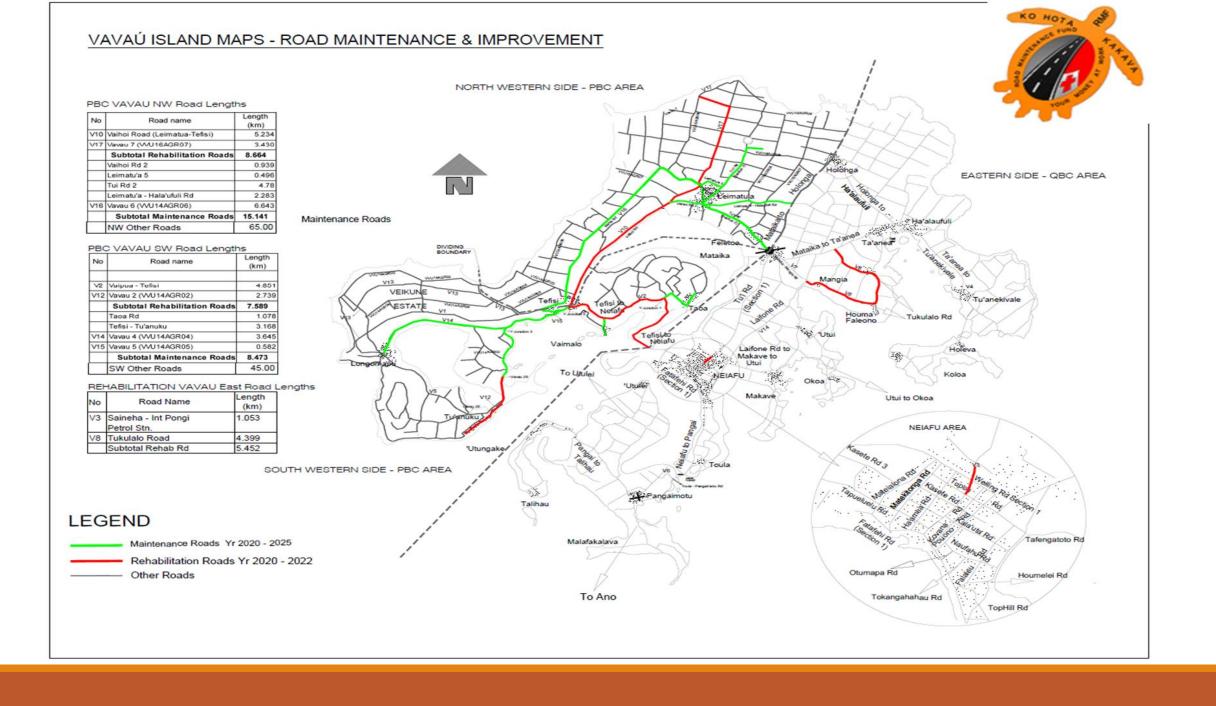
#### KM of Roads (32 Rd's = 15.67 km)

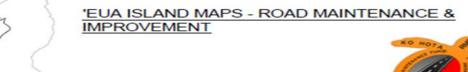
- Reseal 0.82 km (\$0.7585 million TOP)
- New Seal 14.868 km (\$1.375 million TOP)

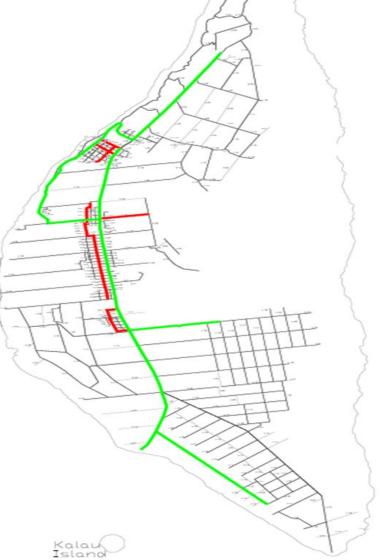


#### 2.3 Routine Maintenance Works.



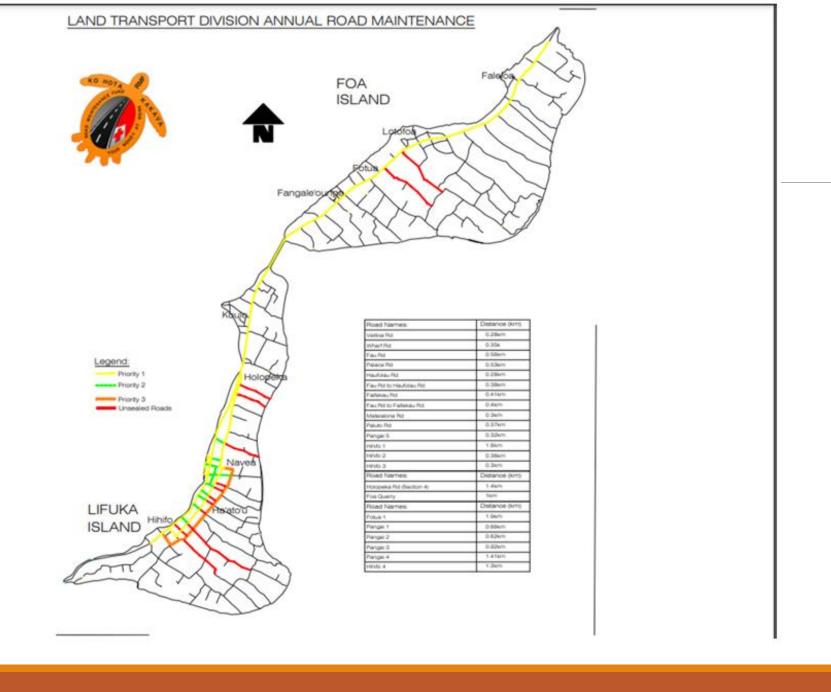






No	Road name	
E10	Ohonua 1 (EUACOM13)	0.525
E11	Ohonua 2 (EUACOM25)	0.537
E12	Ohonua 3 (EUACOM11)	0.593
E13	Angaha 1 (EUACOM106)	2.927
E17	Pangai 3(EUACOM53)	0.556
E23	Haatua 2(EUACOM31)	1.189
	Subtotal Rehabilitation Roads	6.327
	Main Road 1 (Int. Ohonua2 - Manganima)	7.965
	Houma to 'Chonua bridge	5.066
	Ohonua - Pangai	4.384
	Main Road 2.1 (Manganima - Haaluma)	1.932
	Ohonua 4	0.39
	Main Road 2.2 (Haaluma - Lakuta'anga)	3.85
	Manganima - Sainai	4.672
	Haatua - Telecom Stri	1.6
	Subtotal Routine Maintenance Roads	29.859
	Other Roads	190.00





# 2.4 Tonga Road Maintenance Fund.

Refer Road Act 2020

Purpose of the Fund is to Finance	Source of Funds	
<ul> <li>a) Routine and periodic maintenance of all classified roads under the justification of the Ministry of Infrastructure.</li> <li>b) Road safety projects</li> <li>c) A limited amount of specific maintenance</li> <li>d) A limited amount of road upgrading and rehabilitation</li> <li>e) Administration and overheads to manage the account and</li> <li>f) Audit of account, procedures used and technical audits to check for achievement of value for money.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>a) Portion of Vehicle license fees</li> <li>b) Portion of Fuel excise tax</li> <li>c) Portion of Traffic infringement/fines imposed and collected</li> <li>d) Any other road user charges and funding that may from time to time be allocated by the Government.</li> <li>e) Any other Government and Donor funding allocated from time to time.</li> </ul>	
Administration of the Fund	Withdrawal of Funds Procedure	
Refer Road Act 2020 Contract Administration Manual (CAM) MOI General Technical Specification	Refer Road Act 2020	
Authorized Expenditure		

# 3. Individual Focus.

- 3.1 Issues faced in the organization (Technical or Administrative)
- > Shortage of qualified engineers and technical specialist to perform Technical function.
- ➤ Lack of Essential Technical System.
- > Weakness in quality of the project preparedness and execution.
- ➤ Lack of development for local Contractors and Consultants.

# 3. Individual Focus

3.2 – Expectation to the KCCP program for solving issues.

#### **Technical / Administrative**

- Lack of Essential Technical Systems.
  - Understanding what Technical / Road Assets Management System that Japan currently using for it's monitoring and management of assets, and how it can be applied in organization. Also how that systems is used to determine budget allocation.
- > Specialized Skill training.
  - Understanding Japan's system and trainings that are available and also possible continuous future exchange programs for specific issues.
- Development of Local Contractors and Consultants...
  - Understanding what models Japan use to develop it's local Contractors and Consultants.

# 3. Individual Focus

#### 3.3 Proposed Themes for Action Plan

- Road Asset Management Systems / Technical Systems.
  - Study the current Japan system and adopt or improve in organization.
- ➤ Road Maintenance Systems and Process.
  - Study Japan current Process to adopt and improve processes in organization.
- Upskilling & Knowledge sharing.
  - How this can be applied within the organization.
  - How this can be applied outside the office as for the local Contractors and Consultants.
  - Understanding the model that Japan using for Upskilling and knowledge sharing.

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THANK YOU.