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The eruption of the Hunga-Tonga-Hunga-Ha'apai undersea volcano on 15 January severed the undersea communications cable. As of 22 February, the international section of the cable has been repaired and international communications on Tongatapu restored. Communications with the outer islands are not yet restored. The domestic section of cable linking these islands with Tongatapu will take until late 2022 to repair

ETC funding appeal

Received: US\$250,000 from CERF US\$217,000 from the Government of Japan



Partner Organizations



Tonga National Emergency Management Office, University of the South Pacific, International Telecommunication Union, Télécoms Sans Frontières, World Food Programme, Iridium, Government of Luxembourg, United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs.

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Data sources: WFP, UNGIWG, GeoNames, GAUL, OCHA

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VHF/HF radio network



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1 WFP + 2 ITU satellite phones assigned to government/MEIDECC



2 BGANs providing connectivity in MEIDECC facility

NIÚAS

VHF/HF radio network

Niuafo'ou

International data, SMS and voice services

Communications across outer islands still

Ha'apai

VHF/HF radio network

HA'APAI

have been restored on Tongatapu.

awaiting restoration'

Site of volcano

eruption







1 BGAN providing connectivity in UNRCO



USP VSAT set up in Nuku'alofa campus





2 VSATs from Government of Luxembourg awaiting set up



2 WFP + 1 ITU satellite phones assigned to government/MEIDECC. 3 more ITU satellite phones awaiting assignment to Ha'apai