



“Building Effective, Accountable and Inclusive Institutions and Public Administration for Advancing SDGs 2030”

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Background of Tonga

1. Geography

- Tonga is situated at the east of Fiji Islands in the South Pacific Ocean
- Tonga (also known as the Friendly Islands) consists of 150 islands, of which 36 are inhabited. Most of the islands contain active volcanic craters; others are coral atolls.
- The current population of **Tonga** is **108,440**
- The **population density** in Tonga is 150 per Km² (389 people per mi²).
- The total land area is 720 Km² (278 sq. miles)
- **23.9 %** of the population is **urban** (25,819 people in 2017)
- The **median age** in Tonga is **21.5 years**.
- **Life Expectancy**: females(**69yrs**), males (**65yrs**)

2. Government

- Hereditary constitutional monarchy
- Tonga started implementing the Democratic Reforms in 2010.

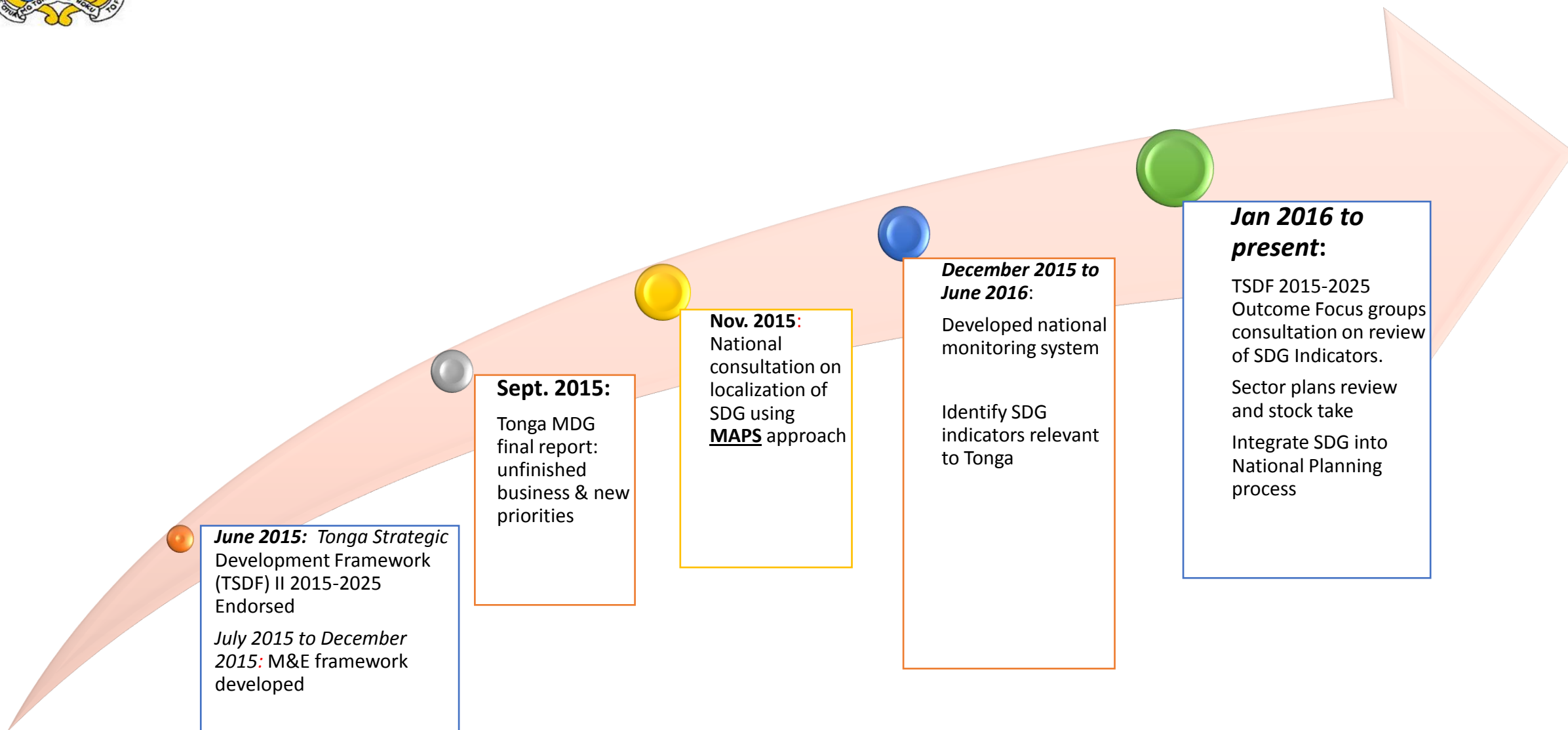
3. Economy

- **GDP growth** forecast for 2016/17 is **2.7%** and expected a higher growth rate in **2017/18 by 3.4%**
- Monetary unit: Pa'anga (TOP)





Tonga's Journey in Advancing SDG & Agenda 2030





Enabling Environment

- Government of Tonga focused on:
 - Performance based of its public servants
 - TSDF hinges on result based strategic planning
 - Public Service Commission (PSC) and Ombudsman have been established
 - Platform has been established whereby it encourages joint sectorial review
 - Effective monitoring & evaluation framework has been established and actioned upon.



Institutional Mechanisms

1. Strategic Planning

2. Implementation

3. Monitoring & Evaluation

10yrs

- Tonga Strategic Development Framework 2015-2025 (Tonga Sustainable Development Task Force)

5yrs

- 8 Sector Plans
 - Education, Health, Fisheries, Agriculture, Energy, Climate Change & Disaster & Environment, Tourism, Infrastructure

Coordinating Secretariats: **Statistics & National Planning of Prime Minister Office**

- *Corporate Plans and ministries annual management plans*
- *Technical Working Groups*
 1. Economic Sector Group
 2. Social Sector Group
 3. Infrastructure & Environment Sector Group

National Monitoring System “Tracker Database”



Framework and Policies to Adapting SDGs

- TSDF 2015 – 2025 aligned to SDGs
- 132 Pacific Headline Indicators
 - About 60 are relevant to Tonga
- Gender based and risk assessment toolkits have been integrated into National Planning Process

Tonga Strategic Development Framework II 2015-2025	Sustainable Development Goals (2015 - 2030)
A. More inclusive, sustainable and dynamic, knowledge based economy	Goal 8 → Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all; Goal 10 → Reduce inequality within and among countries; Goal 1 →End poverty in all its forms everywhere Goal 2 → End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture
B. More inclusive, sustainable and balanced urban & rural development across island groups	Goal 11 → Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable
C. More inclusive, sustainable and empowering human development with gender equality	Goal 3 → Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages Goal 4 → Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education promote lifelong learning opportunities for all Goal 5 → Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls; Goal 10 → Reduce inequality within and among countries
D. More inclusive, sustainable and responsive good-governance	Goal 16 → Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels
E. More inclusive, sustainable and successful provision and maintenance of infrastructure	Goal 9 → Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialization and foster innovation
F. More inclusive, sustainable and effective land & environment management and resilience to climate & risk	Goal 12 → Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns Goal 13 → Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts;



Challenges

❖ Integrated policy framework to address:

- Poverty & hardship
- Developing informal sector as second engine of growth
- Fight against NCDs
- Fight against HIVs
- Mainstreaming population & family planning by developing appropriate legislative and policy frameworks & strategic plans for implementation
- Protection & conservation of the environment & resources



Way Forwards

- ❖ Financing of priority development goals for the future
- ❖ Enhance monitoring & evaluation framework
- ❖ Develop partnership frameworks for collaboration, coordination for the delivery of outcomes & making impacts for SDGs
- ❖ Improve capacity for capturing data and strategic information

THANK YOU.