

VOICE OF THE FUTURE

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"Climate Change" is one of the major root issues in the mind and attitude of people in the Pacific, with small Pacific Islands constantly affected by sea level rising, eroding away the shoreline and low-lying settlement area. Continuous increasing of heat surge, increasing frequency of cyclones and prolong period of drought. " Climate Change" is the words ' it is the life now of the Pacific and off course Tonga is no different with the Top 5 most vulnerable country to Climate Change List. Work on Climate Resilience to Youth and Community increase to better prepare youth to deal with this on a daily basis. Tonga National Youth Congress have work on the 1 million tree campaign since 2017 running coincide with the "No Plastic campaign "

In 2022 Ministry of Meteorology, Energy, Information, Disaster Management, Environment, Climate Change and Communications (**MEIDECC**) launch the 1 Million Trees project of the Department of Environment and Climate Change and NGO Tonga Citizens Science Initiative.

"It is our duty and privilege to help and support the Climate Change unit to plant these 1 million trees" said TNYC Environmental coordinator "there is a saying in our islands 'The reef today is the land of tomorrow'.

In August TNYC started with planting 6000 mangrove in "Sopu Reef Project Site". This site is a conservation area that TNYC is currently implementing **Kiwa Initiative Project call the "Youth Nature-based Adaptation Project**. This project focus on reef rehabilitation starting with restoration of fish habitats by planting mangrove in the area.

Youth in Sopu Area and the coastal line area of Hihifo are very much involves with the conservation project as well as supporting Tonga 1 million tree campaign for 2025.



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World Water Day.

Tonga National Youth Congress commemorate 'World Water Day'on the 22nd of March this year. TNYC work on Water have started in 2013 partnering with OXFAM New Zealand as funding agency for TNYC Humanitarian Work. Today TNYC is one of the leading CSO organization working in the WASH cluster section. TNYC clean a few church's hall water tank as well as few household. Over 25940 liters were purified to mark this day.

"I am truly thankful to TNYC" said Sione Pongi "This was a very much needed work for the safety of my family we have clean and safe drinking water'

TNYC continue all year round with water purification work. "FOR EVERYONE TO HAVE CLEAN WATER TO DRINK".



Before Cleaning

After Cleaning

top priority.

"It is our main concern that people have clean water to drink." said Mausa Halahala "With Over a 1000 water purification bucket was givthe help and support of our donor partners to en to TNYC and it has been distributed to assist us on coming up with ways that people communities and NGO's. may have clean water to consume"

Global Medic a Canadian based organization have provide the "FALE (CSO) Humanitarian HUB with water filtering bucket to be distributed to communities. As TNYC is tasked with the distribution of the FALE preposition stock the water team were very grateful for more work to support "CLEAN WATER FOR DRINKING". They have distributed water bucket for communities started from the most affected area in HTHH volcanic eruption. This work is manage and lead from Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) the umbrella body for CSO in Tonga.

Since Hunga Tonga and Hunga Ha'apai erup- "With all the dust that came out of the eruption tion TNYC has make water purification work a and settle on people tank this can be a solution to household" said TNYC water purification coordinator



Water Purification Water Bucket Distributed to the community of Kanokupolu.

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Water Purification and Bucket Filtration



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Youth Person Living with Disability(YPLD) with Climate Changes Resilience Project.

Unemployment is still the number one issues for youth in Tonga. Majority of the youth in Tonga have join the Seasonal Worker Scheme to Australia and New Zealand. TNYC Social Enterprise located at Sopu have work with YPLD project for more than three year now.

Arts and Handicraft is what we are about said Lusi one of the member, "We create Jewelry from coconut shell and other natural material that we can use to design some of our products.

"I was in a car accident few years ago and since then on wheel Chair's "said Sione "I never thought that I could help to support my family again, TNYC program have given me another opportunity to contribute once again to our family income"



Planting Mangrove Tree

