



## DIRECT AID PROGRAM – TONGA SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2023-24



*Photo: Australia's Direct Aid Program funded for Reforestation Kanokupolu & Ha'atafu Coastal project 2022*

### WHAT IS THE DIRECT AID PROGRAM (DAP)?

The Direct Aid Program (DAP) is a competitive small grants program funded by the Australian Aid program, managed by the Australian High Commission in Nuku'alofa. The DAP invites proposals **up to 15,000 pa'anga** that demonstrate a strong benefit to local communities and align with the priority areas of the Australian Aid program in Tonga. These priorities include benefits to;

- people with disabilities
- women and girls
- income generation and livelihoods
- human rights
- environment and climate change
- community health
- arts and culture
- youth and social inclusion

If you wish to discuss your proposal before submitting, please make an appointment with the DAP coordinator to discuss. You can contact them by phone (20411) or email ([daptonga@dfat.gov.au](mailto:daptonga@dfat.gov.au))

### KEY DATES FOR DAP 2023-24

	ROUND 1	ROUND 2	ROUND 3 <small>Disability focus round</small>	ROUND 4
<b>Applications Open</b>	7 August 2023	20 Nov 2023	05 Feb 2024	25 March 2024
<b>Applications Close</b>	18 August 2023	01 Dec 2023	16 Feb 2024	08 April 2024

## HOW TO APPLY

To apply for a DAP Grant (15,000 pa'anga or less):

1. Go to <https://manage.smartygrants.com.au/signup> to register an account on the Smartygrants online system. If you can't access the application online, you may collect a hardcopy from the Australian High Commission, Salote Road, Nuku'alofa.
2. Answer each application question according to the instructions provided. Please contact the DAP Coordinator at [daptonga@dfat.gov.au](mailto:daptonga@dfat.gov.au) if you have any questions about the DAP application process.
3. Submit your application electronically to [daptonga@dfat.gov.au](mailto:daptonga@dfat.gov.au) or hard in a copy to the Australian High Commission.

In recent years, the DAP in Tonga has supported projects including:

- roof renovation for Tongamama'o community Hall
- children's playground for GPS Lofanga
- Reforestation of Kanokupolu & Ha'atafu Coastal area
- Haateiho 2 water project upgrade

To strengthen your application, you should consider:

- How will you maximise the number of people that will benefit from your project?
- Can the community contribute to support the project (land, material, labour or resources)?
- How can the project continue to provide a benefit to the community after the funding has been spent?

What types of projects are **not** eligible under the DAP?

- ✗ issuing cash grants, cash prizes, grants programs, micro-credit schemes, commercial ventures, and payment for food caterings/meals
  - ✗ buying livestock, vehicles, lawnmowers, weed eaters, water tanks or fences for individual households
  - ✗ improvements to an individual's house or land
  - ✗ overseas travel
- routine and/or recurring running costs and administrative expenses including rent and utility costs, spare parts, routine maintenance and reports, or staff salaries.



DAP 2021 – GPS Lofanga playground