

News Release
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Photos and Videos of the Installation of the Rainwater Collection Systems for the Outer Islands

Laurel, Maryland – Friends of Tonga is pleased to share some photos and videos of the installation of rainwater cisterns across the outer islands of Tonga. In July, FoT wired \$48,000 USD to the Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT) to finance the purchasing, transportation, and installation of 24 rainwater collection systems (each having the capacity to hold 10,000 liters of clean drinking water).

Within 30 days of our wire transfer, our partners on the ground have begun to install these cisterns across both Ha'apai and 'Eua.

The enclosed media shows the installation of our cisterns in the villages of:

- Ohonua 'Eua
- Tufuvai, 'Eua
- Ha'afeva, Ha'apai

For a full list of the villages who are receiving a new water collection system, please check out our last press release [here](#).

We hope that these news releases showcase the impact of your donations and that you are as proud as we are of the disaster-relief that we can provide through our partners in Tonga. As we have always said, Friends of Tonga is committed to supporting Tongan-led community-driven development. We are proud to continue our work with the CSFT to continue assisting the most vulnerable communities.

A HUGE malo (thank you) to our donors and community. Your generosity and belief in our mission is the reason for this impact. Your friendship with Tonga and commitment to FoT is being felt in many ways. In this instance, it will be felt through hundreds of thousands liters of clean drinking water for outer island communities!

'Ofa atu (with love),
The Friends of Tonga Board