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Friends of Tonga Funds 24 Rainwater Collection Systems for Outer Islands

Laurel, Maryland – Friends of Tonga has wired \$48,000 USD to the Civil Society Forum of Tonga (CSFT). This money will provide twenty-four rainwater collection systems and cisterns to villages in both ‘Eua and throughout the Ha’apai island group. Each cistern has the capacity of holding up to 10,000 liters (2,642 gallons) of clean drinking water, which will fill a major need for communities that have had limited access to water.

The list of villages and the number of water tanks are as follows:

Community	# Water Tanks
Ha’apai	
Nomuka	6
Ha’afeva	4
Fonoi	2
Pangai	2
Tongaleleka	2
Tungua	2
Kotu	2
‘Eua	
‘Ohonua	2
Tufu	2

Friends of Tonga is committed to working with the CSFT to continue assisting the most vulnerable communities, who are still recovering from the January volcanic eruption. We are incredibly grateful to our donors and community for your continued support of these efforts. We will be providing you with photos and updates, on our efforts, as we receive them from the CSFT.

Sincerely,
The Friends of Tonga Board