

Tuvalu	
Policy responses	
Containment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>March 26, 2020: State of Public Health Emergency (first declared on March 20, 2020) extended for another six months. Measures include:<sup>1</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Border Closure</li> <li>Travel bans</li> <li>Social distancing rules</li> <li>Closure of public spaces</li> <li>School closure</li> <li>Punishment on violation of isolation orders</li> </ul> </li> <li>(as of) August 13, 2020: No reported COVID-19 cases within Tuvalu.<sup>2</sup></li> <li>Mar 5, 2021: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Travellers Partially Allowed <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Masks are required in public spaces</li> <li>Required to undergo 14-day quarantines before entering the country.</li> <li>Medical clearance required for all countries</li> </ul> </li> <li>-Partial lockdown in effect</li> <li>-Events partially allowed (no more than 10 people)</li> <li>-Transport operational with restrictions</li> <li>-All shops open</li> <li>-Tourist attractions are closed</li> <li>-Restaurants and bars are open with restrictions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Fiscal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>April 30, 2020: Total stimulus: AUD 10.5 million (17.8% of GDP)<sup>3</sup> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health: Spending on specialized medical equipment, enhanced laboratory capabilities, upgraded health facilities, and increased surveillance measures (AUD 5.6 million).</li> <li>Social Assistance: Emergency basic income (AUD 40) per person per month.<sup>4</sup></li> <li>Private sector: Support (AUD 0.3 million).</li> <li>Others: relocation to outer islands, repatriation of Tuvalu students studying abroad, maintenance of infrastructure for quarantine purposes (AUD 4.9 million).</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>In addition, another \$200,000 allocated by Ministry of Finance from Supplementary Appropriation fund in order to finance other covid-19 measures.</p> <p>By end-November 2020, total COVID-19 related expenditure was A\$6.77 million (about 10% of GDP) of which health-related expenditure was A\$1.88 million.<sup>5</sup></p>

<sup>1</sup> [www.devpolicy.org/how-is-tuvalu-securing-against-covid-19-20200406/](http://www.devpolicy.org/how-is-tuvalu-securing-against-covid-19-20200406/)

<sup>2</sup> [www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19](http://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19)

<sup>3</sup> [www.mfed.tv/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/TuvaluNationalCovid19\\_EconomicFinancialMeasures\\_FINAL.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Y9IGyoIRVXZC\\_1WIF3DvvUMUoocxcUEZasMj5d12W4goIhkq-2CcDt-I](http://www.mfed.tv/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/TuvaluNationalCovid19_EconomicFinancialMeasures_FINAL.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Y9IGyoIRVXZC_1WIF3DvvUMUoocxcUEZasMj5d12W4goIhkq-2CcDt-I)

<sup>4</sup> [www.basicincome.org/news/2020/06/emergency-basic-income-in-tuvalu/](http://www.basicincome.org/news/2020/06/emergency-basic-income-in-tuvalu/)

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#T>

	On January 25, 2021, the IMF Executive Board approved the disbursement of US\$9.95 million emergency financing under the Rapid Credit Facility to Tonga to help meet its urgent balance of payments and fiscal needs arising due to the COVID-19 pandemic and Cyclone Harold. <sup>6</sup>
SME measures (last update 22 January 2021)	<p><b>Loan support and deferral of loan repayment:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Ministry of Finance has requested banks to ease requirements for loan repayments and freeze interest incurred on business loans.<sup>7</sup></li> </ul> <p><b>Other financial support:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In April 2020, an amount of \$300,000 was allocated under the Ministry of Finance for a grant to assist the private sector in response to the effects of the COVID-19. This grant is provided to the Development Bank of Tuvalu. Under this scheme, agriculture and food security businesses can access grants of up to \$7,000 per business.<sup>8</sup></li> </ul>
Other policy measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May 20, 2020: Australia Government AUD3 million in grants to combat pandemic<sup>9</sup></li> <li>May 26, 2020: USAID allocated US\$9.9 million towards covid-19 efforts in Pacific Island regions of FSM, Fiji, Nauru, Kiribati, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Marshall Islands, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tonga, Tuvalu and Vanuatu. (individual breakdown unavailable)</li> <li>July 30, 2020: The Asian Development Bank announced more than \$13 million in grants to help Pacific countries finance COVID-19 responses, including USD 630,000 for Tuvalu.<sup>10</sup></li> <li>ADB: December 10, 2020, Pacific Disaster Reliance Program, Phase 3 - USD4 million; December 17, 2020, Supporting Recovery by Micro, Small, and Medium-sized Enterprises in the Pacific from the Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic - USD0.1 million<sup>11</sup></li> </ul>

*Source:* IMF, Policy Responses to COVID-19, if not specified.

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.imf.org/en/Topics/imf-and-covid19/Policy-Responses-to-COVID-19#S>

<sup>7</sup> <https://environmentalmigration.iom.int/blogs/reducing-covid-19-risk-through-population-relocation-and-closed-borders-effects-pandemic>

<sup>8</sup> Ibid.

<sup>9</sup> <https://covid19policy.adb.org/policy-measures/TUV>

<sup>10</sup> [www.adb.org/news/adb-announces-more-13-million-grants-help-pacific-combat-covid-19](http://www.adb.org/news/adb-announces-more-13-million-grants-help-pacific-combat-covid-19)

<sup>11</sup> <https://covid19policy.adb.org/policy-measures/TUV>