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# KINGDOM OF TONGA

## Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai Volcanic Eruption: International Deployed Assets

As of 10 February 2022

### OVERVIEW

Several donor governments have been providing international humanitarian aid by air and sea to support the Tongan Government with its response to the Hunga Tonga Hunga Ha'apai (HTHH) volcanic eruption and tsunami of 15 January 2022. All personnel and staff handling relief supplies strictly adhere to COVID-19 protocols put in place by the authorities. All incoming relief supplies are dropped off contactless and undergo a 72-hour quarantine. With urgent humanitarian needs largely being met, donor governments are concluding their humanitarian operations and shifting focus to support the Tongan authorities with recovery and the immediate measures required to contain the spread of COVID-19 in the country. Tonga reported the first case of COVID-19 community transmission on 2 February.

### FRANCE



This emergency operation is supported by the governments of French Polynesia and New Caledonia and is implemented with the support of the European Union Civil Protection Mechanism (EUCPM).

Patrol boats **Arago** and **La Glorieuse** - on an assistance mission to the Tonga Islands, have completed the unloading at Nuku'alofa of 40 tons of emergency cargo.



#### 1x Falcon Guardian 200



Conducted reconnaissance flights on 25 January.

#### 2x CASA



Two flights carrying cargo, first arrived on 25 January, the second arrived on 28 January.

### UNITED KINGDOM



**HMS Spey** - has supplied aid to Tonga. HMS Spey has remained in Tongan waters and has been supporting a mission to restore the islands' communications network, working closely with the New Zealand and Australian navies.



### AUSTRALIA



**HMAS Adelaide** - As of 1 February, is still in country and continues to support operations.



#### Royal Australian Air Force C-17A aircraft - 12 flights arrived in Tonga.

The Australian Government's supplies include shelter materials, hygiene supplies, PPE for people clearing ash and water containers, as well as communication equipment. Equipment also included a skid-steer loader with a sweeper to support runway operations.



**ADF P-8** - on 17 January, surveillance flight, for damage assessment.



### UNITED STATES



**Destroyer USS Sampson** - arrived in Tonga to assist with disaster assessment and relief efforts. **MH-60R Seahawk** helicopter from the Sampson assessed damage to the isolated islands of Niuafo'ou, Fonualei, Ofu and Fonuafo'oufor.

**Coast Guard Cutter Stratton** - supported initial life-saving actions in support of disaster relief efforts in Tonga.



### CHINA



Two Naval Ships are currently incoming to supply second batch of aid supplies to Tonga as requested by the Tongan Government. Previous two vessels have supplied aid and departed.



Two military aircraft carrying emergency supplies arrived in Tonga on 27 January. Supplies being delivered included food, drinking water, water purifiers, tents, prefab houses, tractors and radio communication equipment.



### NEW ZEALAND



**HMNZS Wellington** - is back in Nuku'alofa after transiting to Niuaotupapu, to the north, where specialist Navy hydrography and dive teams checked shipping channels and harbour entrances, and also located a navigational marker that had moved in the natural disaster.

**HMNZS Canterbury** - asset is in country and continues to facilitate water production.

**HMNZS Aotearoa** - has left Tonga, after assisting relief efforts for about a week.



**5x C-130 Hercules** Five flights have arrived to date, delivering essential supplies.



#### P-3K2 Orion



Provided imagery to understand the impact of the events, and damage to infrastructure to inform response.

### JAPAN



**3x C-130** Five flights have landed and provided relief items through the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA).

**2x C-2**



**MSDF Ohsumi** - arrived in Tonga on 9 February, carrying high pressure water sprayers, wheelbarrows, drinking water, goods and two CH-47 transport helicopters.



### FIJI



**Lomaiviti Princess 1** - departed Fiji on 29 January and delivered 11 containers, carrying more than 200 tons of humanitarian supplies.

