



# TONGA METEOROLOGICAL SERVICES

## 10 Days Rainfall Outlook for Tonga

**Issued Time: 5:00pm (02<sup>nd</sup> February, 2023)**

**Next Issue Time: 5:00am (03<sup>rd</sup> February, 2023)**

Island Divisions	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> February	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> February	Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> February	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> February
Niuao'ou	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%
Niuatoputapu	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%
Vava'u	90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%
Ha'apai	80%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%
Tongatapu	80%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%
'Eua	80%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%	30%	20%	20%	10%

### Confidence Level

**Low:** 0 - 20% likelihood (or 1 chance in 10) that the event will actually happen.

**Moderate:** 20 - 50% likelihood (or 2 to 5 chances in 10) that the event will actually happen.

**High:** 50 - 70% likelihood (or 5 to 7 chance in 10) that the event will actually happen.

**Very High:** 70 - 100% likelihood (or 7 to 10 chance in 10) that the event will actually happen.

### Rain amount: 0 – 1.1mm (Mainly fine with little to no rain)

#### Impacts:

- Water plants and crops as necessary
- Carry umbrella or Sun Screen to protect you from the Sun, and have drinking water available
- Generally a Good Day for outdoor activities (e.g. Laundry, picnics, wedding ceremonies, sports activities etc....)
- Watch out for prolonged dry periods (red colour) for more than 14 days (drought).

### Rain amount: 1.1 – 5mm (Cloudy periods with Light Showers or Light Rain: puddles form slowly)

#### Impacts:

- School children may need to take rain coats or umbrella with them just in case of passing showers.
- Down pipes and water catchments should be clean and ready to receive as much water as possible.
- Expect slight muddy road conditions in some low lying areas.
- Household outdoor activities (e.g. BBQ, Birthday Celebrations, Clean up or Tapa Making etc.) should be planned to consider that there will be periods of rain.
- Favourable for Outdoor gardening especially planting.

### Rain amount: > 5mm (Generally Cloudy or Overcast with Rain or Heavy Showers: puddles rapidly forming and down pipes flowing freely)

#### Impacts:

- Green means listening to radio for the weather forecast for any possible heavy rain or flood warnings.
- Possible Flooding and school cancellations if more than 50mm.
- Muddy ground conditions is likely, plan accordingly (e.g. use 4 wheel drive when going to the plantation)
- General Public should take rain coats/umbrellas with them and spare changing clothes.
- Beware of elevated chances of soil erosion and run offs in slope areas.
- Plan for indoor activities (e.g. indoor workshops, accounting, planning, etc....)
- Mosquitoes could be a problem, two week after continuous periods of heavy rain.

