



GOVERNMENT OF TONGA

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **“Government Assistance Packages due to ongoing COVID-19 Lockdown and Restrictions”**

**Nuku’alofa** – Government wishes to notify public that the applications and grievances for the Government Assistance Package due to ongoing COVID-19 Lockdown and Restrictions are still open till the **30<sup>th</sup> of June 2022** as the final deadline.

These Government assistances include the:

- i) Occupational Safety and Health (OSH) Funding Support;
- ii) Business Employment Relief Assistance (Employees Support); and
- iii) Informal Sector Support.

The **OSH Funding Support** will continue to submit application form through Ministry of Trade and Development’s website at <https://forms.gle/PgDCHJHvigYKTyX88> or contact Ilaisaane Tu’itupou (email address: [tuitupou@mted.gov.to](mailto:tuitupou@mted.gov.to), phone: 841-0588) and Sione Lautaha (email address: [lautaha.jay@gmail.com](mailto:lautaha.jay@gmail.com), phone: 841-0588).

The **Employee Support** continues to submit to National Retirement Benefits Fund Office (NRBF) or download application form from Ministry of Finance website at <https://www.finance.gov.to> and email to [mhalaifonua@gmail.com](mailto:mhalaifonua@gmail.com).

The **informal sector supports** are channelled via the respective lead Government ministries. That includes: (i) agricultural informal sector business to please liase with MAFFF; (ii) fishery informal sector businesses to contact Ministry of Fisheries; (iii) Tourism Operators to please contact Ministry of Tourism and others not in the mentioned categories to liase with the Ministry of Trade, Economic Development.

For full details on the above Packages please contact Economic & Fiscal Policy Division (EFPD) on (676)7400752 or visit our Ministry of Finance office to see one of our EFPD staff.

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