



# Skills Development in Tuvalu

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# Tuvalu's National Skills Development Framework

- ❖ Tuvalu is a small country with a population of 11,000 and consists of nine small islands scattered over 500,000 sq km of the Western Pacific
- ❖ The small size of the country and its vast geographical dispersal pose challenges for education management and skills development
- ❖ New government elected in January 2024 – new priorities
- ❖ Education is compulsory from the age of 6 to 15
- ❖ Free education (ECCE, Primary Education and Secondary Education)
- ❖ Education reviews currently underway – Curriculum Framework, TESP IV, TVSD/TVET Review, Education Act
- ❖ Post Secondary training providers – local: Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute (TMTI), Tuvalu Atoll Science Technology Training Institute (TASTTI), private training providers.
- ❖ Post Secondary – International: USP/PacTAFE, APTC, overseas scholarships





# Priorities

- ❖ Tuvalu Education Sector Plan IV (TESP IV)– still under development, skills development a priority
- ❖ TVET/TVSD review:
  - TVET pathway through school
  - Community Training Centres
  - promoting TVET to girls and boys and also students with disability
  - promoting TVET to parents and community
  - Developing new TVET policy
- ❖ Curriculum Framework review
- ❖ Further Develop TMTI and TASTTI as post-secondary training providers





# Challenges

- ❖ Disengaged youth
- ❖ Few TVET pathways in Secondary School
- ❖ Lack of qualified trainers
- ❖ Lack of equipment and resources (eg BCATs program)
- ❖ Lack of value attributed to TVET
- ❖ TVET is not fully responsive to the demands of the labour market
- ❖ Financial resources for Tuvalu's TVET program
- ❖ Poor connection of TVET across all education streams
- ❖ Limited involvement of stakeholders





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