

Goal and program outcomes

The Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC) is the Australian government's largest Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) investment in the Pacific and Timor-Leste. It is implemented by TAFE Queensland (RTO 0275). APTC made significant strides in Tuvalu during APTC3.

Goal: A more skilled, inclusive and productive workforce that enhances Pacific and Timor-Leste prosperity.

Supporting purpose: The skills and attributes available to employers from Technical, Vocational Education and Training (TVET) systems align with labour market requirements.

The APTC goal is supported by the achievement of three end-of-program outcomes:

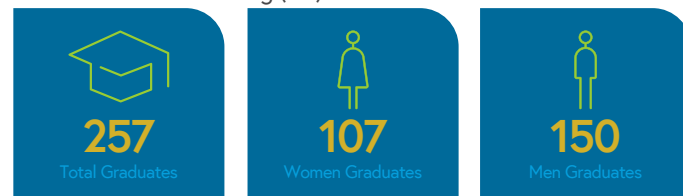
- Graduates have improved employment outcomes
- Co-investment in skills training increases
- Selected TVET partners demonstrate quality TVET provision



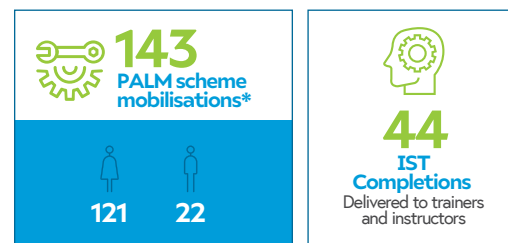
Tuvaluan Seluia Paeniu hones her skills through training in the Certificate III Carpentry course at APTC.

Graduates and training

Graduates from 38 different accredited full qualifications and International Skills Training (IST) since 2009.



In addition to the total graduates, there are:



Note:*
The number of graduates who have been mobilised for the PALM scheme during APTC3.

APTC Tuvalu

- Managed by the APTC Fiji and Tuvalu Country Office, Suva
- Our Country Engagement and Liaison Coordinator, who is based in Tuvalu, supported the activity.

The coordinator is based at the Department of Labour and works collaboratively with the Tuvalu Labour Sending Unit, relevant ministries, and stakeholders in the coordination of APTC's TVET system strengthening commitments. APTC's activities were aligned with the Government of Tuvalu's development priorities and the Tuvalu Technical & Vocational Skills Development (TVSD) Framework. APTC undertook a scoping and country planning exercise in 2023 to strengthen its engagement and committed to supporting the training needs identified by the Government of Tuvalu.



The first delivery of the Cert II in Sustainable Energy (Career Start) course in Tuvalu commenced in October 2024, thanks to the partnership between APTC and TASTTI.



Key partners

- Tuvalu Atoll Science & Technology Training Institute (TASTTI)
- Tuvalu Maritime Training Institute
- Tuvalu Australia Partnership for Quality Education (TAPQE)
- Technical & Vocational Skills Development (TVSD) Working Group
- Tuvalu Women for Change Association

Key achievements in Stage 3

- Delivered the Diploma in Counselling training for 11 women from the Tuvalu Women for Change Association.
- Partnered with the International Labour Organisation which allowed the delivery of the Certificate II in Sustainable Energy at TASTTI.
- Conducted Integrity and anti-corruption awareness training with TVSD.
- Supported ongoing collaboration with TASTTI to strengthen program delivery.
- Supported the implementation of the Technical and Vocational Skills Development (TVSD) Framework through the TVSD coalition.

Labour mobility

APTC supported labour mobility by delivering targeted training and supported our partners in developing high-quality training programs that provided skills in demand by Australian employers.

APTC Tuvalu has:

- Reviewed and implemented a training profile that supports national and international skills demand and net skills gain.
- Participated at relevant labour mobility regional and sub-regional meetings, such as the annual Pacific Australia Labour Mobility meeting and other conferences and seminars.
- Supported the work of Tuvalu Labour Sending Unit through skills development for labour mobility.
- Collaborated with PLF and the Tuvalu Department of Labour, to deliver the second round of Introduction to the Meat Processing Industry training in December 2022 for 27 participants, including four women.



The Australian Government supports strengthening Tuvalu's workforce to be more skilled, inclusive and productive.

Delivering strong GEDSI outcomes

APTC worked hard to address the barriers to training and employment for women, people living with disabilities and individuals from rural and remote areas. We worked in consultation and collaboration with governments, peak bodies, associations and individuals who advocate for inclusivity and accessibility.

APTC Tuvalu initiated a range of successful and innovative projects to tackle barriers and forms of exclusion.

We have:

- Addressed Gender Based Violence (GBV) and supported mental health services in Tuvalu, provided counselling training in collaboration with the Tuvalu Women's Action for Change (TWAC) Fatu Lei. 11 participants benefitted from the ongoing training.
- Conducted student recruitment and marketing activities targeting equitable outcomes for women, persons with disabilities and students from remote areas in collaboration with the Tuvalu Women's Action for Change Fatu Lei.
- Held GEDSI Awareness sessions for Tuvaluan students that were mobilised for studies at APTC campuses.
- Convened a Women in TVET Forum and APTC Alumni Labour Mobility Session in May 2023.
- Delivered GBV training for APTC Fiji and Tuvalu staff.

Climate change initiatives

APTC supported targeted activities for climate change adaptation and skills for the green economy.

APTC has:

- Delivered Certificate II in Sustainable Energy in collaboration with TASTTI. 18 students including 16 male and 2 female benefitted from this course.
- Developed units on sustainable environmental practices and were delivered as part of the APTC training programs.



Looking Ahead:

While APTC3 concludes in March 2025, the Australian Government remains committed to supporting Tuvalu's workforce development, ensuring it is more skilled, inclusive and productive. The Pacific Australia Skills Platform (PASP) will build on APTC's achievements.