

Tonga–Fiji Submarine Cable & TongaPass Digital ID Programme

Digital Inclusion · Good practice · Tonga

Quality score: 92/100

Evidence strength: Observational / pre–post

Summary

The Pacific Regional Connectivity Program built Tonga's first submarine cables (2013–2018), lifting broadband penetration from under 2% to 50% and cutting bandwidth costs over 95%; a companion project launched the TongaPass digital ID in 2025, six years after approval.

Key dimensions

Dimension	Score
Innovation level	3/5
Sustainability (ongoing)	1/1
Evaluation evidence	1/1
Demonstrated reach	1/1
Documented learning	1/1

Evaluated by C-NAPSE

Data sources

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