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**Acting Premier acknowledges the tremendous support for the January 2022 Tonga Relief Fund.**

**Alofi, Niue – 20 July 2022** – The Acting Premier and Minister for Social Services Hon. Sauni Tongatule acknowledges the tremendous support of the various organizations and people of Niue for the Fundraising events for the people of Tonga following the devastation caused by the volcanic eruptions and tsunami events in January 2022.

Funds of \$36,902 NZD were raised at the National Prayer Service held at the Ekalesia Kerisiano Niue Millennium Hall on 26 January and at the Radiophon held at the Broadcasting Corporation of Niue on 14 February and through the many donations made online.

Hon. Sauni Tongatule has expressed his delight at the way the organizations and people within the community of Niue have acted together and responded to the appeal from the Government.

“Following the announcement of our Premier at the Pacific Island Forum on the contributions made to the Kingdom of Tonga in those catastrophic events earlier this year - I felt that it is also important to thank the organizations and people of Niue for showing solidarity and coming together to show our support for the sad events that affected the lives of the people of Tonga,” says Hon. Sauni Tongatule.

Minister for Social Services Hon. Sauni Tongatule adds, “we are most grateful to the resident Tonga Community, Ekalesia Kerisiano Niue and all of the many organizations and people who have made this Fundraising event a success – Oue Tulutulou ma Niue Fekai!”

The funds will be sent on to the families of the Tonga Community resident in Niue affected.

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