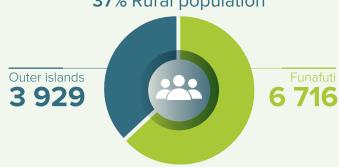


# TUVALU FOOD SECURITY PROFILE

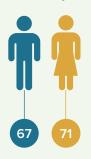
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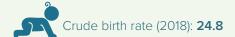


10 645 Population (2017) 37% Rural population



### Life expectancy







Under five-years-old mortality rate: 24 per 1 000 live births



of population have access to basic drinking water services (2017)



improved access to
basic sanitation
services

# TOWARDS ACHIEVING FOOD SECURITY AND ENDING POVERTY

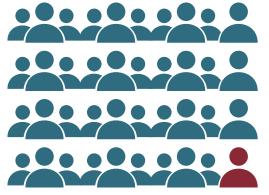




26.3%

of people live below the national poverty line (2010)

## OVERNUTRITION RATHER THAN UNDERNOURISHMENT IS A REAL ISSUE IN TUVALU



ONE PERSON IN 40 IS UNDERNOURISHED IN TUVALU

Children under five years old

**WASTING (2007)** 

STUNTING (2007) OVERWEIGHT (2007) (low weight for height) (low height for age) (high weight for height)

18 years and older



PREVALENCE OF OBESITY IN ADULT POPULATION (2016)

#### ANALYSIS OF FOOD CONSUMPTION PATTERNS IN TUVALU 1,2

# Average dietary energy consumption National 2 800 kcal/capita/day

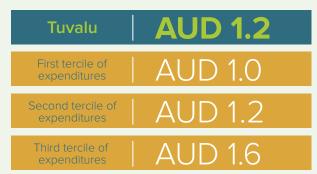


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Richer households consume on average twice more dietary energy than poor households

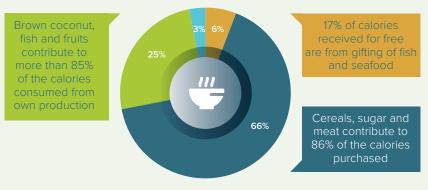
#### Average cost to acquire 1 000 kcal

Average dietary energy unit value (Tuvalu (AUD)/1 000 kcal)

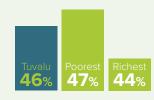


Poor households access less expensive, but more energy dense, food as they spend half less to acquire 1 000 kcal

#### Contribution of each source of acquisition to total dietary energy consumed (DEC)

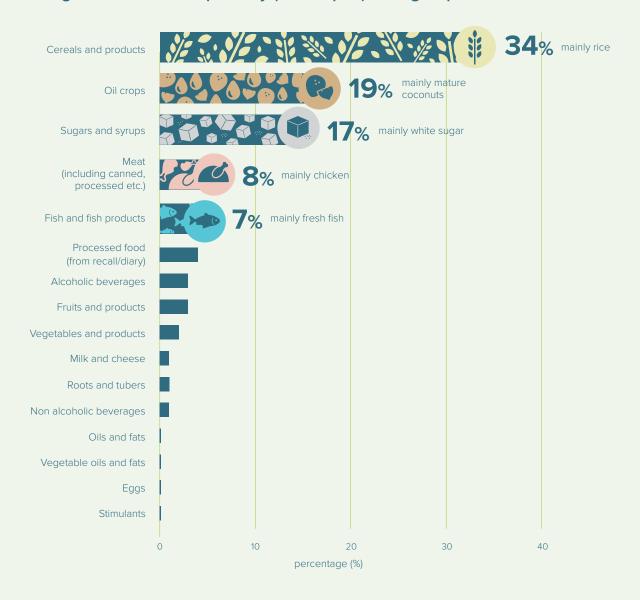


On average a Tuvaluan will spend 2.9 AUD per day on food Share of food expenditures in total expenditures

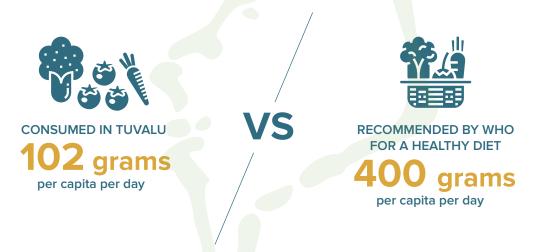


- Purchased foods consumed at home
- Food consumed from own production
- Food consumed away from home purchased or received free
- Food received for free and consumed at home
- 1 Estimates refer to apparent consumption and are based on food quantities (edible amounts) available for consumption by the household, not on actual intake of the individuals.
- Based on the results of the analysis of the food data collected in the 2015 Household Income and Expenditure Survey of Tuvalu using ADePT-FSM. The analysis was performed by FAO in collaboration with Tuvalu National Statistics Oce (NSO) and the Pacific Community (SPC). SPC was funded by the Australian Government through ACIAR project FIS/2018/155.

### Percentage of food consumption by (kcal/capita) food groups



## Consumption of fruits and vegetables



### Number of kcal that we can buy with 1 AUD



Sugars and syrups	2 472
Cereals and products	1945
Vegetable oils and fats	1 426
Fruits and products	607
Fish and fish products	360
Milk and cheese	352
Meat (including canned, processed etc.)	333
Vegetables and products	117

#### More than

**50**%

of the protein consumed is from animal origin



But contribution of proteins from animal origin is higher for richer households

# Nutrient contribution to dietary energy consumption (%)

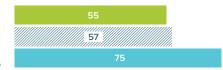






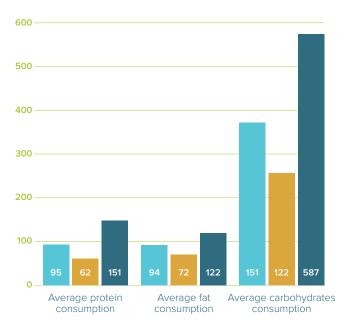






- Lower limit WHO
- Upper limit WHO

# Quantity of proteins, fats and carbohydrates (g/capita/day)



- Total
- First tercile of expenditures
- Third tercile of expenditures

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