



18TH GOVERNMENT OF NIUE: PROGRESS REPORT

January 2023 – April 2026



GOVERNMENT OF NIUE

MESSAGE FROM OUR LEADER

As we approach the next general election and consider the opportunities ahead, we reflect on our term as the 17th & 18th Government (2020–2026) and the work undertaken.

This period brought significant—and at times unprecedented—challenges. Throughout, we have been proud of how the people of Niue stood together: supporting Government decisions, strengthening our resilience, and contributing to recovery. Our careful approach to the global pandemic prioritized safety, managed risk, and ensured Niue was prepared when COVID-19 reached our shores.

Governing during this time required difficult decisions. We managed borders, responded to economic pressures, and met increased demands on health and social services. Record global fuel prices and reduced revenues placed additional strain on Government resources.

Nonetheless, as Niue has always done, we persevered. We adapted to changing circumstances and continued to move forward together. We sincerely thank our people for the patience, strength, and resolve shown throughout this period.

We also acknowledge our Ministers for their leadership and commitment across their portfolios. We extend our appreciation to Members of the Assembly, public servants, private sector partners, and community members who contributed in whatever capacity was required.

While there is more work to do, the progress achieved between 2023 and 2026 is clear. We have laid important foundations for the future, guided by unity, service, and responsibility.

We conclude with a sincere and humble Fakaauē Lahi Niue.



Hon Dalton Emani Makamau Tagelagi
Prime Minister of Niue

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2023 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2023

JANUARY

- Vaccination Booster Rollout

MARCH

- Bilateral with FAO DDG & Minister MNR

APRIL

- 29th April 2023 - Niue General Elections

JUNE

- Finance Minister delivered budget statement
- Deployment mission of Niue team to NZ in support of aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle
- Te Taura Whiri Te Reo Maori visit to Niue exchange programme with Taoga Niue
- Auditor-General's report tabled at Niue Assembly
- National consultations on development of regional Labour Mobility Strategy

SEPTEMBER

- 2023 Planning Summit - National Strategic Plan
- Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Canada
- Publishing of the Preliminary Results of the census on population and housing for 2022
- Virtual meeting with Pacific Catastrophe Risk Insurance Company
- Announcement of Niue Ocean Wides - Ocean Conservation Commitments
- Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the USA.

DECEMBER

- Niue PM met with NZ PM & Foreign Minister
- Online Declaration Forms made available

FEBRUARY

- Removal of Pre Departure Testing.
- Pacific Island Forum Leaders Special Retreat, Nadi, Fiji
- UN Consultations on the Country Implementation Plan
- Niue and Fiji leaders meeting
- PM & Delegation Visit to Wellington, NZ
 - Presentation of Credentials Indian High Commissioner
 - Presentation of Credentials, Ambassador of Cuba
 - Met with NZ Prime Minister Chris Hipkins.
 - Signing of Grant Aid contract with Japan

MAY

- Swearing in on new Premier for the 18th Niue Assembly.
 - announcement of Ministers and MAMs
- Pacific Leaders Meeting in Papua New Guinea
 - FIPIC with India
 - US Pacific Islands Meeting
- Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the Republic of Korea
- First Korea Pacific Leaders Meeting in South Korea.

AUGUST

- Establishment of diplomatic relations with Israel.
- Establishment of diplomatic with the Swiss Confederation
- National Consultations on the National Digital Strategy with UNDP

OCTOBER

- Niue Celebrates 49 Years of Self Government
- Niue Honours Awardees for 2023 Announced

NOVEMBER

- 52nd Pacific Islands Leaders Forum, Cook Islands
- Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with Fiji
- New Digital Civil Registration and Vital Statistics System
- Presentation of Credentials New Australian High Commissioner
- 13th PLG Summit - Niue confirmed as Chair
- Cabinet met with NZ Auditor General
- COP28 in Dubai, UAE

2024 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2024

JANUARY

- Niue grants PR status to 10 new residents
- NPSC welcomes two new commissioners
- Presentation of Credentials UN Resident Coordinator & UNDP Resident Representative

MARCH

- Renewal of memorandum of agreement for Niue Shipping Registry
- Presentation of Credentials, New Zealand High Commissioner
- NPSC – Workshop for Admin Managers
- Airport Upgrade Updates
- Met Services Workshop on Early Action for Rainfall Watch
- Trade Policy Review
- Launch of Niue Resource Recovery Center (Waste Management Facility)

MAY

- 2nd Reading – Constitutional Amendments Passed
- Extension of Maritime VHF Network
- OCCs wins the nature category of the fast companies world changing ideas awards.
- PICRIC visit to Niue
- New Security Screening Systems installed at the Airport
- Telecom dividend
- Relaunch of Villiage Inspections (Kitekite Kaina)
- Presentation of Credentials, Canadian High Commissioner

FEBRUARY

- Niue sign UN country Implementation Plan 2023/24
- MNR DAFF Consultation – National Fisheries Development Stakeholders
- Progress update on New Power Station
- Niue ICT Advisory Committee – Hosted ICT Policy National Digital Consultation

APRIL

- Niue Health Department appoints workforce – new Director and CMO
- 1st Reading – Constitutional Amendments Passed by the Niue Assembly
- ANZAC Day Commemorations
- Presentation of Credentials Fiji High Commissioner

JUNE

- NZ PM Rt. Hon. Christopher Luxon visits Niue
- Joint Statement Released by Niue & NZ Leaders
- Opening of the Newly Resurfaced Runway – Hanan International Airport
- Presentation of Credentials, Japanese Ambassador
- Judicial Training Workshop

2024 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2024

JULY

- Visit by NZ Foreign Minister Rt. Hon Winston Peters, DPM.
 - Ground breaking of Phase 2 Renewable Energy project
- NPSC Induction Workshop
- New Members of Statutory Boards appointed
- Visit by the Indian High Commissioner
- PALMIO
 - Japan Honorary Consul Office Establishment, Honorary Consul Appointment
- WHO Handover of Oxygen Plant
- Signing of Niue & Solomon Islands Labour Mobility Pilot in Niue
- Guangdong & Zuhai Delegation visit to Niue
- Signing of the Japan Grant Aid for Economic and Social Development Programme.
- Niue honoured with two awards from the International Longevity Center United Kingdom for Health
- Work to improve Maritime Law
- 23rd Ministerial Forum Fisheries Committee Meeting & 5th Annual Fisheries Ministers Meeting.
- Changes to Niue Visa Exemptions and Permanent Residency for Passports – New Stickers & Service Fees
- FEMM 2024
 - Discussions with PCRIC regarding amendments to existing tropical cyclone parametric insurance policy
- CPA Benchmark Assessment

OCTOBER

- Presentation of Credentials by Swiss Ambassador
- Governor General visits Niue
- 50th Constitution Celebrations
 - VIP Guests – GG, Ulu o Tokelau, Cook Islands PM & Fiji President
- Niue & China Roading Upgrade and Equipment Support (BCN) handover

DECEMBER

- Launch of NOW Trust Grant for Village Communities
- Presentation of Credentials, New Australian High Commissioner

AUGUST

- PACP Officials Meeting, Suva
- 3rd Reading – Constitutional Amendments Passed
- Villiage Council Elections
- Re-engagement of MAMs
- MOSS launches official logo for the 50years
- Public Health receives report on Niue's Ground water
- PNG PM Hon. James Marape visits Niue
- 53rd Pacific Islands Forum Leader Meeting in Tonga
 - Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the Republic of the Marshall Is
- New Fire Rescue Truck
- Referendum to amend the Constitution held
- Tidal Gauge Hut Opening
- Upgrades to Prepaid power meters
- Handover of Ride on Mowers to Village Councils

SEPTEMBER

- SPREP Workshop – Access to Climate Finance
- Presentation of Credentials – EU Ambassador
- Temporary Conclusion of MAM Roles
- Presentation of Credentials – Korean Ambassador
- 7th Pacific Media Summit hosted on island
- Launch of Refreshed Government Website
- National ICT Symposium
- Niue National Security Committee reconvenes.

NOVEMBER

- SRI CHIN MOY Peace Run
- Labour Mobility – Pilot Begins with Nurses from the Solomon Islands
- COP29 in Baku, Azerbaijan
 - Launch of Niue Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs)
- Airport Perimeter Fencing Upgrade
- New Power Station Soft Opening
- Niue PM & Delegation Visit Wellington
 - Meetings with NZ PM and Senior Officials
 - Presentation of Credentials (Cuba, Israel & Türkiye).

2025 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2025

FEBRUARY

- Launch of Niue Community of Practice, to accelerate climate action in the Pacific.
- Implementation Review of the UN Convention Against Corruption of Niue
- PM joined the Ocean Summit Honiara, Solomon Islands
- PMCU
 - GCF Fraud Awareness Workshop
 - Community & Stakeholder Consultations on Climate Finance.
 - Launch of 3 Booklets

APRIL

- Niue Arts Festival 2025
- SPREP hosts a Capacity Building workshop.
- St John First Aid Training
- First Night Flight by Air NZ since 2013
- Ministerial Visit by NZ for ANZAC Day

JUNE

- UNICEF Consultations
- Blue Economy and Finance Forum, Monaco
- UNOC3 Oceans Conference, Nice France
 - BBNJ Agreement Signed
- Import Duty on Vehicles 15yrs + implemented
- Niue MET unveils Tidal Gauge Signage

JULY

- Transport Staff Recognition Ceremony for Completion of Technical Training
- Host 2nd National Energy Summit to advance 2035 Energy Roadmap
- UNTAD Mission to support ASYCUDA System. (HM Customs)
- Pacific Regional and Security Conference, Fiji
- Handover of Disaster Preparedness Equipment from Japan to NDMO
- Hosted 6th Regional Fisheries Ministers Meeting and 24th FFC Ministers Meeting.
- Final Evaluation of Labour Mobility Pilot – Successful
- Niue Education AI & Digital Transformation workshop
- Niue mutual evaluation on AML/CFT/TF under the APG and FATF completed

MARCH

- Niue partners with PHARMA+ to transform Agricultural Sector
- HIGH Level Meetings in Wellington
- NZ Announces
 - Funding Support for Design and Construction of Justice Building.
 - SME Support
- Presentation of Credentials
 - PNG, Canada & Chile
- UNDP Country Implementation Plan Workshop
- UN Resident Coordination & UNDP Representative visit
- Host SPREP Regional Workshop to strengthen integration of traditional knowledge and gender into climate services.

MAY

- Hosted Annual FFC Forum Fisheries Officials Meeting
- FFA Director General visit
- Launch of the Niue Kaina Development Trust
 - Extension of the Matavai Resort Management Agreement with Scenic Group
- Special Session of the Niue Assembly
 - PM meets with NZ Auditor General.
- Niue Launches National Security Strategy
- Community Alerts – Active on GON Website Notice Board
- Minister Finance signs off consolidated financial statements for year ended 30 June 2024.
- 3rd China Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers Meeting & Zhuhai Visit

AUGUST

- Cook Islands 60th Constitution Celebrations
- Visit by IOM
- Public Consultation on the Tax Administration Bill
- PR Status granted for 22 new Residents

2025 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2025

SEPTEMBER

- New Chief of Police Appointed
- Heavy Machinery and Vehicle Vocational Training by Manaaki, NZ.
- Niue welcomes new Judge to the Niue High Court and Court of Appeal.
- 54th Pacific Islands Leader Forum, Honiara Solomon Islands.
- PNG 50th Anniversary Celebrations
- NOW secures funding from Bezos Foundation
- Official Opening of Refurbished BCN Building
- New UN Resident Coordinator presents Credentials

NOVEMBER

- Niue Joins Disaster Risk Management Minister Meeting, Palau
- Niue Research Symposium Auckland
- Inaugural Annual Leaders Meeting between Niue & New Zealand
 - Signing of Political Declaration between the Prime Minister of New Zealand and the Prime Minister of Niue
- Visits to Niue Communities in Wellington & Christchurch
- Swearing in of New Judge of the Niue High Court and Court of Appeal, Wellington
- COP30 Belem Brazil
- Signing of Japan Grant Aid Programme
- Courtesy Call to Governor General in and over the Realm of NZ.
- Launch of ASY Hub post CDS project to modernise Customs.
- Niue Immigration launch of ASY PX Border Management System

OCTOBER

- Ministerial Talanoa for COP31, Sydney
- Niue Advances Disaster Preparedness with PCRIC
- National Village Cleaning Day Programme
- Presentation of Credentials by WHO Rep
- SPC Country Mission to support Pacific Education Systems
- Swearing in of New Chief of Police and 5 police constables
- Island Wide Clean up initiative/activity
- Launch of 2025 STEPS Fact Sheet
- Statistics Office Release business establishment census finding
- Visit by Japanese Ambassador
 - Project Handover for the Grassroots to NHS, – Multipurpose classroom and solar panels
- 51st Constitution Celebrations
 - Niue Honours Awards

DECEMBER

- Announcement of Fuel Price Increases
- Pacific Islands Foreign Ministers Meeting in Seoul, South Korea
- Convening of the Niue Cyber Workshop
 - Niue Cyber Roadshow
- Launch of National Disaster Emergency Plan
- Stats Niue launches Niue Vital Stats Analytical Report 2017-2021
- PM Office Christmas Cards created by NPS Students for 2025
- Fuel Retail Price Adjustment

2026 PERFORMANCE AT A GLANCE

2026 ONWARDS

JANUARY

- Presentation of Credentials New Australian High Commissioner
- State Funeral – Passing of Former Premier Hon. Sani Elia Lakatani

MARCH

- Final Sitting of the 18th Niue Assembly
- Dissolution of the 18th Government of Niue
- Monitoring of Fuel & Essential Supplies & National Fuel Response Taskforce Established.
- Strengthening of National Connectivity with temporary Starlink licence
- Ministerial Talonoa on COP31 in Brisbane
- NPSC Manaaki NZ Vocational Short-term in country training
- Global Forum on Transparency and Exchange of Information for Tax Purposes: Niue Peer Review (second round) completed.

WORK IN PROGRESS

- Lakepa Seatrack Project funded by NOW
- Renewal and Review of all Government Statutory Boards
- Niue Courts and Administration building construction
- Phase 2 Renewable Energy Project and reticulation upgrades
- Superannuation Scheme
- Land Law Review
- Structural Reforms of the Niue Public Service
- Niue Wharf Project – Feasibility Study
- DAFF/MNR Building Renovations (ongoing)
- China Roding Phase 2
- Utuko Business Complex
- Retirement Village – Aged Care Facility NIU CARES+
- Humanitarian and Emergency Response Warehouse
- Asset Management Plan and Huihui Depot
- Fale Fono 1 Renovations
- Niue High Commission Residence Renovations
- Auckland Consular General Establishment
- Support for Village Women’s Groups
- Airport Terminal Upgrades
- Niue Infrastructure Investment Plan (NIIP)
- Water and Waste Project network upgrades
- Village Water Tank Upgrades
- Increased use of digital platforms by government agencies i.e. Digital Transformation, online applications

FEBRUARY

- Establishment of Diplomatic Relations with the Federal Republic of Germany
- Education Implements program to improve Literacy, Numeracy & Bilingual Education.
- Australian Foreign Minister Visits Niue

APRIL

- Fuel Price Adjustment
- Niue High School Cultural Performance
- Liku Village Seatrack Project funded by NOW
- Signing of Shipping & Fuel Agreements with MATSON
- Launch of Cervical Screening Program
- Aho Taonaga Tufuga Koli moe Lologo Fakamotu 2025
- Niue Statistics Release publications
- ANZAC Day Commemorations
- Completion of Assessment on Identifying Niue’s most critical transport links
- Soft Launch of Niue Cabinet Handbook

STATUS UPDATES FROM 2023

END OF 2023 WORK IN PROGRESS	STATUS
Mid-term review of all Government statutory boards	Ongoing
Runway reseal project	Completed
Runway perimeter fencing	Completed
New Government computer network rollout	Completed
Public Expenditure and Financial Accountability (PEFA) review	Ongoing
Land Law review	Ongoing
Superannuation scheme structural reform of the Niue Public Service	In progress/Semi Complete
DAFF / MOI building renovations (Changed to MNR Headquarters)	In Progress
National Development Project	Ongoing
Urban areas development	Ongoing
Village bush and sea track reconditioning projects	Ongoing
Pilot project between Penina Trust (Auckland, New Zealand) and Niue Fooou Hospital, Ministry of Social Services, Government of Niue – community support services for residents under the Niue Medical Transfer Scheme	Completed / Ongoing
ASYCUDA World project – new customs system implemented	Completed / Ongoing
PACER Plus qualifications recognition and labour mobility project	Ongoing
Variations to the Niue Fooou Hospital isolation unit	Ongoing
Niue Nukutuluea Multi-Use Marine Park project	Completed
GCCA and SUPA project with SPC – water scarcity project (design and implementation)	Ongoing
New Courts and Administration Building	In Progress
China-aided road rehabilitation project Phase 1	Completed
Global Environment Facility (GEF-8) funding cycle	Ongoing
GEF 7 Funding Cycle for Sustainable Law and Non-Chemical Development in Small Island States project	Ongoing
Fish factory renovation	Ongoing
Niue High School clinic renovations and upgrade	Ongoing
Amanau Fuel Tanks	Completed
Wharf fuel tanks removal	Completed
Waste Management Centre – waste facility opening	Completed

STATUS LEGEND

Status Meaning

Completed Delivered and operational (or delivered with ongoing monitoring/operations).

In progress Active delivery underway (work has commenced).

CHALLENGES

The period from 2023 to 2026 continued to test the Government. While Niue—along with the rest of the world—has moved beyond the immediate impacts of COVID-19, longer-term economic, social, and security effects remain. These pressures have been compounded by global disruptions to supply chains and energy markets, including fuel price shocks.

As we moved from crisis response to recovery, the Government focused on resilience, compassion, and sound decision-making, with an ongoing commitment to safeguarding Niue's stability and wellbeing of its people.

Beyond the pandemic, the post-COVID environment has brought persistent and emerging pressures. Key challenges during the term included:

- **Economic pressures:** Continued support to businesses and households to assist economic recovery, manage inflationary pressures, and respond to rising costs of living—particularly those linked to fuel—through targeted assistance, tax relief, repayment flexibility, and subsidies for essential goods and services.
- **Healthcare demands:** Ongoing investment to sustain primary healthcare, support and retain health workers, respond to non-communicable diseases, and maintain preparedness for future public health emergencies, including the needs of an ageing population. Maintaining and strengthening healthcare services remains a priority. Ongoing investment has been required to ensure continuous primary healthcare delivery, retain and support health workers, respond to non-communicable diseases.
- **Infrastructure constraints:** Rising costs of fuel, materials, and freight affecting road maintenance, airport and seaport operations, water systems, power generation, machinery, and the maintenance and resilience of Government buildings and critical assets.
- **Infrastructure demands** – Meeting national infrastructure needs continues to pose a significant challenge, particularly in the context of rising costs associated with fuel, materials and freight. These pressures affect road maintenance, airport and port operations, water storage and reticulation systems, power generation, government machinery, pipes and cabling, as well as the maintenance and resilience of Government buildings and critical assets.

DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS

Niue has established formal diplomatic relations with 28 countries. These partnerships support Niue through technical cooperation, development assistance, and access to international resources when requested and aligned with national priorities.

During the 2023–2026 term, the Government of Niue established formal diplomatic relations with eight (8) new countries:

DIPLOMATIC PARTNER	ESTABLISHED
Republic of Korea (South Korea)	29th May 2023
Israel	1 st August 2023
Switzerland	9 th August 2023
Canada	12th September 2023
United States of America	26th September 2023
Republic of Fiji	7th November 2023
Republic of the Marshall Islands	26 th August 2024
Federal Republic of Germany	7 th January 2026

Niue also established its first Honorary Consulate on 10 July 2024 in Tokyo, Japan, marking a historic expansion of Niue's diplomatic presence beyond New Zealand. It gave Niue a permanent “eyes and ears on the ground” presence in a key strategic partner country, strengthening bilateral relations with Japan, supporting tourism, trade, and development cooperation, advancing priorities such as ocean conservation and climate advocacy, and providing direct representation and support for Niue's interests in the Indo Pacific.

This marks a significant acceleration of Niue's diplomatic engagement, including the establishment of relations with three G7 countries (United States, Canada, and Germany) during the term.

In addition to these formalised relationships, Niue continues engagement at varying stages with several other countries, with discussions focused on recognition, diplomatic formalisation, and cooperation frameworks.

These diplomatic recognitions strengthen Niue's international standing and can be leveraged to support applications and participation in international and multilateral organisations, including bodies such as the United Nations system, international financial institutions, and global development funds, consistent with Niue's long-term foreign policy and development objectives.



NIUE INTERNATIONAL TRUST FUND

Since 2020, the Niue International Trust Fund has demonstrated steady long-term growth despite periodic market volatility. The balance increased from \$64.1 million (30 June 2020) to \$80.7 million (30 June 2025), reflecting prudent investment management and generally favourable market conditions. A modest decline in 2022 was attributable to losses within the ANZ portfolio, which were recovered in subsequent years.

As of 31 March 2026, the Fund balance stood at \$80,662,776. February and March 2026 saw sharp market declines linked to geopolitical instability associated with the Iran conflict, temporarily eroding gains made earlier in the year. By 30 April 2026, the Fund had rebounded to \$83,793,269 as markets recovered. While this recovery is encouraging, global conditions are expected to remain volatile. Overall, the Fund continues to provide an important long-term fiscal buffer for Niue.

FUND BALANCE FROM 2020 – Onwards

DATE	BALANCE
6/30/2020	\$64,085,686
6/30/2021	\$64,367,665
6/30/2022	\$63,788,125*
6/30/2023	\$68,582,644
6/30/2024	\$72,557,713
6/30/2025	\$80,662,626
3/31/2026	\$80,662,776**
4/30/2026	\$83,793,269***

*Reason for decrease – loss on ANZ

** February/March saw sharp declines due to the Iran war, wiping out gains made earlier in the year.

***Markets largely recovered (as at 30 April 2026) from the February/March losses; volatility is expected to continue.

ACTS & REGULATIONS

Acts and Regulations enacted since June 2023 – 2026

NO.	ACT/REGULATION	ENACTED
Act 371	Covid-19 Validation and Revocation of Regulations Act 2023	2023
Act 370	Appropriation (Annual) Act 2023	2023
Reg 2023 – 01	Family Relationships Regulations 2023	2023
Reg 2023 – 02	Immigration (Covid-19) Regulations 2023	2023
Reg 2023 – 03	Niue Assembly (Election And By-Election Nomination Fees) Regulations 2023	2023
Act 371	Covid-19 Validation and Revocation of Regulations Act 2023	2023
Act 372	Niue (Sexual Offences) Amendment Act 2024	5/06/2024
Act 373	Appropriation (Annual) Act 2024	01/07/2024
Act 374	Price Control on Imported Goods for Resale In Niue (Price Control Board) Amendment Act 2024	03/07/2024
Act 375	Broadcasting (Board of Directors) Amendment Act 2024	04/07/2024
Act 376	Constitution (Title of Head of Government) Amendment Act 2024	03/09/2024
Act 377	Constitution (Auditor-General) Amendment Act 2024	03/09/2024
Reg 2024 – 01	Gambling Regulations 2024	2024
Reg 2024 – 02	Merchant Shipping (Registration of Foreign Vessels) Fees Regulations 2024	2024
Act 378	Appropriation (Annual) Act 2025	30/06/2025
Act 379	Tax Administration Act 2025	01/12/2025
Act 380	Income Tax Amendment Act 2025	01/12/2025
Act 381	Niue Consumption Tax Amendment Act 2025	01/12/2025
Act 382	Departure Tax Amendment Act 2025	01/12/2025
Act 383	Territorial Sea and Exclusive Economic Zone 2025(International Cooperation) Amendment Act 2025	01/12/2025
No.2025/01	Customs Tariff (Import Duty on Vehicles aged 15 years or over) Order 2025	30/05/2024
No.2025/02	Pensions and Benefits Amendment Regulations 2025	26/08/2025
No.2025/03	Pensions and Benefits Regulations 2025	15/10/2025
Act 386	Communications Act 2026	2026
Act 387	Civil Aviation Reform Act 2026	2026



NIUE HONOURS 2023-2025

2023	AWARD
Mrs. Taumalua Jackson	NPSM
Ms. Tifaole Ioane	NPSM
Mrs. Fouasosa Tohovaka	NCSS
Mrs. Talakaima Sakaki Sauni	NCSS
Mr. Michael Jackson	NCSS

2024	AWARD
Mrs Lapati Paka	NDSC
Hon. Tama Lata Posimani	NDSC
Hon. Billy Graham Talagi	NDSC
Mr Tamatoa Misikea	NCSS
Mrs Beckys Tauasi	NCSS
Mrs Minemaligi Pulu	NPSM
Mr Sionetasi Pulehetoa	NPSM

2025	AWARD
Hon. Va'aiga Paotama Tukuitonga	NDSC
Hon. Hima Ikimotu Douglas	NDSC
Mrs Ketiligi Saniteli Fereti	NPSM
Reverend Hariesa Faitala	NCSS
Mr. Bill Joe Potiki Tulevihi	NCSS

NDSC - Niue Distinguished Service Cross

NPSM - Niue Public Service Medal

NCSS - Niue Community Service Star

ACHIEVEMENTS SUMMARY 2023–2026

From 2023 to 2026, the Government of Niue delivered meaningful progress for the nation—strengthening governance, protecting our ocean and environment, improving essential infrastructure, and raising Niue’s voice on the world stage. Despite capacity and resource challenges, this period marked significant national milestones and laid strong foundations for the future.

Strong Leadership and Modern Governance

- A new government was formed following the 2023 General Election, providing stable leadership for Niue during a period of major reform.
- The Government successfully modernised Niue’s constitutional framework, including the historic change of title from Premier to Prime Minister, reflecting Niue’s evolving governance arrangements.
- A constitutional referendum and legislative amendments strengthened accountability and updated key institutions.
- The Government delivered the 50th Anniversary of Niue’s Self-Government, with well-attended national celebrations that honoured Niue’s history, culture, and identity.
- Cabinet and executive systems were maintained at a high level, ensuring decisions were made lawfully, transparently, and in the national interest.

A Stronger International Voice for Niue

- Niue significantly expanded its diplomatic footprint, establishing and strengthening relationships with partners across the Pacific and beyond.
- High-level engagement took place at major international and regional meetings, including Pacific Islands Forum Leaders Meetings, United Nations sessions, and global climate and ocean conferences.
- Strong partnerships—particularly with New Zealand, Australia, China, Japan and Pacific neighbours—delivered tangible benefits for Niue in infrastructure, energy, health, and disaster resilience.
- Niue enhanced its global reputation as a principled, solutions-focused small island state advocating for climate action and ocean protection.

Leadership on Climate Action and Ocean Protection

- Niue continued to lead the world in ocean conservation through Niue Ocean Wide (NOW), including the establishment of the NOW Trust to support long-term, sustainable financing for marine protection.
- Niue signed the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), reinforcing its commitment to protecting the global ocean.
- Updated Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) set ambitious renewable energy and emissions targets.
- Climate monitoring and preparedness were strengthened through improved forecasting, tidal gauges, and community awareness initiatives.

Investing in Infrastructure and Energy Security

- The Hanan International Airport runway was resurfaced and upgraded, improving safety, reliability, and national connectivity.
- Airport security systems, perimeter fencing, and supporting infrastructure were strengthened.
- Major progress was made toward Niue’s renewable energy transition, reducing reliance on diesel and improving long-term energy security.
- Planning and delivery advanced on key nation-building projects, including a new Justice Building, transport upgrades, and community infrastructure and access such as sea tracks.

- Donor partnerships and innovative financing supported long-term development while protecting public finances.

Supporting Health, Education, Culture and Communities

- Leadership and workforce capacity were strengthened across health, education, justice, and social services.
- Labour mobility initiatives—particularly in the health sector—helped address workforce needs while creating opportunities through regional partnerships.
- Cultural pride and creativity flourished through the Niue Tāoga Arts Festival, international cultural participation, and new artist-in-residence programmes.
- Communities benefited from village grants, women’s group support, youth initiatives, and improved access to digital government services.
- National commemorations and community events reinforced unity, wellbeing, and cultural identity.

Building National Security and Resilience

- Niue launched its first National Security Strategy, providing a clear framework for protection, sovereignty, disaster preparedness, and national resilience.
- Disaster risk financing, insurance, and preparedness arrangements were strengthened with regional and international partners.
- Modern digital systems were introduced for civil registration, immigration, border management, and customs, improving service delivery and data integrity.

Responsible Financial Management and Public Service Commitment

- The Government improved financial governance through stronger budgeting, audit clearance, and expenditure discipline.
- Despite ongoing staffing and capacity pressures, essential services and executive functions were delivered without disruption.
- Public servants demonstrated resilience and dedication, maintaining high standards of service during a demanding reform and delivery agenda.

Looking Ahead

The 2023–2026 period represents a time of significant achievement and transition for Niue. The Government concluded its term having strengthened institutions, expanded international partnerships, protected Niue’s ocean heritage, and invested in the foundations of a resilient and prosperous future for all Niueans.

NIUE STATISTICS

Table 1: Key National Indicators – Recovery Snapshot (2020–2024)

(Official data to 2024; figures rounded)

Indicator	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
GDP growth (%)	-10.0	-2.1	0.8	8.9	3.8
Visitor arrivals (number)	1,302	180	3,932	9,445	12,418
Tourism earnings (NZD million)	0.8	0.2	2.25	6.15	9.96
Inflation (CPI, %)	1.0	4.6	3.6	8.6	2.3
Resident population (persons)	1,620	1,615	1,670	1,681	1,666

- **2020–2021:** Severe but contained pandemic shock.
- **2022:** Borders reopen; economy stabilises.
- **2023: Exceptional rebound year** across growth and tourism.
- **2024: Recovery consolidated** – tourism at record levels, inflation easing, economy stabilising.

“Niue moved decisively from pandemic shock to recovery and into a period of renewed growth, with tourism and economic activity now exceeding pre-COVID levels.”



NIUES NATIONAL PERFORMANCE SINCE 2023

Niue has achieved one of its strongest post-COVID recoveries on record, with robust economic growth, a full tourism rebound, easing inflation, and strengthened international engagement. While structural challenges remain, the overall trajectory since 2023 is positive and resilient.

1. Strong Economic Recovery and Growth

Niue experienced significant economic expansion during 2023–2024, reflecting a successful transition out of the COVID-19 recovery phase.

- GDP rose sharply in 2023 (approximately 8–9%), followed by continued growth of around 3–4% in 2024, placing Niue among the stronger performing Pacific economies in relative terms.
- Nominal GDP reached its highest recorded level by 2024–2025, reflecting increased services activity, public investment, and tourism-related spending.
- Growth was underpinned by major infrastructure works, public sector stability, and the return of international connectivity.

Note: This period confirms that strategic investments and sound fiscal support delivered real economic dividends.

2. Tourism: A Clear National Success Story

Tourism has been the stand-out performer since 2023 and is now firmly re-established as a growth pillar.

- Visitor arrivals nearly tripled, rising from under 4,000 in 2022 to over 12,400 in 2024, exceeding pre-pandemic levels.
- Tourism earnings increased more than four-fold, from approximately \$2.3 million in 2022 to nearly \$10 million in 2024, with further growth continuing in early 2025.
- Air travel capacity stabilised, while yacht arrivals and seasonal peaks reached record levels, broadening Niue's visitor mix.

Note: Tourism recovery demonstrates strong international confidence in Niue as a destination, and validates recent investments in marketing, access, and services.

3. Inflation Pressures Easing

Like many small island economies, Niue faced elevated imported inflation following global supply shocks.

- Inflation peaked during 2023, driven by fuel, freight, and food imports.
- By 2024–2025, inflation moderated significantly, falling back toward the 2–4% range, improving household purchasing conditions.
- CPI rebasing and updated data systems have strengthened monitoring and policy responsiveness.

Note: The easing inflation trend reflects improving global conditions and domestic resilience, supporting economic stability.

Population Stability and Human Capital

- Niue's resident population has remained broadly stable at around 1,660–1,680 people, maintaining service viability and social cohesion despite regional migration pressures.
- Ongoing mobility reflects Niue's constitutional and family ties, while also supporting

skills circulation and remittance flows.

Note: Population movements remain manageable and are not detracting from economic recovery or service delivery.

5. External Accounts and Fiscal Context

- Import levels rose alongside economic activity, reflecting higher infrastructure works and household consumption.
- Tourism earnings and external support continued to offset structural trade imbalances, ensuring macroeconomic stability.
- Updated Balance of Payments data confirms continued confidence and predictability in Niue's economic framework.

Overall Assessment

From 2023 to the present, Niue has:

- ✓ Achieved strong economic growth
- ✓ Fully restored and expanded tourism activity
- ✓ Improved inflation conditions
- ✓ Maintained stability through global uncertainty
- ✓ Strengthened confidence in Niue's long-term prospects

Conclusion:

Niue has emerged from the post-pandemic period in a position of renewed strength, with clear economic momentum and solid foundations for the next phase of national development.





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May we continue to work collaboratively in our efforts to create a prosperous Niue and develop our Niue ko Kaina—Working together to protect the people and the environment.



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