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GroFed was established in 2008. It has 1,200 members and covers 17 districts. It focuses mainly on marketing, on farm support, and advocacy. Its vision is a Profitable and Sustainable Growth of the Tongan Agricultural Sector. Its mission is to be a peak industry body representing the interest of private sector growers, producers, processors and exporters achieving its vision through sector leadership, advocacy, farm extension services, and addressing export pathway and market access issues. Its strategic objectives include: peak organization that is financially, environmentally and socially sustainable; sustainable water supply for growers; public goods that benefits growers and exporters; agro-based import substitution; healthy livestock; and socially responsible for growers. Its achievements include: exporting of growers produces; influencing at high level policy-making with unified vision of the industry players; coordinating and contributing to the production of Tonga's first even Agricultural Sector Plan; and contribution to addressing the market access issues such as prioritization and putting up of facilities to assist in market access.



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Mainstreaming Of Rural Development Innovation (MORDI) Tonga Trust



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Mainstreaming of Rural Development Innovation (MORDI) Tonga Trust is a Non-Government Organization in Tonga that focuses its help on isolated remote rural communities within Tonga. It helps to shift the communities' way of thinking in order to help them advance into a better state of living, one which is more sustainable. The Programme, which became operational in 2005, has four distinct objectives: (i) institutional strengthening of existing community-based organizations (CBOs) of youth and women as well as community institutions; (ii) increase employment and sustainable livelihood opportunities especially for youth and women; (iii) documentation of sharing of learning from best practices and innovations across the region; and (iv) establishment of sustainable processes that enable remote rural communities to link with national policy and planning processes.

The goal of the project is to “contribute to the improved sustainable livelihoods of vulnerable communities in rural areas of Tonga”. The development objective is to “strengthen the capacity of target communities to plan and manage their development priorities in order to achieve improved sustainable livelihoods”.

Tonga Trust empowers the rural isolated communities to fight against poverty. This is achievable through provision of skill development trainings and implementation of community development projects. Working in partnership with other organization's MORDI Tonga is able to educate these communities and move them into a better state of well-being.

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Nishi Trading



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Nishi Trading was founded in the early 70s and operated by Minoru Nishi Snr until 2008 when he retired and his son, Minoru Nishi Jr, took over as Managing Director.

Nishi Trading began as a commercial farm for exports, diversifying over the years to include Imports and complementary services such as a farming supplies store, a quarry for manufactured and raw construction materials, a pest management service, training center, a foundation for community support and most recently, built Tonga's first international standard, food processing facility in partnership with IACT.

Nishi Trading's processing facility has become the Pacific's first Sea Container Hygiene System (SCHS) approved warehouse by New Zealand's Ministry of Prime Industries (MPI).

With a vision to lift international recognition for Quality export products from Tonga, Nishi Trading continues to invest in local produce, working with farmers, government and other stakeholders to further develop the Agriculture Industry in Tonga.

Managing Director, Minoru Nishi Jr says "...it is of utmost importance that we ensure our produce is looked after from the fields of our small farmers to the plates of our customers".