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“Coordination of Relief Efforts for Tonga Underway.”

On Friday, January 21st, several cabinet leaders met with the Chief of Staff to discuss plans to provide humanitarian support to the island nation of Tonga.

In a written letter dated January 19th to his Royal Highness King Tupou VI, Governor Lemanu expressed his concern over the grave disaster caused by the recent volcanic eruption in the South Pacific.

“I wish to convey our heartfelt sympathy to the people of Tonga for the loss of lives, the displacement of families, the widespread damages to property and infrastructure, and the excruciating pain that ensues,” stated Governor Lemanu. He continued, “On behalf of Lieutenant Governor Talauega E. V. Ale and our families, and on behalf of the people of American Samoa, our thoughts and prayers are with you; and we send our deepest condolences to the grieving families of the victims and all those affected by this calamity.”

The activities and events that will allow the general public to donate will be finalized in a meeting early next week. The expected kickoff date for this initiative will be Wednesday, January 26th, 2022.

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