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DEFINITION OF YOUTH

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CANDIDACY AGE

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Male homosexual acts illegal. Female homosexual acts legal. No specific legislation for same-sex marriage. Source: UNSID, ILGA

VOTING AGE

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Source: Inter-Parliamentary Union

CRIMINAL RESPONSIBILITY

Minimum Age

Between 10-14 years, a person is not criminally responsible if it can be proven that the person lacked capacity to know that the act was wrong. Source: Penal Code of Tuvalu (1965)

POLICY & LEGISLATION

According to a 2013 report by the UN Human Rights Council, the Draft Tuvalu National Youth Policy (2012-2016) commits to providing opportunities to develop the “personal, physical, social, economic, mental and spiritual potential of young people”. It emphasises the need for coordination among government, NGOs, private sector and the community to address youth issues. According to the report, drafted in January 2013, the youth policy is awaiting Cabinet endorsement. To date, there is no indication that the youth policy has been approved.

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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SITUATION OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Prevalence of HIV

- Male (15-24) %
- Female (15-24) %

Tobacco use

- Male (15-24) %
- Female (15-24) %


Gaps indicate missing data from the original data source.

BUDGET & SPENDING

Is there a national youth policy?

DRAFT

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What is the budget allocated to the governmental authority (ministry, department or office) that is primarily responsible for youth and/or...
A 2006 UNICEF report describes a Department of Youth within the Ministry of Home Affairs and Rural Development. This department was responsible for the implementation of the National Youth Policy 2005-2010. It is also mandated to collaborate with the Tuvalu National Youth Council, as described on the Pacific Youth Council website. However, it is unclear if this department still exists. It may now reside within the Ministry, Education, Youth, Sports and Health, which appears to have gained the youth portfolio in the 2010 cabinet.

**YOUTH AND REPRESENTATION**

The Tuvalu National Youth Council (TNYC) was established in 1978, according to a description on the website of the Pacific Youth Council, the umbrella organisation for councils in the Pacific region. Its vision is “to be a recognised NGO that promotes, fosters and empowers the holistic development of young people of Tuvalu to become active citizens and leaders”. It is comprised of 13 affiliated youth organisations and focuses on the areas of spiritual development, culture, education, law, health, economic empowerment and environment.

**BUDGET & SPENDING**

No budgetary information could be found online regarding youth spending in Tuvalu. The World Bank does not calculate spending on education as a percentage of government expenditure or GDP for Tuvalu from 2000.

**TOTAL EXPENDITURE ON EDUCATION AS A PERCENTAGE OF GOVERNMENT SPENDING AND GDP**

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