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OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES December 2023

Tonga's official foreign reserves continued to strengthen in December 2023, surging by an additional \$9.7 million to reach \$901.7 million. This level equates to 11.6 months of imports, surpassing the IMF recommended threshold of 7.5 months. The increase in foreign reserve was mainly due to higher Government receipts and remittances, underlining financial resilience. Foreign reserves increased by \$32.8 million compared to the previous year.

OFFICIAL FOREIGN RESERVES (Millions of Pa'anga)

	<u>Level</u>	<u>Changes</u>		<u>Ratio of official foreign reserves to imports (months)</u>
		<u>Month</u>	<u>12 Months</u>	
<u>2022</u>				
Apr	884.0	22.6	204.4	14.9
May	880.4	-3.6	190.9	14.7
Jun	871.2	-9.2	155.9	14.4
Jul	884.8	13.6	180.1	14.2
Aug	871.0	-13.8	19.3	13.8
Sep	895.3	24.2	138.2	13.7
Oct	877.0	-18.3	120.0	13.0
Nov	866.2	-10.8	82.3	12.6
Dec	868.9	2.7	51.4	12.3
<u>2023</u>				
Jan	911.1	42.2	55.0	12.8
Feb	911.2	0.1	43.9	12.6
Mar	883.7	-27.4	22.3	12.0
Apr	860.5	-23.2	-23.5	11.4
May	864.8	4.3	-15.6	11.5
June	921.4	56.6	50.2	12.0
July	945.2	23.7	60.3	12.3
Aug	920.0	-25.2	48.9	11.9
Sep	886.1	-33.8	-9.1	11.4
Oct	891.2	5.1	14.2	11.4
Nov	892.0	0.8	25.8	11.4
Dec	901.7	9.7	32.8	11.6

Source: National Reserve Bank of Tonga