

# Musk contributes satellite equipment to reconnect Tonga



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Tonga states area business owner and Tesla creator Elon Musk has actually contributed 50 satellite terminals to assistance the volcano-damaged Pacific island reconnect with the world.

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Musk's Space X corporation is offering 50 very-small-aperture terminals (VSAT) "and we are looking at how we can finest make use of it," Prime Minister Siaosi Sovaleni stated Friday.

The small South Pacific kingdom was likewise thinking about provides to boost Tonga's web capability, which has actually been operating on a really little bandwidth considering that the cable television was broken.

"It's something we are screening right now," he stated.

Technical personnel from SpaceX and the Tonga Government were working on setting up the devices to have it functional from next week.

The volcanic eruption, so effective it was heard as far away as Alaska and set off a tsunami that flooded shorelines around the Pacific, shredded an 80-kilometre (50 miles) stretch of Tonga's undersea telecom cable television.

Sovaleni stated he anticipated short-term repairwork to be finished early next week.

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