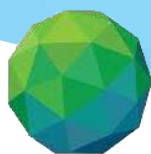


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LTA site visit with Kew Consult and
King Construction Limited (KCL)

PROJECT UPDATE

Vaisigano Catchment Project



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A Word from the Green Climate Fund - Vaisigano Catchment Project Management Unit (GCF-PMU)

Talofa Lava and fa'amalo to each and everyone of the Implementing Agencies (IAs) and Collaborating agencies under the oversight and management of the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Executing Agency (EA) for the Government of Samoa (GoS) for the hard work put into implementing of the GCF-VCP work plan activities despite the community outbreak of the covid19 pandemic in Samoa and continuation of the State of Emergency (SoE).. Presented in this 27th Edition of the GCF-VCP Newsletter, are the updates of the months of March and April. It highlighted the progress to date of various activities implemented under the three (3) key Outputs of the GCF-VCP in the 2022 Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) by the leading IAs namely; the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI) and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) with oversight by the GCF Accredited Entity (AE)/UNDP.

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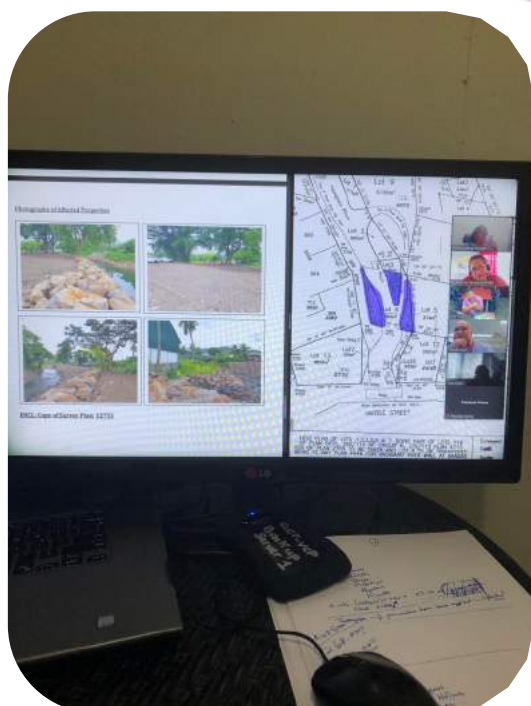
TRANSLATION OF THE APIA SPATIAL PLAN (ASP) INTO A SIMPLIFIED HANDBOOK

The MWTI signed the contract with Alo Mai Consultancy for the development of the simplified handbook for the Apia Spatial Plan (ASP) on 21st March 2022. The contract implementation is three (3) months, however, due to the level 3 COVID lockdown at the time, the first inception briefing with the successful consultant was delayed and took place only on 8th April 2022, when the GoS through MWTI resumed work under level 2 restrictions.



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REVIEW PROPOSED DESIGNS FOR CHANNELIZATION OF SEGMENTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE VAISIGANO RIVER INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON CHANNEL CAPACITY OF THE NEW LELATA BRIDGE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OPTIMIZING SCHEME DESIGN AND DURABILITY.



The negotiations with some of the affected landholders/families along Segment 3 and part of Segment 2 were held on Monday 4th April 2022, Tuesday 5th April 2022 and Monday, 11th April 2022. All landholder consulted were given two weeks to hold families consultations and review their respective valuation reports and survey plans of land to be taken before reverting to the MNRE and MWTI.

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As part of the Environmental and Social Safeguards (ESS) requirements, an inspection and survey was conducted for the inventory of losses (IOL) for the affected families in Segment 2 and 3 by the GCF-PMU Safeguards Team on Wednesday 16th March 2022, but was **incomplete due to the covid19 national lockdown**. The MWTI as the lead IA and GCF-PMU are planning to complete this process for the remaining affected families when SoE Order permit.



Preliminary IOL in Segment 2

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Following the individual consultations held in December 2021, Matai Survey were re-engaged to survey and peg the actual river-wall finish level/heights to assist with consultations with some of the affected families that were still concerned with the wall alignment. The survey and consultations took place on Wednesday 2nd March 2022.



Output 2, Activity 2.2.5

TRAIN MEMBERS OF LOCAL POPULATION ON THESE ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS BUSINESS INCUBATION FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL AGRIBUSINESS AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOOD-RELATED OPTIONS

The Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) requested for technical assistance for the Ecosystem based Adaptation Enterprise Development Programme (EbAEDP) grantees residing next to the Vaisigano riverbank, which lead to a site visit that took place on March 4th, 2022, by the lead IA MNRE and CSSP as the Implementing Partner to offer the needed assistance.

The CSSP are continuing ongoing monitoring visits to EbAEDP grantees, to monitor implementation progress during the covid19 pandemic.



Output 3, Activity 3.2.2

IMPLEMENTATION OF UPGRADES

The LTA with Kew Consult Ltd as the Drainage Works supervisor and King Construction Limited (KCL) as Construction Contractor were on a site visit on 16th March 2022, to confirm completion of the snag list/defects works.



Site 2: Convent St Central between Vaea St and Mulivai Stream (McDonald to Mulivai River)



Site 3: Savalalo St between Vaea St and Fugalei St (Body Shop to Manai Restaurant)



Site 9 - Beach Rd – in front of Mulivai Cathedral to Mulivai River



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GCF-VCP CEO FORUM

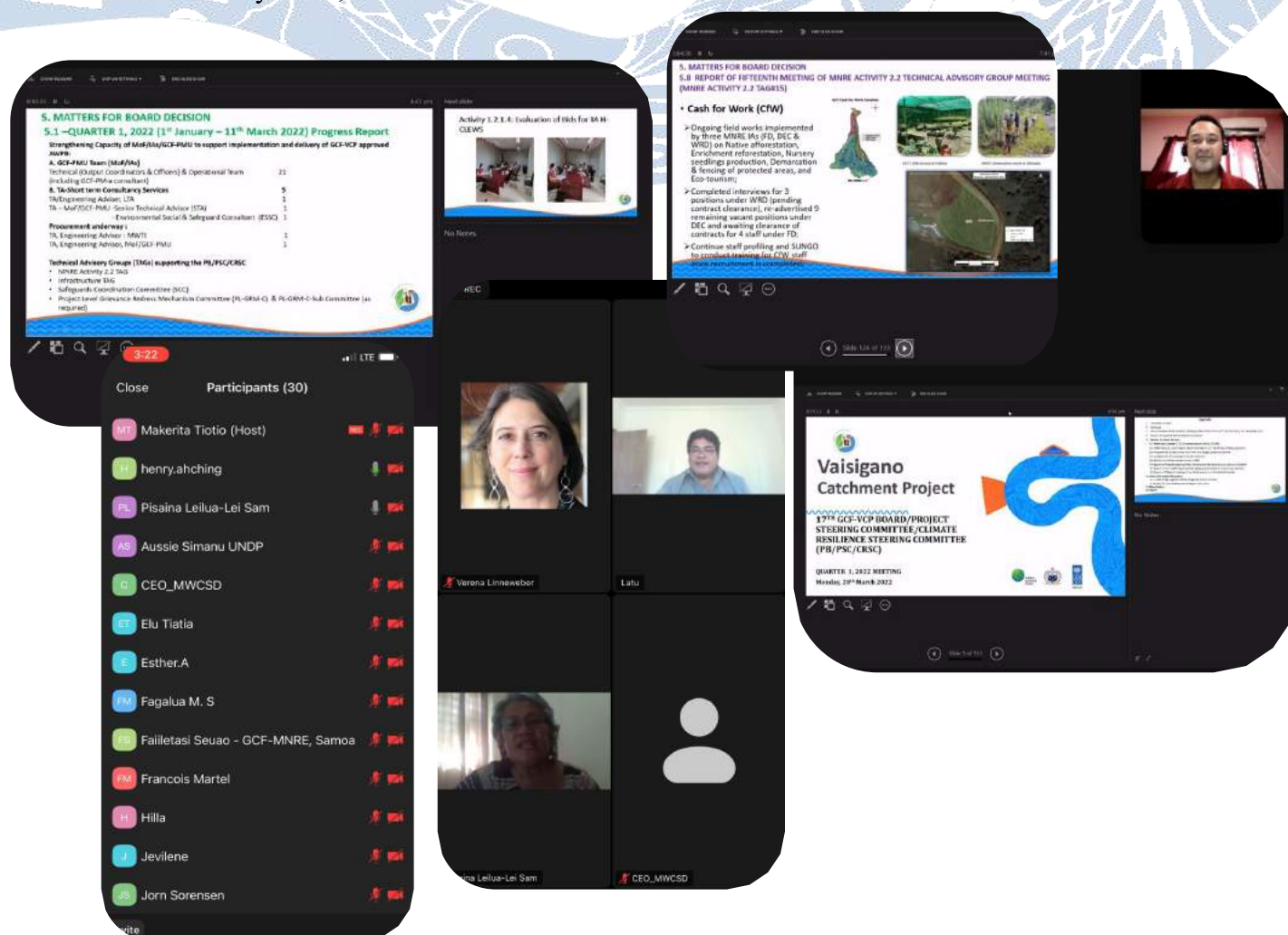
The first GCF-CEO Forum for 2022 was held on 16th March, 2022, to review challenges in implementation and providing guidance on moving implementation, review the V4-Restructure Proposal; Revised 2022 AWPB and MYWPB.



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GCF-VCP BOARD (PB#17)/PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC#17)/CLIMATE RESILIENCE STEERING COMMITTEE (CRSC#17))

The seventeenth (17th) PB/PSC (PB/PSC#17) meeting for Quarter 1 (Q1) 2022 was conducted virtually on 28th March 2022 and was well attended by relevant stakeholders and board members including MoF Acting Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) as chair, Chief Executive Officers (CEOs) of the LTA, MNRE and MWCSO, MWTI Acting CEO, Resident Representative of UNDP as GCF Accredited Entity. The meeting was initially confirmed for 23rd March 2022, however, due to the covid19 nationwide lockdown resulting from confirmed community cases, the PB/PSC was re-scheduled.



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INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (I-TAG) FOURTEENTH (I-TAG MEETING#14)



The meeting of the ITAG fourteenth (14th) was held on 11th March at MWTI conference room, at TATTE Building where updates, status and plans for the infrastructural work implementations were discussed.



Output 4

MNRE ACTIVITY 2.2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) FOURTEENTH MEETING (MNRE TAG MEETING#14)

The fourteenth (14th) MNRE TAG meeting was held at TATTE Building in the MNRE conference room on 16th March, 2022. Updates and way forward were discussed, to progress each activity under GCF-VCP Activity 2.2.





Upcoming Event:

- ♦ *MWTI, MNRE & GCF-PMU follow up negotiations from 4th-5th April 2022 with affected families - 2nd—3rd May 2022*

Request for Proposals Under Evaluation:

- ♦ *Payment for Ecosystem Services (PES) Coordinator - MNRE*
- ♦ *Technical Assistance-CLEWS - MoH*

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