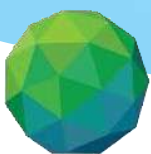




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A Word from the Green Climate Fund - Vaisigano Catchment Project Management Unit (GCF-PMU)

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 efforts made in implementing of the GCF-VCP work plan activities in the months of May to July 2022 despite other work commitments. This 28th Edition of the GCF-VCP Newsletter presents updates for the period May to July, highlighting the progress of the 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.

If you have suggestions on how we can improve the next edition, connect with us! We look forward to your positive contributions and partnership in the remaining months of this year. Happy Reading!

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Updates

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CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR APIA INTEGRATED SEWAGE SYSTEM

The MWTI and Hunter H2O (HH20) as the consultant for the activity 1.1.4 conducted a Multi-Criteria Analysis (MCA) workshop to discuss critical options and criteria for improved flood resilient sewage and wastewater systems for the Apia Urban Area. The event was held on 16th June 2022 at the Taumeasina Island Resort conference room, attended by stakeholders within the Sanitation Subsector, the MoF, Revenue Board, Pacific Waste Water and others who would contribute towards the discussions of the assessment of options proposed by HH20.



Output 1, Activity 1.1.4

CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR APIA INTEGRATED SEWAGE SYSTEM

Prior to the workshop, MWTI team together with Samoa Water Authority (SWA), SSU Consult as the MWTI engineering advisor and HH20, conducted a site visit on 15th June 2022 to SWA's Sogi Treatment Plant (STP) to assess the current capacity of the STP and consider additional sites for additional waste water treatment plants for connection of both commercial and residential properties in the future, which also advised the discussions at the MCA Workshop.



Output 1, Activity 1.4.1

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

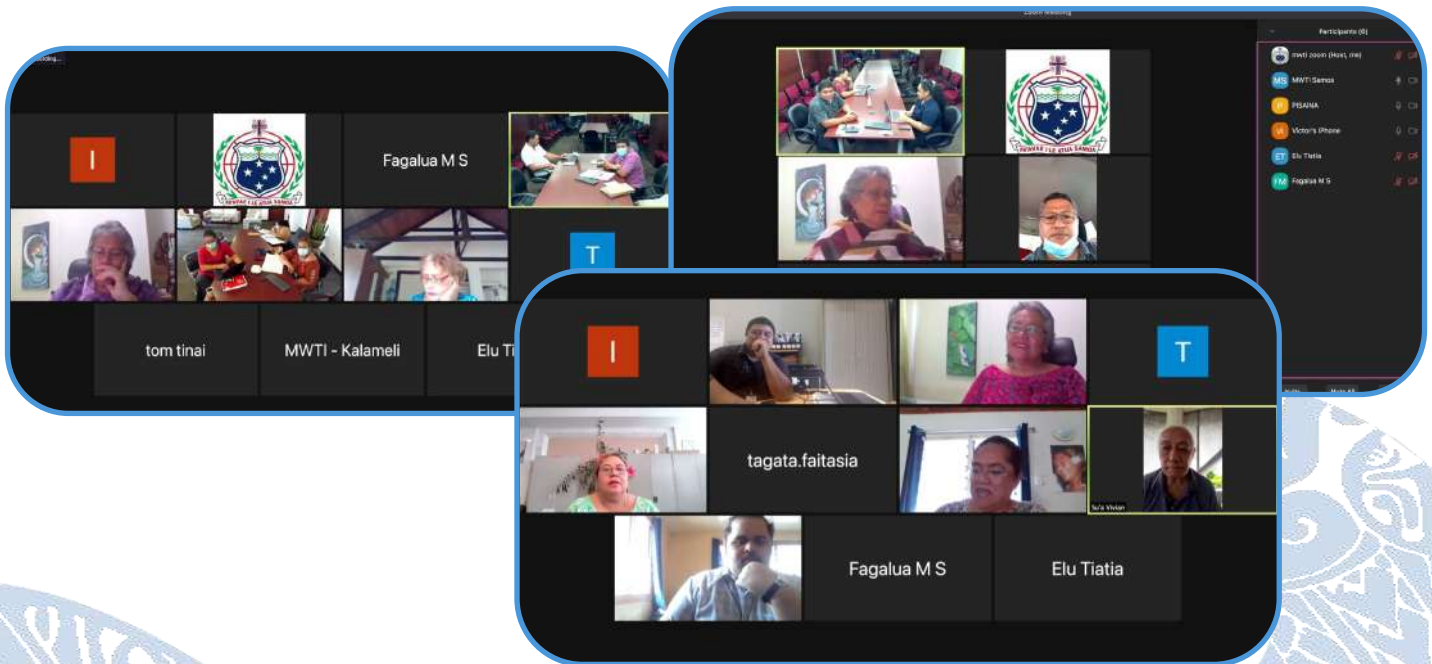
The MWTI received on 14th July 2022 the third (3rd) draft of the simplified handbook for the Apia Spatial Plan (ASP), together with draft awareness materials from Alo Mai Consultancy (AMC). The awareness materials include ASP bookmarks, pull up banner mockups, and badge design. The MWTI and the consultant viewed the awareness materials and discussed review comments in a meeting on 21st July 2022. AMC's work schedule under this contract has been revised to end by 26th August 2022.



Output 2, Activity 2.1.1

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 MWTI virtually conducted follow-up consultations with affected families of Segments 2 and 3, intermittently from 2nd to 19th May 2022. Agreement settlements were reached and both parties are now in the process of signing/endorsing the Memorandum of Agreements (MoAs) and other agreement documents to complete the land taking process. Two (2) out of fourteen (14) MoAs have been signed to end July 2022.



MNRE, MWTI and GCF-PMU conducted an inspection and survey of the inventory of losses (IOL) for the affected families in Segment 3 on 13th May 2022 and 28th June 2022.



Output 2, Activity 2.2.4

DEVELOP A COMMUNITY-BASED ADAPTION STRATEGY FOR ECOSYSTEM BASED ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES

Under the MNRE Payment for Ecosystem Services Programme (PESP) the MNRE, Live & Learn Environmental Education (LLEE) as the PESP contractor and partners virtually discussed and finalized the presentation for the Catholic Church Land Board (CCLB) on 27th May 2022. The MNRE and LLEE's local counterpart were in a meeting with CCLB on 2nd June 2022 to further discuss and confirm the possibility of including an estimation of 577 hectares of Catholic Church lands at Malololelei, as one of the PES pilot sites.



Team discussions on 27th May 2022



Meeting with CCLB on 2nd June

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

MNRE's implementing partner Samoa Business Hub (SBH) together with collaborating partner Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) are conducting ongoing sector specific trainings, for all Eco-system based Adaptation Enterprise Development Programme (EbAEDP) grantees. The technical assistance trainings allow grantees to obtain enough knowledge on how to implement and operate their EbAEDP projects. The training for household category on mixed crop farming were held on 6th and 13th July 2022 at Nu'u, while the training for Florist and Ornamental groups was held on 14th July 2022. The trainings for Community Based Organizations (CBOs) category operating mixed crop farming were held on 10th, 13th, 14th, 16th and 23rd July. SBH and MAF have a few more trainings to conduct for the remaining CBOs.



Output 2, Activity 2.2.6

PROVISION OF CASH-FOR-WORK OPTION FOR FLOOD-RELATED CATCHMENT REHABILITATION (ANTI-EROSIVE MEASURES, LANDSCAPING OPTIONS)

The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO) in partnership with MNRE, conducted trainings for the thirty-five (35) CfWP workers on Basic Communication Skills. The three (3) days training was held at TATTE ground floor conference room and was purposely to build their skills and ability for specific work under CfWP.



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GCF-VCP BOARD (PB#18)/PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC#18)/CLIMATE RESILIENCE STEERING COMMITTEE (CRSC#18)

The eighteenth (18th) PB/PSC (PB/PSC#18) meeting for Quarter 2 (Q2) 2022 was initially confirmed to be convened via virtual means on 29th June 2022, however, due to Parliament sessions that was ongoing at the time, the PB/PSC meeting was deferred and conducted on 6th July 2022 at Taumeasina Island Resort where all PB/PSC members were present and represented except the SUNGO. The PB/PSC considered and reviewed the output and financial performance of the GCF-VCP to Q2 2022, revised 2022 annual work plan and contract management system together with other matters. The next PB/PSC meeting will be held in September 2022.

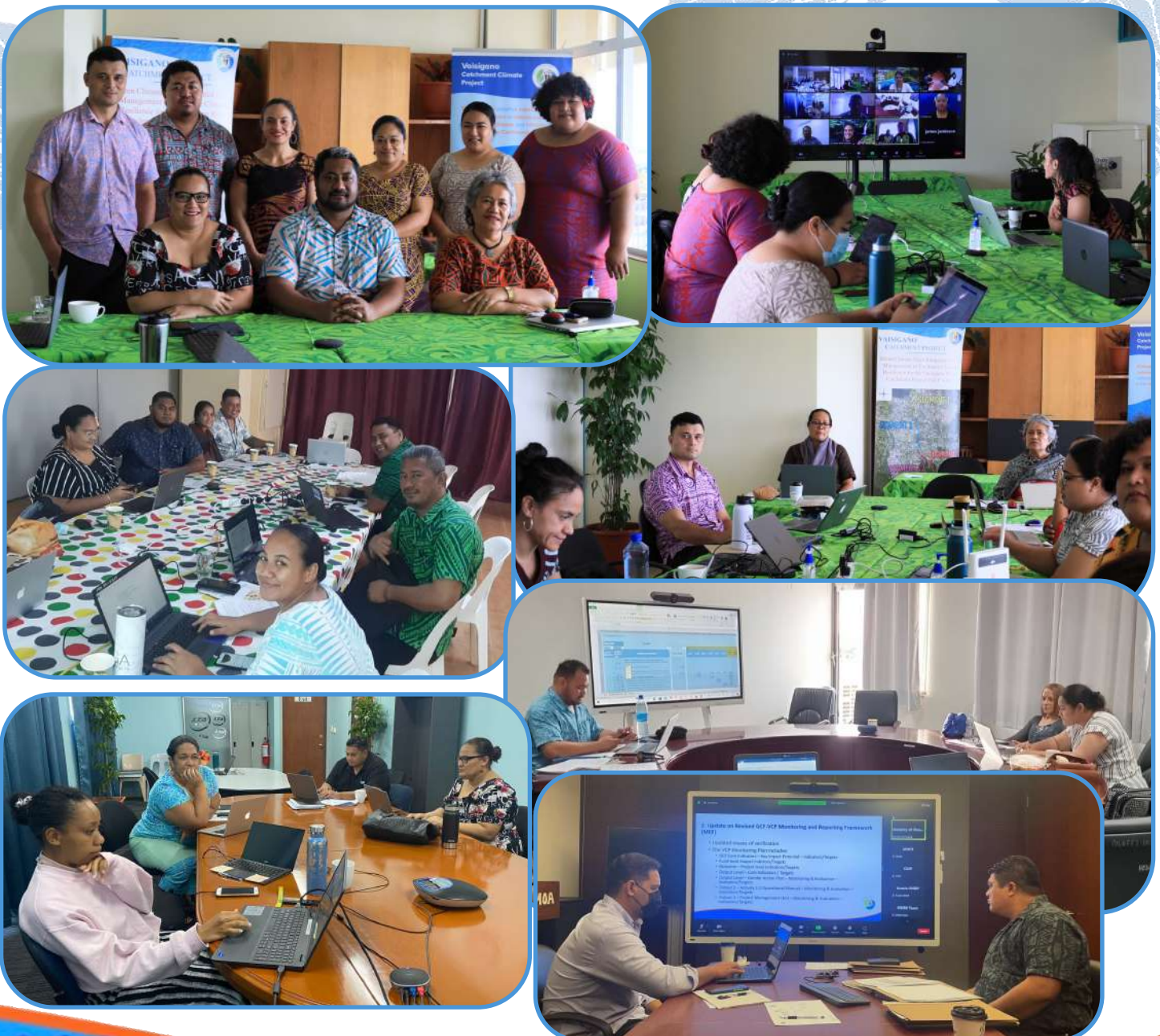


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GCF-VCP BIENNIAL JOINT WORKSHOP ON MULTI-YEAR WORK PLANNING AND BUDGETING (MYWPB)

The first of this year's two-day GCF-VCP joint workshop on multi-year work planning and budgeting was conducted virtually and facilitated by MoF's GCF-PMU on 21st and 22nd June 2022. The virtual event assessed, reviewed and validated the required adjustments and revisions to the approved 2022 AWPB; Multi-Year Work Plan and Budget (MYWPB); Procurement Plan; Safeguards Implementation Plan for infrastructure works amongst others. All focal points and partners were virtually present and were committed to working collaboratively together under a **'one government approach'**.

The GCF-PMU on 25th and 26th May, 2022, underwent an internal workshop in preparation for the GCF-VCP Joint MYWPB workshop.



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GCF-VCP CEO FORUM

The GCF-CEO Forum held on 24th June, 2022, was well attended by CEOs to discuss and resolve key challenges and issues affecting implementation of the GCF-VCP. It was also an opportunity to formally welcome the newly appointed CEOs to the GCF-VCP.



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INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (I-TAG) SIXTEENTH (I-TAG MEETING#16)

The ITAG sixteenth (16th) meeting discussed updates and status of implementations on 17th June 2022. In attendance were some focal points together with collaborating partners who attended at the MWTI conference room at TATTE Building and others through virtual means.



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MNRE ACTIVITY 2.2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) SIXTEENTH MEETING (MNRE TAG MEETING#16)



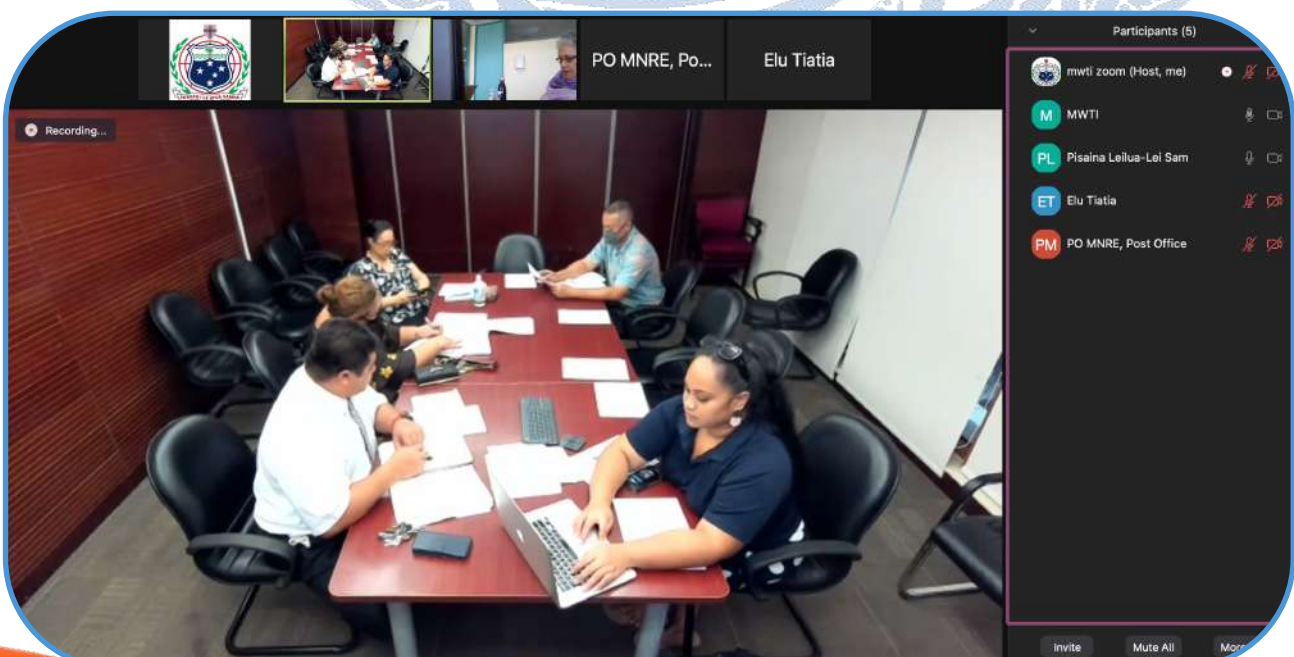
The sixteenth (16th) MNRE TAG meeting was held virtually on 15th June 2022 to discuss the updates and progress of activities under the GCF-VCP Activity 2.2, with some focal points attending from the MNRE conference room in TATTE Building .



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SAFEGUARDS COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SCC) THIRTEENTH MEETING (SCC#13)

The SCC#13 meeting was virtually held on Monday 20th June, 2022, to discuss Environmental and Social Safeguards, Gender implementation plan, key actions for Segment 2 - Land Acquisition and Action Plan (LAAP) and Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEAR).





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