

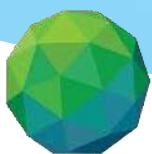
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The community consultation for the installation of Flood Alert Sirens with Vaisigano Catchment Project (VCP)

PROJECT UPDATE

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

Greetings during this festive season. Talofa lava and fa'amalo to each and everyone of the Implementing Agencies (IAs) and Collaborating partners 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-Vaisigano Catchment Project (GCF-VCP) approved work plan activities in the months of October to December 2022 despite other work commitments. This 30th Edition of the GCF-VCP Newsletter presents updates of the last three (3) months of this year, highlighting the progress of the various activities implemented under the GCF-VCP three key Outputs 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 UNDP, the GCF Accredited Entity (AE).

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

Output 1, Activity 1.3.1

MNRE CONDUCT HYDROLOGICAL MODELLING TO GENERATE FLOOD SCENARIOS

The official launching of the five Flood Alert Sirens was held on 28th November 2022 at the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture (MESC) compound, at Malifa where the Honorable Prime Minister, Fiame Naomi Mata'afa and other Cabinet Ministers were in attendance, together with members of the Disaster Advisory Committee (DAC). The Flood Alert Sirens are strategically located at the EPC Tanugamanono Power Station, Apia Park, Magiagi MNRE Reserve, Lalovaea and the MESC compound, Malifa with the aim to provide timely warning to the public, especially the Vaisigano River Catchment Area (VRCA), when a severe flood is expected.



Output 1, Activity 1.3.2

INCREASE AWARENESS OF UPDATED EWS WITH AT RISK POPULATION IN THE VAISIGANO RIVER CATCHMENT AREA (VRCA) AND APIA URBAN AREA (AUA).

The MNRE supported by the GCF-PMU held community consultations on 5th & 6th October 2022 at the Maluafo College Hall with affected residents of the VRCA on the implementation and installation of the Flood Alert Sirens within the VRCA. This initiative was implemented for fourteen (14) villages of the VRCA that are within the high impact level of siren sounds. The two days event involved the collaboration between three MNRE core operating agencies: the Disaster Management Office (DMO), the Water Resources Division (WRD), and the Samoa Meteorology Division (SMD), as well as the MoF and the GCF-PMU.



Day 1 for Villages of Apia, Malifa, Maluafo, Lelata, Ma'agao, Vailima and Tanugamanono



Day 2 for Villages of Moata'a, Fa'atoia, Lelata, Vinifou, Levili, Vaiala, Vaipuna and Magiagi



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

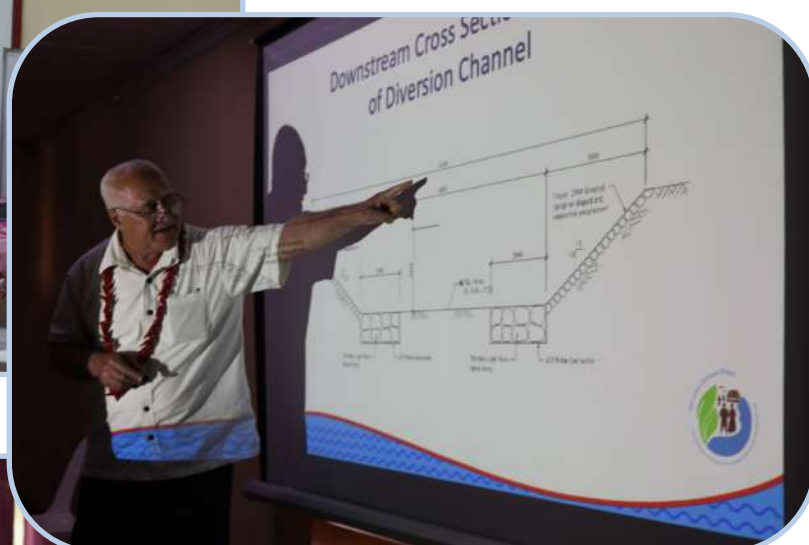
The MWTI in collaboration with MNRE and the GCF-PMU have been carrying out follow-up consultations with the affected families in Segment 2. The MNRE arranged the consultations with on-site visits with the affected families as well as organizing ZOOM meetings with all landholders including those residing overseas.



Output 2, Activity 2.1.2

ESTABLISHMENT OF FLOOD PROTECTION MEASURES ALONG SEGMENTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF VAISIGANO RIVER.

The community consultation for the Diversion Channel, box culvert and cement crossing at Segment 3 was held on 23rd November 2022 at the MNRE Environment Sector Conference room at the Post Office building. This consultation is significant to the updating of the Preliminary Environmental Assessment Report (PEAR) and Land Acquisition and Resettlement Action Plan (LARAP).



Output 2, Activity 2.2.1

DETERMINING AND IMPLEMENTING THE BEST PROTECTION OPTIONS FOR FLOOD MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES, DEPENDING ON LANDSCAPE, LAND TENURE, EXISTING LAND USE AND PLANNED DEVELOPMENTS

The MNRE conducted a 3 days' joint activity on Community Awareness programme on 29th November to 1st December 2022. The activity aimed at strengthening knowledge and understanding of the 24 communities within the VRCA on MNRE key functions that minimizes flood-prone risks. The participants of the 3 days event were given awareness materials of native trees, invasive species and more for better understanding. Varieties of native tree seedlings were also handed to the attendees to plant in support of the replanting campaign.



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

Mailelani Samoa as a grantee of the GCF-VCP funded Ecosystem based Adaptation Enterprise Development Programme (EbAEDP) through Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) conducted a soft launch on 21st November 2022. The family owned business shared with their business partners and representatives of the CSSP and GCF-PMU their new line of skin care and cosmetic products as part of their “Handmade Natural Body Care”.



The MNRE and GCF-PMU commenced spot check visits on 26th to 27th October and 9th to 11th November 2022 targeting 75 EbAED projects that are on hold or have not started yet, to assess performance and recommend way forward to assist with CSSP and Samoa Business Hub (SBH) monitoring and implementation processes and operations. The spot check teams met on 17th November 2022 to finalize findings and recommendations and shared the Summary Report with CSSP on 18th November 2022. The joint spot checks will be continuing in 2023 to assess and recommend way forward for other remaining critical projects.



Output 2, Activity 2.2.6

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

MNRE as the lead IA for this Activity in collaboration with the Samoa Red Cross Society conducted a Cash for Work Program (CfWP) First Aid training for the CfWP staff on 5th to 7th December 2022. The training was for the twenty (20) new recruited staff and a refresher course for the existing staff who attended the first session held in 2020.



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

The second of this year's GCF-VCP Joint Multistakeholders' Workshop on the GCF-VCP Restructure Proposal and MYWPB was held on 1st and 2nd November 2022. The event was facilitated by the GCF-PMU for the MoF at the Lava Hotel Conference Room and was well attended by all IAs focal points and partners. The workshop reviewed and re-aligned the planned and proposed activities and sub-activities for 2023 to 11th January 2025, an eighteen (18) months extension already approved by GCF in July 2022. The two days event also reviewed the GCF-VCP Project Document Multi-Year Budget taking into account actual implementation status/progress and achievements since inception of the GCF-CVP in June 2017 to Quarter 4 of 2022.

The GCF-PMU on 31st October 2022, underwent an internal workshop in preparation for the GCF-VCP Joint Multistakeholders' Workshop on the MYWPB.



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GCF-VCP CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER (CEO) FORUM

The fifteenth (15th) Meeting of the GCF-CEO Forum held on 22nd November 2022, was well attended by the relevant parties and members to discuss and resolve key implementation performance issues and challenges affecting the GCF-VCP especially the safeguards implementation plan.



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SAFEGUARDS COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SCC) FIFTEENTH MEETING (SCC#15)

The SCC#15 meeting was held on Monday 14th November 2022, at the MNRE Conference room in the TATTE building. The meeting was chaired by the MWTI CEO and attended by representatives from MNRE, LTA, UNDP, MWTI and collaborating partners : Samoa Land Corporation (SLC), Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development (MWCSD) and GCF-PMU.





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As we reach the end of 2022, it is with great pleasure that I acknowledge and thank all the IAs and Collaborating Partners of the GCF-VCP for all the hard work and efforts made in the implementing of the GCF-VCP approved work plan activities in 2022. We pray that you all will have a blessed commission holidays.

The GCF-PMU Team wish you and your loved ones the Very Best for a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

God Bless!!





Merry Christmas

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