

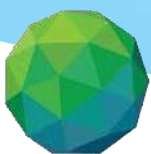
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LTA, UNDP, STANTEC and KEW  
Consult Ltd (KCL) joint Drainage Site  
Visit

# 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! we welcome all to read the updates and progress of GCF-VCP in it's Newsletter Edition 29<sup>th</sup>. This 29<sup>th</sup> Edition presents updates for the period August to September, highlighting the progress of the various activities implemented under the three (3) key Outputs of the GCF-VCP against the approved 2022 Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) by the leading Implementing Agencies (IAs) namely; the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI), Ministry of Health (MoH); Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) with oversight provided by the GCF Accredited Entity (AE)/UNDP.

Fa'amalo and Fa'afetai to all the 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 August and September 2022, despite many challenges including other work commitments.

*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 implementation of the MCS Digital New Zealand contract for the supply and installation of sirens has made good progress with the shipment and arrival in Samoa of the first container consisting of pole bases/cages on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2022. The container was unloaded on 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, and now stored at the MNRE – Water Resources Division (WRD) at Vailima. The shipment of the container with sirens & cabinets arrived in Samoa on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and unloaded on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Preparation for two public awareness and consultations with affected residents of the Vaisigano River Catchment Area (VRCA) on implementation of Sirens Installation are underway and scheduled for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October 2022 at Maluafou College, Maluafou.





### Output 1, Activity 1.4.1

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

The MWTI in a meeting with Alo Mai Consultancy (AMC) on 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2022, reviewed and discussed the AMC’s final revisions to the simplified handbook for the Apia Spatial Plan (ASP) and awareness materials/merchandise which includes ASP bookmarks, t-shirts, pull up banner mockups, badges and video footages of AUA. Minor changes have been made to the handbook infographics before it was finalized within the final week of the contract end September 2022, MWTI are in the process of discussing the printing of the materials/merchandise.

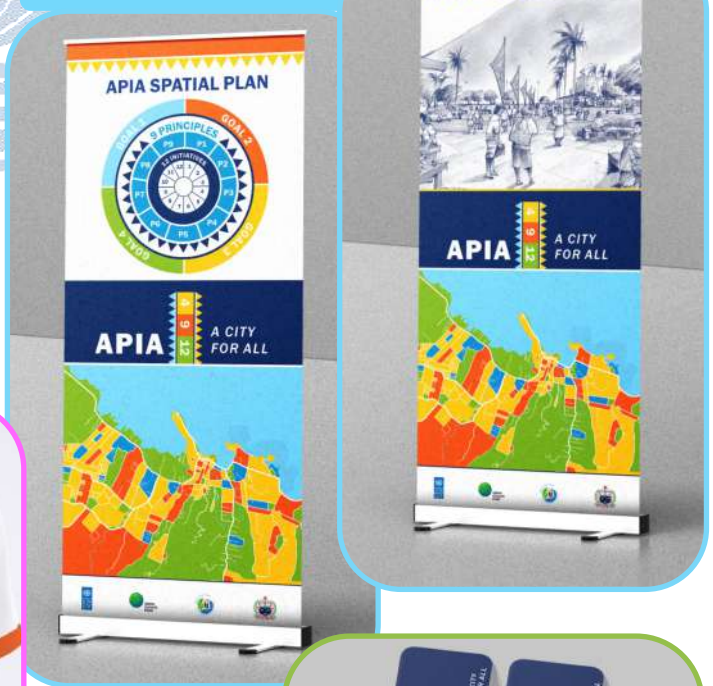


ASP Handbook cover



ASP badge

ASP Pull up banner mockups



T-shirts

ASP bookmarks





## 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 with the support of the GCF-PMU facilitated a follow-up consultation with one of the affected families in Segment 3 on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to address remaining issues to be resolved following consultations with other neighboring affected families on the box culvert. The outcome of the planned consultations together with the family's consent will resolve all issues with the finalization of the Memorandum of Agreement (MoA).

The MWTI and GCF-PMU held meeting with Tinai Gordon & Associate (TGA) on 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022, to negotiate and discuss the relevant revisions to the TGA contract scope and deliverables resulting from required additional work due to compliance with safeguards requirements for Segments 2 and 3 of the riverwalls. Cabinet approved on 13<sup>th</sup> November, 2019, the award of the contract to TGA for the design and supervision services of the riverwall in the VRCA.





## 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 Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) facilitated and coordinated a Market Day for grant beneficiaries of the Ecosystem based Enterprise Development Programme (EbAEDP) on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at Malaefatu Reserve. The two days event was not only to support the celebration of the Teuila and 60<sup>th</sup> Independence, but to raise awareness of the EbAEDP and also promote some of the grantees' businesses. The initiative allowed the EbAEDP grantees to promote their businesses which included mixed farming, ornamental gardening, agroforestry, and green paper recycling initiatives that support economic livelihood and environmental sustainability. The stalls displayed and sold a variety of locally made handicrafts, ornamental plants, fruits and vegetables, crops, local dishes/cuisine .





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Ongoing trainings for technical assistance and support are conducted by Samoa Business Hub (SBH) as MNRE's implementing partner together with collaborating partner Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF), for all EbAEDP grant beneficiaries.



### Output 3, Activity 3.2.2

IMPLEMENTATION OF DRAINAGE UPGRADES

LTA, UNDP, GCF-PMU and STANTEC as the contractor of the activity together with its local counterpart KCL, conducted a site visit to all priority Drainage Sites on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2022, to confirm completion of snag list/defects works. Prior to the joint site visit, GCF-PMU held a meeting with STANTEC, KEW and LTA on 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2022, to discuss status of the contractors' implementation, contract closing and pending deliverables.



*Joint Site Visit on 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2022  
Photo Credit: UNDP*





## Output 4

### GCF-VCP BOARD (PB#19)/PROJECT STEERING COMMITTEE (PSC#19)/CLIMATE RESILIENCE STEERING COMMITTEE (CRSC#19)

The nineteenth (19<sup>th</sup>) PB/PSC (PB/PSC#19) meeting for Quarter 3 (Q3) 2022, discussed key implementation achievements and main progress made by the GoS through the MoF/EA and the IAs: MNRE, MWTI, MoH and LTA during Q3 2022 covering the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, against the GCF-VCP revised approved 2022 AWPB. The PB/PSC#19 was held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2022 and chaired by MoF Deputy Chief Executive Officer (DCEO) Leiataua Henry Ah Ching, at Taumeasina Island Resort. The next and last PB/PSC of 2022 will be held in December 2022.





#### Output 4

#### MNRE ACTIVITY 2.2 TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (TAG) SEVENTEENTH MEETING (MNRE TAG MEETING#17)

The seventeenth (17<sup>th</sup>) MNRE TAG meeting was held on 12<sup>th</sup> September 2022 to discuss Q3,2022 updates and progress of activities under the GCF-VCP Activity 2.2 AWPB, at the MNRE conference room in TATTE Building.



#### Output 4

#### INFRASTRUCTURE TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP (I-TAG) SEVENTEENTH (I-TAG MEETING#17)

The third (3<sup>rd</sup>) ITAG meeting and the 17<sup>th</sup> since establishment in 2019 was held on 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2022, at MWTI conference room at TATTE building. The Meeting discussed Q3, 2022 updates and status of implementations with representatives from MWTI, LTA, MNRE, GCF-PMU, collaborating partners; Samoa Water Authority (SWA) and Electric Power Corporation (EPC) in attendance.

#### Output 4

#### SAFEGUARDS COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SCC) FOURTEENTH MEETING (SCC#14)

The SCC#14 meeting was held on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2022, at MWTI conference room in TATTE building. The meeting was chaired by the MWTI CEO and attended by representatives from MWTI, MNRE, LTA, UNDP, collaborating partner Samoa Land Corporation (SLC) and GCF-PMU. The Meeting discussed safeguards issues that affects the VRCA communities and the general environment, including land issues and possible solutions to address challenges identified.





## Output 4

### COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH IAs

The coordination meetings with Responsible IAs (RIAs) were coordinated and facilitated by GCF-PMU in August 2022 with CSSP on 22<sup>nd</sup>, MoH and MNRE on 23<sup>rd</sup>, LTA on 24<sup>th</sup>, MWTI and SBH on 25<sup>th</sup>. These meetings discussed the status of implementation and adaptive solutions to address challenges faced by each RIAs respective activities.



LTA



SBH



MNRE



CSSP



MWTI



MoH





### Upcoming Event:

- ◆ Consultation on Implementation of Sirens Installation - 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2022
- ◆ Coordination Meeting with MWTI - 3rd October, 2022

### Tender:

- ◆ Emergency Response Bags purchase & H-CLEWS - approved by TB to direct source

### Contract Preparation underway:

- ◆ PES Contractor
- ◆ Drainage Site 5a

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