

Progress Report  
on  
Project: Cyclone Emergency Recovery

Component A5.1: Coastal Ecosystems Recovery  
submitted by the  
Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and  
Meteorology

for the

Cabinet Development Committee

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Project: Cyclone Emergency Recovery: Component A5.1-Coastal Ecosystems  
Recovery**

**1. Purpose of Submission**

Project Progress Report from period: <sup>1</sup>February 2005 to June 2006.

**2. Executing Agency**

Ministry of Finance (MoF)

**3. Implementing Agency**

Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology (MNREM)

The Project is coordinated by the Principal Marine Conservation Officer who is also the Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Adviser (CERA) based with the Division of Environment and Conservation, MNREM.

**4. Background of the Project**

The Government of Samoa has received a Credit (No.CR3885) from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Cyclone Emergency Recovery Project (CERP). Part of the proceeds of this credit is intended to payments under contracts for services and works to conduct Coastal Ecosystem Recovery Planning and Implementation.

The overall objective of this CERP component is that 'the resilience against natural hazards of the Infrastructural assets, livelihoods of inhabitants and coastal ecosystems, impacted by Cyclone Heta, will be recovered and improved to sustainable levels with due safeguards for the natural environment.'

**5. Project Duration**

The component officially started in June 30, 2004. However, due to delays in the appointment of the Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Adviser (CERA)/Coordinator, the implementation actually started in mid-February 2005.

The Project timeframe was originally for two years (from June 30, 2004 to June 30, 2006). However, some of the activities were delayed hence could not keep with this estimated timeframe due to the lengthy reviewing and clearing process of Contracts and Reports involved and the late recruitment of the CERA. Fortunately, with approval by the World Bank, this project Component has now been extended for up to June 2007 (one year extension).

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<sup>1</sup> Actual start date for the Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Adviser (CERA) hence the implementation of activities under this component

## 6. Funding Sources and Conditions

### Phase 1. Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Planning

(i) External assistance: World Bank (IDA)	ST\$210,937.50
(ii) Local/Government contribution:	ST\$ 70,312.00
TOTAL:	<sup>2</sup> ST\$281,250.00

Phase 2. Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Implementation = <sup>3</sup>ST\$410,000

## 7. Current Financial Status

(i) Total expenditure to date: None

To date, the project has not made any payment as the core activities have not yet started. However, Incremental Operating Costs which included Villages meeting fees, Advertisement production, Media broadcasts, Talking Chief Consultation, etc. have been met under a different component.

(ii) External funds received: None

(iii) Government financial resources: ST\$70,312.00

(iv) Amount approved in current budget year: ST\$70,312.00

(v) Amounts already disbursed to or by Implementing Agency: None

## 8. Additional Resources Requested

(i) External

⇒ *Capital inputs*

None

⇒ *Programme support*

None

(ii) Local/Government

⇒ *Capital inputs*

None

⇒ *Programme support*

None

⇒ *Recurrent costs*

None

## 9. Current Implementation Stage (% of physical completion)

The Component is implemented in two Phases which are (i) Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Planning (currently in progress) and (ii) Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Implementation. At 16 months of the Recovery Planning phase (February 05 to June 06), it completed an estimated 70 percent of the original outputs for this particular phase which were mainly project operational and managerial process activities.

<sup>2</sup> The World Bank contributes 75% of the project component funds while the Government of Samoa contributes 25%.

<sup>3</sup> Proposed funds in the original project design

The project has selected eight sites/villages whose coastal ecosystems have been hard hit by cyclone Heta and other past cyclones for recovery activities. The support and participation by these villages for the project has been tremendous since the initial consultations up to now. Furthermore, a local consulting firm has been awarded the Contract to conduct Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Planning services which will start in September 2006.

## 10. Outstanding Activities

### Phase 1. Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Planning

- (i) Conduct Coastal Ecosystems Rapid Assessment Surveys for the eight target sites/villages
- (ii) Data analysis/mapping-highlight areas of high vulnerability/resilience
- (iii) Produce survey Reports and Maps for the eight sites
- (iv) Conduct community consultative workshops (diff groups) including selection of Recovery Plan (RP) Committee
- (v) Develop and finalize site-level Recovery Plans (RP)
- (vi) Get Recovery Plans approved by the MNREM Minister
- (vii) Procure sub-contract for Recovery Planning Implementation

### Phase 2. Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Implementation

- (i) Conduct recovery activities based on Recovery Plans developed for the 8 target sites

### 3. <sup>4</sup>Coastal Resilience Technical Advisory Support

- (i) Provide technical advice/Promote sustainable decision-making:
- (ii) Produce Sand-mining & coastal reclamation pamphlets
- (iii) Produce a 20-30 minute video program to be based on the pamphlets
- (iv) Conduct 4 Community Awareness workshops using pamphlets and video

⇒ *Revised implementation schedule*

⇒ *Revised total project costs*

\* *Capital costs*

None

\* *Recurrent costs*

None

Reason for request of project variation, additional funds etc.

Not Applicable

## 11. Possible Implications on Project

*The possible implications of the project to be elaborated on under the following headings:*

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<sup>4</sup> involves the services of the Coastal Ecosystems Recovery Adviser (CERA)

## (i) Project financial and economic rate of return

Not applicable as this is not a commercially orientated project. However, it is expected that successful implementation of the coastal ecosystems recovery activities for the eight selected sites would be beneficial in terms of recovered and improved natural coastal resilience to cyclones as well as local marine resources for subsistence and commercial use.

## (ii) Project reaching its objectives

The Project has progressed satisfactorily into achieving its overall objective. The key milestone will be the completion of Recovery Plans for the eight selected sites/villages and their endorsement by the Minister of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology.

## (iii) Project sustainability

An ongoing government support e.g. provision of technical and timely advice on key marine issues as well as continuous community support and participation is seen as critical to the long-term sustainability of the Project.

## 12. Summary of Issues

None

## 13. Recommendations for Consideration

None

## 14. Signature of Executing Agency

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