

Progress Report No. 3
on

Ozone Project

Submitted by
Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment

for
Cabinet Development Committee

1. Purpose of Submission

The purpose of this submission is to provide CDC members with an update on the Ozone Project as of May 2007.

2. Executing Agency

The Executing Agency for this project is the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE). Day-to-day coordination of the project is the responsibility of the National Ozone Unit under the Climate Services Section of the Meteorology Division.

3. Implementing Agency

The Implementing Agency for this project is United Nations Environment Programme.

4. Previous CDC Meetings

- *Previous CDC actions requested*

The CDC was requested to continually support the implementation of the project by the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment.

- *Previous CDC actions completed*

None

5. Funding Sources and Conditions

The total cost of this project is US\$60,000, which is fully funded by the Multilateral Fund. The Government of Samoa provides in-kind support through the provision of office space, amenities and administrative support.

This is a three year project, which began in January 2006 and will finish in December 2008.

6. Current Financial and Implementation Status

As of the end of March 2007 approximately US\$36,000 of project funds had been spent.

A brief implementation summary is provided below.

- *Activity 1: Legislation and Regulation to ensure on going compliance with the Montreal Protocol*

Regulations

- The Regulations has been by the Cabinet in March 2006.
- It is now been implemented providing a strong legal mechanism in support of the licensing system.
- Code of practice which is a requirement under the Regulations was launched in August 2006 and is now effective

Licensing System:

- The Licensing System has been enforced since 1st September 2006.
- Procedures of the licensing system have been in place i.e. institutional arrangements, templates – applications and licenses, pamphlets and background information have been provided to the relevant stakeholders to assist with the registration procedures, the procedures taken to consider an applications, conditions required, minimum requirements as well as a copy of the Regulations
- Approximately 75% of importing Companies and Handlers of Ozone Depleting Substances has been licensed.

- *Activities 2: Reporting*

- A survey is conducted yearly for the amount of ODS within Samoa; a report of this is to be sent to the Ozone Secretariat.
- The survey has been completed
- *Activities 5: Public Awareness and Education*
 - Creating awareness to phase out ODS is of paramount importance, this strategy is continuous – Awareness day, Quiz, as well as awareness programs on different television stations and newspapers has been completed and will be ongoing.
- *Activities 6: Training, Licensing Programs and Workshops*
 - 4 main areas – Training of Refrigeration technicians, training of NOU staff, Training of Custom officers and Training of technicians before issuing licenses or permits – this has been completed for the years 2005 and 2006 and another training will be conducted later on this year.

7. Additional Resources Requested

There are no additional resources requested as of this time.

8. Statement of Support of Submission

This project is viewed as an important project, not only to assist Samoa to fulfill its international obligations, but also to build national capacity to deal with the ozone depletion issue. The project has been well integrated into the other functions of the MNRE, as well other government agencies.

- *Status report on implementation (% of physical completion)*
Approximately 60% of the implementation of the project has been completed

- *Balance of project still to be completed*
 - *Remaining works or other activities*
 - Finalize a storage facility for ODS storage
 - On-going awareness programs
 - Continuous monitoring of ODS imports
 - Training for Customs officers and refrigerant technicians

-Revised implementation schedule

This project is a three year project and has complete one year and four months as of date therefore there is another year and eight months to complete the above activities with the aim that Samoa will phase out all or most of it's ODSs by the completion of this project.

-Revised total project costs

As of May 2007 approximately US\$36,000 has been spent therefore US\$24,000 is left to implement the rest of activities planned.

9. Possible Implications of Project

This project will build capacity in Samoa to deal with the ozone depletion issue. The project will help promote the using of ozone friendly substances and low Ozone Depleting Potential refrigerants in Samoa, thus lowering reliance on imported ozone depleting substances. The increased use of these substances shows the country's level of awareness of the danger that can result with continued use ozone depleting substances.

10. Summary of Issues

This report is intended to provide an update on this project to CDC members. This project is going well and there are no major issues to report.

11. Recommendations for Consideration

It is recommended that CDC:

- Accept this report as an update on the Ozone project; and
- Support the continued implementation of this project by the Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology.

12. Signature of Executing Agency



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13. Date: **04 May 2007**