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It is indeed my pleasure to greet all to all our WASH sector agencies, stakeholders, partners and friends! I am pleased to present you our 39th edition of our WASH Sector Newsletter. This issue highlights on some of the main activities that the sector agencies has been involved in during the 3rd quarter of FY21/22.

The key events enclosed in this issue are;

- ★ *IWSA's Drinking Water Safety Plan Workshop—Letogo*
- ★ *IWSA Meter Reading, Monitoring & Inspection*
- ★ *IWSA Ecological Purification System—Solosolo*
- ★ *RED—Vaisala Biogas Launched*
- ★ *Papauta Girls College Biogas Launched and more*

And as such, the continuous collaborative efforts of our Implementing Agencies and stakeholders are acknowledged. Malo lava le galulue ma le fa'atoatoa. Your cooperation and support have brought us this far. I trust that our Sector will continue to strive forward with refreshed and high spirits to pursue planned works and overcome new challenges.

In moving forward, our newsletter team would very much appreciate the support of all our IA members in providing articles, news items, events, advertisements that we can publish in our future newsletter editions.

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Thank you and God Bless,

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**Greetings
from the
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DRINKING WATER SAFETY PLAN WORKSHOP

On the 22nd & 24th of February 2022, the Independent Water Schemes Association conducted a workshop at Letogo village. The purpose of the workshop was to address the issues, enforced bylaws and laid a foundation of what needs to be done and the order they shall be done with. The workshop was to enforce villages water committees to maintain clean water systems and facilitate the communities with understanding of caring their water systems. There were representatives from the Ministry of Health, Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (WRD), and residents of Letogo.



Independent Water Scheme Drinking Water Safety Plan Workshop— Letogo

METER READING, MONITORING & INSPECTION



IWSA Team, conducted its first meter reading, monitoring and inspection for Aufaga Scheme on the 4th of March 2022. The purpose of this practice was to show water committee members how to read water meters as well as the process. Meters were read by water committee and each household's usage was presented at each village meeting held monthly. Households were then billed according to their usage and presented a receipt once payments were made. Funds collected were utilized for the operations and maintenance of their water supply.

Independent Water Scheme— Meter Reading



Photo Credit: IWSA Team

SOLOSOLO ECOLOGICAL PURIFICATION SYSTEM:

7th March 2022—Another initiative under European Union funded projects was piloted at a community—managed water supply system. The EPS was constructed at Solosolo Primary School making it easier for children to access during school hours. The whole village is also able to access the EPS to obtain clean safe water for consumption. The EPS uses a natural chemical free process to purify water. The EPS ensures water is free from sediments and bacteria. There are 1,851 beneficiaries from this project.



Independent Water Scheme— Ecological Purification System

Photo Credit: IWSA Team

Sanitation Sub-Sector

Vaisala Biogas Launched

VAISALA BIOGAS LAUNCHED:

The Ministry of Natural Resources through its IMPRESS Project under Renewable Energy Division launched one of its 5 Community Biogas System Pilot Program at Vaisala, Savaii. The selection of the pilot site was completed according to the availability and sustainability of the feedstock (ie: livestock and crops) The IMPRESS Project also saw the ongoing benefit of the Pilot Project towards the community such as; *utilizing waste water to generate biogas, improved waste management technology, cost efficiency, create employment opportunities for locals to collect waste to feed the digester, assist in the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions.*



During the Ceremony, the Ministry and a member of the village had signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the purpose of ensuring both parties have agreed to terms and conditions of responsibilities carried out to sustain the biogas in years to come.

This site will benefit the community as well as the Vaisala Beach Fales. The Ministry and IMPRESS Project acknowledges the interest of our communities and the support of our stakeholders; in delivering government initiatives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and providing clean and affordable energy for our communities.



Photo Credit: RED Team (MNRE)

Sanitation Sub-Sector Papauta Girls College Biogas Launched

PAPAUTA GIRLS COLLEGE BIOGAS LAUNCHED:

On the 25th February 2022, the Renewable Energy Division and its Partners launched another Biogas project at Papauta Girls College. The newly installed system will make use of waste from the washroom facilities and latrines, piggery, cattle and food scraps to generate biogas for cooking and lighting purposes and will have multiple benefits for the school such as;

- ◆ *Cost efficient i.e. reducing expenses on LPG gas bottles*
- ◆ *Create employment opportunities for local to collect waste to feed the digester*
- ◆ *Increase educational and awareness of renewable energy technology and benefits*
- ◆ *Most importantly, this renewable energy technology will assist in reducing greenhouse gas emissions as part of Samoa's overall contribution to global climate change initiatives*



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JOINT SITE VISIT BY WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE SECTOR AND ENVIRONMENT SECTOR AND THEIR IMPLEMENTING AGENCIES



The Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Sector and Environment Sector together with their Implementing Agencies and Stakeholders conducted a 2 day site visit from the 8th—9th March 2022 in the Big Island of Savaii. The purpose of this visit was to sight some of the Sector's (both WASH & Environment) new key developments in Savaii specifically for FY21/22. There were 9 sites visited as stated below;

- ◆ *Gataivai Reticulation Upgrade (SWA)*
- ◆ *Salailua Water Kiosk (IWSA)*
- ◆ *Fagafau Garden Toilet (STA)*
- ◆ *Neiafu Garden Toilet (STA)*
- ◆ *Vaisala Biogas System (RED-MNRE)*
- ◆ *Logoipulotu/Vaiaata Reservoir*
- ◆ *Satoalepai New Reticulation*
- ◆ *Paia Water Kiosk (IWSA)*
- ◆ *Vaipolui Reserve (SWA)*



The program concluded with presentations from the Ministry of Health and the Water Resources Division (MNRE). Participants were representatives from MWTI, MOH, MAF, MWCSO, MCIL, SWA, STA, SROS, JICA, MNRE-RED, MET, CSD, FD, ESCD, WSCD.



Photo Credit: WSCD Tam (MNRE)

Sector Governance Joint Water & Environment Sector Site Visit—Savaii

REVIEW & UPDATE OF THE WASH SECTOR NATIONAL COMMUNICATION STRATEGY

The Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector in collaboration with the ADB/ Communication Specialist Ms Leaupepe Satui Bentin, conducted a workshop on Friday 11th March 2022 at Taumeasina Island Resort. The workshop was to review the first draft of the Sector's Communication Strategy and Implementation Plan as well as their proposed products. Participants were representatives from; MOH, MWTI, MAF, MWCSO, MPE, SWA, LTA, EPC, JICA, SUNGO, SROS, SCC, SBS, MNRE- RED, CSD, FD, WRD, ESCD, WASH.



Photo Credit: WSCD Team (MNRE)

Sector Governance Validation Workshop— Review National Communication Strategy

Sector Governance Capacity Building Training

REPORT WRITING TRAINING:

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment in Collaboration with Oloamanu Center of Professional Development, conducted a 5 days training on Report Writing from the 4th—18th February 2022. The learning outcomes for the training were;

- ◆ *Define report writing*
- ◆ *Define ethical report writing identifying different elements of report writing*
- ◆ *Apply knowledge of report writing skills using the report outline*
- ◆ *Demonstrate knowledge of conducting a research for a report using the seven-step process*
- ◆ *Explain and apply the correct outline of a report*
- ◆ *Demonstrate knowledge of compiling a report using the correct structure*
- ◆ *Use the correct format to present research findings*

The trainer was Faith Esera Viane from Oloamnu Centre. Participants were representatives from the MNRE Divisions—RED, LDM, CSD, WRD, MET, ESCU, WASH.



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On the 23rd of February 2022 the Joint Water and Sanitation Sector Steering Committee and its Implementing Agencies as well as its Stakeholders conducted its meeting for second quarterly FY21/22 at the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment's Conference Room 1 & 2. The reporting period for this meeting was October—December 2021.

Sector Governance Joint Water and Sanitation Sector Steering Committee Meeting



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