

## »» NEWSLETTER ««

# WATER, SANITATION & HYGIENE SECTOR

## MINISTRY OF NATURAL, RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

*“For all people of Samoa to have access to sustainable, safe and affordable water, improved sanitation and hygiene services enhancing health, productivity and resilience for all”*

### EVENTS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY & MARCH

## PACRES PROJECT LAUNCHING: RAINWATER HARVESTING INITIATIVE

#### JANUARY 30TH, 2024

The Ministry of Natural, Resources & Environment through its collaboration with SPREP in building towards sustainable water management and community resilient, the Pacific Adaptation to Climate Change and Resilience Building (PACRES) project launched on the 30th of January, the rainwater harvesting initiative.

The PACRES Project, fully funded by the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environmental Program (SPREP), aim to address the challenges posed by climate change and enhance resilience in vulnerable communities. The strategic implementation of the initiative carried out by the Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Coordination Division housed under the Ministry of Natural, Resources & Environment.

The primary objective of the initiative was to provide a sustainable and accessible water sources to community to facing water scarcity challenges. Over 100 vulnerable households were recorded across several villages in Samoa, namely Savai'i: Satoalepai, Safai, Fagamalo, Lelepa, Avao Vaipouli, Saleia recieved water tanks through this initiative.

This initiative stands as a testament to the positive impact of targeted, collaborative efforts in addressing pressing environmental and community resilience challenges in Samoa.



# ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW FY22/23

**FEBRUARY 22ND, 2024**

On the 22nd Feb, 2024 the WASH Annual Review presents key themes and challenges in Water, Sanitation & Hygiene Sector (WASH), focusing on progress and emerging priorities. Notable progress has been made in expanding access to improved water source. Challenges remain in ensuring the sustainability of water supply system, particularly in rural and remote areas. Efforts to address these challenges include promoting community - led approaches.

A significant number of people still lack access to basic sanitation facilities. The need for innovative solutions, such as ecological sanitation and sanitation marketing, is highlighted to accelerate progress towards universal access.

Importance of hygiene promotion emphasizes on the significant of preventing diseases and improving overall well-being. This highlights the need for behavior change intervention, education programs, and access to hand washing facilities, especially in healthcare setting and schools. There is also emphasizes on the important of finances and governance in achieving lasting impacts. While also calls for increase investment in WASH infrastructure, capacity building for local institution, and multi - stakeholder to drive progress.



In conclusion, while significant strides have been made in the WASH Sector, the Annual WASH Review serves as a valuable tool for identifying priorities, tracking progress, and mobilizing action towards achieving universal access to clean water, sanitation and hygiene.

## CONSULTATION ON DISASTER MANAGEMENT MOBILE RESPONSE UNIT AND MOBILE MAKERSPACE



**MARCH 27TH, 2024**

The Ministry of Natural, Resources & Environment organized a consultation workshop through its Disaster Management Office, focusing on co - designing of the Samoa response unit. This unit initiative is part of the MNRE and Field Ready under the manufacturing Pacific Program, which aims to develop a Mobile Response Unit or Mobile Makerspace.

A Mobile Response Unit is essentially a mobile workshop equipped with tools and equipment necessary for rapid repairs and reconstruction during disaster preparedness and response efforts. These units plays an important role in ensuring quick and efficient recovery in the aftermath of natural disasters.

The consultation brought together experts from Field Ready and technicians from implementing agencies and stakeholders to collaborate on the co - creation of this innovative tool. The primary objective were to identify the rapid repair needs specific to Samoa's context and determine the critical tools and equipment required to address these needs effectively.





By working closely with Field Ready technicians, MNRE aims to tailor the Mobile Response Unit to meet Samoa's unique requirement, ensuring that it is well-equipped to handle various challenges that may arise during disaster response operations. This collaborative approach not only to enhance Samoa's disaster preparedness capabilities but also foster innovation and knowledge exchange in the field of disaster management.



**Chief Executive Officer & Co - Chairwoman**  
Afioga Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown - Reupena

Words of gratitude from Chief Executive Officer Afioga Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown - Reupena to the WASH Sector implementing agencies, stakeholders, NGO's and our esteem Ministry.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your unwavering commitment and collaborative efforts in improving WASH condition alongside the Ministry of Natural, Resources & Environment. Your dedication and hard work have significantly contributed to the well-being and prosperity of communities across Samoa. Your contribution have not gone unnoticed, and we are immensely grateful for the impact you have made. Fa'afetai lava!

Should you have any further question please contact telephone 67200 ext 322 or visit our MNRE facebook page for any WASH Sector update events.

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