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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 APRIL, MAY & JUNE

JOINT WATER SECTOR STEERING COMMITTEE

MAY 22ND - 23RD, 2024

The Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment through its Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector in their concerted effort in addressing the crucial issues related to water, sanitation and hygiene and was chaired by the Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment, Chief Executive Officer Afioga Lealaisalanoa Frances Brown – Reupena. The Joint Water Sector Steering Committee is a significant meeting to assess the progress made by implementing agencies and stakeholders. The discussion was mainly revolved around the reporting periods covering the third and fourth quarter of January to March and April to June 2023, along with insights from the first and second quarters of July to September and October to December 2023.

This Joint Water Sector Steering Committee served as an opportunity to strategize for the future. Participants from different ministries engaged in a constructive discussion on refining specific and effective approaches, exploring new partnership, and leveraging emerging innovating/emerging technologies to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the WASH Sector.

This was followed by a site visit on May 23rd, 2024 to designated area by our WASH Sector implementing agencies. The following site:

1. Public Lavatory site at Mulinu'u (Waste Management/MNRE)
2. Household Water Meters at Solosolo (Independent Water Scheme Association)
3. Borehole Treatment Plant at Tafitoala (Samoa Water Authority)
4. Watershed or Water Catchment Area at Tafitoala (Water Resource Division/ MNRE)
5. Tree Planting Area at Tiavi (Water Resource Division/MNRE)
6. Sludge Facility at Tafaigata (Waste Management Division/MNRE)
7. Water Treatment Plant at Moamoa (Samoa Water Authority)
8. Drainage Upgrade at John Willian Building Tamaligi (Land Transport Authority)



HOME BIOGAS SYSTEM INSTALLATION (MANONO)

MAY 30TH, 2024

The Renewable Energy Division under the MNRE recently completed their on site installation of their Home Biogas System for two household in Manono. These systems harness organic waste to produce clean energy, offering a sustainable alternative to traditional cooking fuels. By utilizing locally available resources, the initiative aims to reduce dependence on imported fuels while promoting environmental supervision and economic resilience within the community.

This project not only improves energy access but also contributes to mitigating climate change impacts, demonstrating the Ministry commitment to advancing renewable energy solutions across Samoa.



CERTIFIED PLUMBER TRAINING



JUNE 17TH, 2024

The certified Plumber training program, facilitated by the Plumber Association at the National University of Samoa in collaboration with the Water Sector, focuses on enhancing technical skills essential for modern plumbing practices. Participants undergo proper training that covers advanced plumbing techniques, safety protocol, and the latest innovations in water management systems. Emphasis is placed on improving efficiency, sustainability, and reliability in plumbing installations and maintenances.

By equipping plumbers with updated skills and knowledge, the program aims to meet evolving industry standards and address current challenges in water infrastructure, ensuring safer and more resilient plumbing solutions for communities across Samoa.



OFFICIAL OPENING OF NATION'S SOLAR POWERED ELECTRIC VEHICLE

JUNE 21ST, 2024

The Government of Samoa through Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment officially announces the opening of the nation's first solar-powered electric vehicle charging station is a significant step forward sustainable transportation infrastructure. It not only promotes renewable energy use but also supports the endorsement of electric vehicles, reducing carbon emissions. This initiative could set a great example for other regions looking to integrate clean energy into their transportation networks.



YOUTH AWARENESS PROGRAM ON CLIMATE CRISIS, NATURAL DISASTER AND SOCIO - ECONOMIC

JUNE 26 - 27TH, 2024

The Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment - Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector was recently invited to present at a youth awareness program on climate crisis, natural disasters and socio-economic issue and its impact organized by EFKS at Maota o Tupulaga i Mulinu'u. This was a good opportunity for the MNRE to highlight the crucial role of water management in mitigating climate impacts and fostering resilience against natural disaster. The presentation underline sustainable practices and community involvement in safeguarding Samoa's water resources amidst environmental challenges.



WELCOMING THE NEW SECTOR COORDINATOR OF THE WASH SECTOR DIVISION

JUNE 24TH, 2024

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Afioga Saveatama Falefatu Benjamin Salele to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment as the new Assistant Chief Executive Officer for the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector Division. He will lead efforts to enhance water sector resilience and sustainability, focusing on leadership, community engagement, and sustainable infrastructure. Previously, Afioga Saveatama Falefatu Benjamin Salele was a Civil Engineer at the Land Transport Authority of Samoa (LTA), where he has experience in project management, infrastructure management and safety engineering. He holds a Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from the University of Canterbury in New Zealand and has completed various professional programs. Afioga Saveatama Falefatu Benjamin Salele is dedicated to improving water management quality in the Pacific.



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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