



Government of Samoa

MINISTRY OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT



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DROUGHT ALERT: PARTS OF SAMOA EXPERIENCE BELOW AVERAGE RAINFALL

Samoa is currently in its dry season (May to October), during which rainfall patterns vary significantly by location. Recent observations indicate that several areas have experienced below-average rainfall over the 6-month and 12-month periods compared to normal conditions.

Table 1: Rainfall observation recorded across Samoa under different timescale

3month (May-July 2024)	6month (Feb-July 2024)	12month (July 2023-July 2024)
Normal to above average rainfall across Samoa	Northwest of Savaii received below average rainfall. Normal to above average rainfall to most location	Below average rainfall recorded at South and central highland of Upolu and Western side and inland of Savai'i.

In response to these significant variations, the public is advised to take necessary measures to mitigate the impacts of prolonged dry spells. It is strongly recommended that the public refrain from open burning of rubbish due to the increased risk of forest and bush fires. The public is also advised to conserve, store and manage water supplies and sources sustainably. Due to below average rainfall in some parts of Samoa, there is reduced groundwater recharge and diminished surface water flow and availability.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment through the Samoa Meteorology Division, Water Resources Division, Forestry Division and the Disaster Management Office will continue to collaborate closely with the Samoa Water Authority, the Independent Water Schemes Association, the Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority (SFESA) and other key agencies in response to continuing dry spells.

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