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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 JULY, AUGUST, SEPTEMBER 2024

PLUMBER ASSOCIATION OF SAMOA CERTIFICATE AWARD CEREMONY

JULY 11TH, 2024

From the 11th - 13th June 2024, a comprehensive one-week training program was conducted at the National University of Samoa by Meki Taula Tu'uu of the Plumber Association of Samoa, focusing on “Hot Water Service” and “Sanitary Plumbing System and Regulation” compliance.

This initiative was made possible by the Plumber Association of Samoa collaborative effort with MNRE - Water Sanitation, and Hygiene Sector Division. Participants come from various ministries and private sector including Ministry of Work, Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI), Samoa Water Authority (SWA), Ministry of Health (MOH), Kooline Refrigeration Samoa Ltd, Samoa Superior Poly Products, National University of Samoa (NUS), Local Boys, East and West, and PAO Plumbing.

On the 11th July 2024, a special ceremony was held at the National University of Samoa to award every participant a certificate, officially certifying them as certified plumbers in accordance to the areas covered in this training in Samoa. These individuals are now equipped with enhance technical skills to maintain and improve standard of plumbing in Samoa.

The Water Sanitation and Hygiene Sector division wish all the recipient all the best!!



CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCH OF SAMOA YOUTH SITE VISIT TO RAINWATER HARVESTING TANK “LETOGO PRIMARY SCHOOL”

JULY 17TH, 2024

Following an invitation by the Congregational Christian Church of Samoa/Ekalesia Faalapotopotoga Samoa (EFKS) Youth Awareness Program Program on Climate Crisis, Natural Disaster, and Socio - Economic Issue. The Water Sanitation and Hygiene Sector Division presented its core functions and role within the Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment (MNRE). This presentation complemented by a follow up by site visit on the 17th July, to four site, each overseen by the MNRE division.

The sites included the Rainwater Harvesting Tank at Letogo Primary School, manage by the Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Sector division; Botanical Garden at Vailima, overseen by the Division of Environment and Conservation; Vailima Planting Nursery, under the Water Resource Division; and the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) which is part of the Disaster Management Office.

This site visit showcase the diverse effort and collaborative work of the MNRE in addressing environmental and resource management issue.

**RAINWATER HARVESTING TANK,
LETOGO PRIMARY SCHOOL**



BOTANICAL GARDEN, VAILIMA



VAILIMA PLANTING NURSERY



**NATIONAL EMERGENCY
OPERATION CENTER,
TUANAIMATO**



SANITATION SUBSECTOR COMMITTEE FOLLOW SITE INSPECTION

JULY 22ND, 2024

A complete inspection site visit was carried out by the Sanitation Subsector Committee that include members from Ministry of Work, Transport and Infrastructure - PUMA, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment - WASH Sector & WMPC and Ministry of Health to address pressing issue of overflowing waste from drainage system, which has been emitting offensive smells disturbing local resident and neighboring area. The inspection by the Sanitation Subsector Committee covered five critical sites;

- The Noodle Factory at Nu'u;
- Laundromat at Lotopa;
- Apia Supermarket Drainage in Mulivai;
- Moatoga Upholstery in Fugalei;
- Moto'otua Drainage System up road.

The purpose of this inspection is to assess the sanitation problem at these locations to improve public health and reduce environmental nuisance. See image for more detail.

NOODLE FACTORY, NU'U



**APIA SUPERMARKET DRAINAGE,
MULIVAI**



MOATOGA UPHOLSTERY, FUGALEI



LAUNDROMAT, LOTOPA



**MOTO'OTUA DRAINAGE SYSTEM UP
ROAD**



PACIFIC WATER & WASTEWATER CONFERENCE / EXPO MEETING

SEPTEMBER 2ND - 7TH, 2024

The 15th Pacific Water & Wastewater conference and Expo took place in Cook Island from September 2nd to 7th as representative of the WASH Sector division Assistant Chief Executive Officer, afioga Saveatama Falefatu Benjamin Salele and Principal Policy & Performance Monitoring Officer, Ms. Perise Kerslake together with representative from our sector Implementing Agencies to attend this prestigious meeting, under the theme “Water Resilient in the Pasifika.....navigating current change for a Climate Resilient Region.” This event gathered Ministers, Utilities Leaders, Government Representative, and Development Partners to address pressing challenges of water resilience in the Pacific amid global change.

Participants discussed innovative and adaptive strategies aimed at enhancing water security across the region. The conference serves as a crucial platform for sharing knowledge and fostering collaboration, highlighting the collective responsibility to shape a sustainable water future for Pacific communities. Through these efforts, stakeholders are committed to building resilience and ensuring access to safe water in the face of ongoing environmental change.



NATIONAL WATER SERVICES POLICY PRESENTED TO THE SAMOA WATER AUTHORITY BOARD

SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2024

The 26th September, 2024 the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the WASH Sector, afioga Saveatama Falefatu Benjamin Salele presented the National Water Services Policy to the Samoa Water Authority Board. The National Water Services (NWSP) 2023 aims to create a cohesive framework for water service delivery in alignment with national objectives. By integrating the practices of Samoa Water Authority (SWA) with overarching national goals, the NWSP seeks to enhance the quality, accessibility and sustainability of water services across the nation.

The scope of the NWSP extends to the Samoa Water Authority, Samoa Independent Water Scheme Association and related Stakeholders including local government, community and private sector partner. By engaging these diverse entities, the policy encourages inclusive decision - making and resource sharing ensuring that all voices are heard in the pursuit efficient equitable water service delivery.

BIDDING FAREWELL TO MS. MAFA MULITALO - SIMANU

JUNE 17TH, 2024

After fourteen years of dedicated service at the Ministry of Natural, Resources and Environment, Ms. Mafa Mulitalo - Simanu concluded her tenure on May 17th 2024, as she embarks on a new journey. Starting as an Accountant Officer, she quickly advanced to Senior Investment and Procurement Officer, and then to Principal Investment and Procurement Officer, contributing significantly to the Ministry's success and WASH Sector .

Her expertise and dedication have left a lasting impact on both work and the people she worked with. As colleagues and friends, we extend our heartfelt gratitude for her remarkable service. Ms. Mafa Mulitalo - Simanu, you will be greatly missed, and we wished you all the best in your future endeavors. Faafetai lava! Tofa soifua!



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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