



Sauano Fagaloa Awareness Program and Tsunami Response and Evacuation Drill

MAY 2024



OUR BELOVED – PESETA VA’AUA WILSON

Member for 23 Years



Peseta Vaaua Wilson served in the Ministry of Natural of Resources and Environment for a total of 23 years under the Meteorology Division, as a Senior Scientific Officer. Over the years, Mr. Wilson has served the Ministry and the people of Samoa diligently and with great humility. The Chief Executive Officer, Management and the whole Ministry sends their deepest condolences to the mourning family.

Rest in God’s loving arms Peseta.

Thank you for your service!

Lalomauga Awareness Campaign and Cyclone and Severe Flooding Evacuation Drill

04th - 08th June, 2024



The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment conducted a Tropical Cyclone and Severe Flooding Evacuation Drill for the village of Lalomauga. The purpose of the Drill is to raise awareness on the hazards that poses threats to the schools, create and ensure a safe learning environment for both staff and students. and to test and evaluate the operational and decision making readiness of principals, staff and students and school committees in the event of a tropical cyclone or severe flooding. The Drill also allowed Lalomauga Primary School to trial their drafted School Disaster Management Plans (“DMP’s”) by practicing the evacuation of students to the designated safe areas in a safe manner. Lalomauga Primary had the opportunity to participate and observe firsthand the village response team demonstrating their search and rescue skills and experience what it’s like to be accommodated in evacuation centers during disasters and emergencies. The overall aim of the program is to raise awareness on the hazards that poses threats to the schools, create and ensure a safe learning environment for both staff and students. Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were also introduced together with emergency roles and necessary actions to be taken to prevent and minimize impacts, respond to, prepare for and recover from disasters and emergencies.

NEW RECRUITS



Name: Moeiletoto Gogo
Position: Driver
Division: Corporate Service



Name: Romafou Enosa
Position: Driver
Division: Corporate Service

WEEK REMINDER

TEAM WORK

Coming together is the
beginning
Keeping together is
progress
Working together is
success

National Climate Outlook Forum (NCOF)

10th - 12th June 2024



Apia, Samoa - The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment through its Samoa Meteorological Service (MET) hosted the National Climate Outlook Forum (NCOF) from the 10th - 12th June 2024 at the Samoa Shipping Services Conference Centre, through the financial support from the European Union-funded Intra ACP ClimSA Project.

The NCOF serves as a key national platform for promoting regular dialogue and inter-ministry/agency coordination in responding to severe weather events, natural hazards, climate variability, climate extremes and changes. The process will strengthen the disaster risk management response plan at all levels to build resilience to climate sensitive sectors.

During the Forum, the Samoa Met Office presented weather, climate products and services available. Specific sectors such as Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR) Agriculture and Fisheries also shared about the sectors' tailored products and how the information being issued is helpful to them, and how they think the information would best be delivered.

The NCOF provides an excellent opportunity to reinforce formal arrangements for engagement and consultation between the MET and the sectors to improve sustainable collaboration as well as understanding the in-depth detail of the information being issued.

Disaster Information Management and Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) Training

12th-13th June, 2024



The Ministry through the Disaster Management Office and in collaboration with the United Nation Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (UN OCHA) conducted a training on Information Management and Initial Damage Assessment from the 12th-13th June, 2024 at the National Emergency Operation Center (NEOC) Tuanaimato.

The training focused on validating and finalizing the IDA form, review IDA procedures in place, improve knowledge and skills in utilizing this tool and understand how to use the Kobo Toolbox to develop their own assessment forms at the same time, enhance the participants understanding of Information Management and Emergency Coordination during response.

Overall, the training provided a key opportunity for the attending representatives from various agencies and sectors to inform the development of the IDA assessment form. An opportunity to test the form through a field survey simulation was also implemented on the last day, which proved to be beneficial in highlighting key gaps in the forms usability, presentation and content.

NUUSUATIA VILLAGE COMMUNITY DISASTER & CLIMATE RISK MANAGEMENT (CDCRM) PROGRAMME

10th - 13th June, 2024



Nuusuatia village is one of the few villages from the Safata District to have completed the national CDCRM Programme that was conducted from the 10th to the 13th June 2024. The programme was led by the Disaster Management Office (DMO) in collaboration with the usual key agencies; Ministry of Police, Prisons & Corrections, Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority, Nuanua Ole Alofa, Samoa Red Cross Society, Ministry of Health, Samoa Family Health Association and Samoa Meteorology Division.

The CDCRM program continues to enhance resilience of communities in response to disasters and emergencies. This was facilitated through the trainings and presentation of information to improve the community skills and knowledge especially in response to disaster impacts.

The Nuusuatia CDCRM programme concluded with a successful cyclone and river flooding simulation exercise which allowed the community to demonstrate and apply what they learnt throughout the four days of the program.

JOB VACANCY

- Principal Programmer & Investment Planning Officer - \$53, 817
- Valuation Officer - \$26, 756
- Scientific Officer (Forecasting Weather Service) - \$26, 756
- Forest Field Officer - \$23, 893
- Assistant Scientific Officer - \$20, 472
- Assistant Lease Officer - \$14, 706
- Technician Trainee (Mulinuu) - \$7, 975
- (Previous applicants need NOT to re-apply)
- Assistant Mechanic (Mulinuu) - \$7, 975
- (Previous applicants need NOT to re-apply)
- Procurement Clerk - \$7, 975
- (Previous applicants need NOT to re-apply)
- Driver - \$7, 975
- Groundsman - \$7, 975
- Assistant Motor & Metal - \$7, 975
- Facilities Caretaker (Mulinuu) - \$7, 975

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Due Date - June 27, 2024 -

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