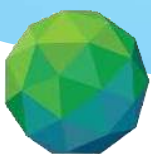


Picture taken from one of the EbaEDP grantee's project during site visit

PROJECT UPDATE

Vaisigano Catchment Project



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A Word from the Green Climate Fund - Vaisigano Catchment Project (GCF-VCP) Management Unit (GCF-PMU)

Talofa Lava! We welcome you to read the GCF-VCP Bi-monthly Newsletter providing updates for the months of May - June 2023. This 33rd edition highlights updates and progress of various activities under the GCF-VCP three key Outputs in the 2023 Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB), implemented by leading Implementing Agencies (IAs) namely: the Ministry of Works Transport and Infrastructure (MWTI), Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Ministry of Health (MoH), and the Land Transport Authority (LTA) supported by the Collaborating partners with overall strategic management and oversight by the Ministry of Finance (MoF), the Executing Agency (EA) for the Government of Samoa (GoS) in collaboration with the UNDP as the GCF Accredited Entity (AE).

Malo lava le galulue ma le fa'amalolosi IAs and Collaborating Partners.

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Updates

Output 1, Activity 1.1.4

CONDUCT FEASIBILITY STUDIES FOR APIA INTEGRATED SEWAGE SYSTEM (AISS)



The MWTI received Hunter H2O's (HH2O) last three deliverables in a handover meeting that was held at the MWTI Conference Room at TATTE on 9th May 2023, and on 22nd May 2023 the contractor submitted its final Executive Summary Report. The three deliverables are the: (1) Pilot Trials Design Report (2) Pilot Trials Engineers Estimate Report; and (3) the Final Completion Handover Report.

HH2O is an Australia company contracted by MWTI in 2020 to undertake the feasibility study for the Apia Integrated Sewage System.

Output 1, Activity 1.2.3

TRAIN VILLAGE COUNCILS ON HOW TO PREPARE FOR AND EVACUATE FLOOD-RELATED VICTIMS

The shipment of additional fifteen Emergency Response Bags (ERBs), Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) and Training Manikins from EBOS International arrived in country on 20th April 2023. MoH supported by GCF-PMU conducted the verification process and confirmed receipt of the full order of supplies from EBOS. The full payment was processed on 16th May 2023 upon receipt of the complete documentation from the MoH.



Output 2, Activity 2.1.1

REVIEW PROPOSED DESIGNS FOR CHANNELIZATION OF SEGMENTS 2, 3 AND 4 OF THE VAISIGANO RIVER INCLUDING THE IMPACT ON CHANNEL CAPACITY OF THE NEW LELATA BRIDGE AND THE POTENTIAL FOR OPTIMIZING SCHEME DESIGN AND DURABILITY

Tinai Gordon & Associates (TGA) Variation 4 (reallocation of savings within the contract, realignment and remodeling of Segment 2 and repackaging of Segment 3 with the box culvert) was signed by both MWTI/the IA and TGA/the contractor on 21st April 2023. TGA presented the Hydraulic Model Report and revised Design Drawings for Segment 2 on 31st May 2023. These deliverables are currently under due diligence review (DDR) by MWTI, GCF-PMU and UNDP.



Output 2, Activity 2.2.5

TRAIN MEMBERS OF LOCAL POPULATION ON THESE ALTERNATIVE INCOME GENERATING ACTIVITIES, AS WELL AS BUSINESS INCUBATION FOR ENTREPRENEURIAL AGRIBUSINESS AND CLIMATE CHANGE AND FLOOD-RELATED OPTIONS

The MNRE and its collaborating partners - Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) and Samoa Business Hub (SBH) together with the GCF-PMU held a meeting on 25th May 2022 to discuss and agree on the site visit plan to completed EbAEDP projects to confirm successful ones for compilation of stories. The Team conducted the site visit on 29th May 2023 to selected families to monitor their progress and later conducted interviews with the selected grantees on 8th June 2023 to compile success stories.



Output 2, Activity 2.3.1

REVIEW CURRENT DESIGN OF LELATA BRIDGE

A coordination meeting was held with LTA, UNDP, GCF-PMU and Beca as the contractor for this activity on 19th May 2023 to review details of Beca's request for Variation No. 6 received by LTA and GCF-PMU on 19th May 2023 from UNDP. Beca submitted its revised variation proposal on 13th June 2023 which received LTA's informal clearance on 15th June 2023 with joint formal clearance and approval by LTA and MoF to UNDP on 28th June 2023.



Output 4

SAFEGUARDS COORDINATION COMMITTEE (SCC) SEVENTEENTH MEETING (SCC#17)

The SCC#17 meeting was held on 18th May 2023, at MWTI Conference room at TATTE building. The meeting was chaired by the MWTI CEO and attended by representatives of MWTI, MNRE, LTA, UNDP, collaborating partners and GCF-PMU. The Meeting discussed safeguards issues that affects the VRCA communities and the general environment, including possible solutions to address challenges identified.



Output 4, Activity 4.2

COORDINATION MEETINGS WITH IAs

In place of the Bi-annual Multi-stakeholders' workshop that is usually held in June and November each year, the GCF-PMU team held a working session on 20th June 2023 to review Quarter 1 - Quarter 2 (Q1-Q2) performance and proposed revisions to the 2023 AWPB and MYWPB to prepare for the coordination meetings with IAs that were held from 21st to 22nd June 2023.





Upcoming Event:

GCF Mission - 17th - 20th July 2023

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