

## Samoa - Enhancing resilient public facilities

### Country

Samoa

### ACP-EU Disaster Risk Management Program Component

Mainstream DRR and CCA into national and priority sector policies and investment planning

### Amount Approved

€95,000 / \$100,000

### Duration

11/2023 – 12/2025

### Context and Objectives

Samoa is highly exposed to natural hazards including floods, droughts, tropical cyclones, storm surges, earthquakes, and tsunamis. Samoa experienced 15 devastating disasters between 1940-2020, with storm events accounting for 73 percent of disasters.<sup>1</sup> Mainstreaming climate and disaster resilience into development will help reduce some of the shocks from climate and disaster risks.

The objective of the proposed grant is to enhance Samoa's preparedness and response to natural hazards through strengthened implementation of climate and disaster resilience standards. In particular, technical assistance is aiming to support the government better conduct risk-informed site analysis and design critical facilities.

### Main Activity and Expected Result

#### ***Enhanced implementation of disaster and climate resilient standards for public facilities***

This activity covers technical assistance to government stakeholders with a focus on identification of critical national facilities, that could include scoping of an Emergency Operations Centre on the island of Savai'i and the identification of a new site for the Samoa National Meteorological Office.

#### *Expected Result:*

- Enhanced capability to conduct site analysis and integrate disaster risk standards for infrastructure developments.

### Partnerships and Coordination

The World Bank is implementing this project in close collaboration with the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment, and Ministry of Works, Transport, and Infrastructure. The task team coordinates its efforts with the EU Delegation in Fiji.

Progress complements the [Samoa Pacific Resilience Program project](#) and the [Enhancing Climate Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities project](#), both financed by the World Bank.

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1 UNDRR (2022). Disaster Risk Reduction in Samoa: Country Update 2022