Strengthening public policy to incorporate climate & disaster resilience

SAMOA
HOW CLIMATE & DISASTER INCORPORATED AT THE STRATEGIC LEVEL

• Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2016/2020: RIORITY 4: Key Outcome 13 / 14 – Climate and disaster resilience and responsive planning improved: – Climate and disaster resilience integrated into all sector plans, Ministry and implementing agencies corporate plans; – 100% compliance of Ministries and implementing agencies with climate and disaster resilience plans.

• National Disaster Management Plan 2017/2020: Provides a policy framework that promotes whole of country and multi-sectoral approach to disaster risk management at a local national and regional level.

LINKAGES TO GLOBAL FRAMEWORKS & GOALS

SFDRR: Priority 2: Strengthening disaster risk governance to manage disaster risk

SAMOA Pathway – Disaster Risk Reduction

Paris Agreement

SDGs
Key challenges

• Integrating risk reduction measures into all development strategies, plans, budgets, projects to build a resilience framework;

• Encouraging cross-sectoral collaboration to move away from working in silos;

• Incorporating cross cutting issues that take account of the needs of the most vulnerable groups to promote principles of gender equity and social inclusion;

• Raising awareness and communication of DRM to mitigate the impacts of natural disasters and enhance disaster preparedness through multi-stakeholder coordination;

• Strengthening stakeholder engagement to support broader ownership and sustainability of the incorporation/mainstreaming process;

• Commitment to monitor progress and document lessons learned, drawing on identified indicators that are mapped against outcomes, outputs and activities
**Solutions:**

- Engagement between DMO and sectors for the purpose of reviews and strategy development;
- Facilitation of sector specific workshops, tailored to meet sector needs;
- Assistance with developing and updating response agency plans;
- Testing response agency plans through simulation exercises;
- Develop Sector Response Plan;
- Recommended Actions for Sector Plans;
- Assigning of DMO sector specific focal points to ensure sectors can access dedicated DMO personnel to work with them, using tools to identify DRM gaps and best practice approaches.
**Remaining gap:**

- Risk assessment of all sectors infrastructure, assets and interdependency of services to inform appropriate and cost effective interventions.
- Evaluation of disaster risks;
- Devising risk-informed planning techniques and creating incentives to pursue these;
- Securing financing to mainstream/incorporate DRM;
- Improving leadership, collaboration and innovation for mainstreaming processes.
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