

PPCR Pilot Countries Meeting

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT: SAMOA

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Background: Samoa

- Located in Polynesian region of the South Pacific halfway between Hawaii & NZ
- Total land area 2935 sq km; 80% customary
- Population: 187,820 (2011)
- Independent in 1962; based on British Westminster parliamentary system
- Has maintained traditional customs, social systems and language which embody three key elements of governance system (matai/chiefs, aiga/extended family, ekalesia/church) – these act as a safety net although in some cases contribute to increasing hardship

Background: Stakeholder Engagement

- Current process a result of more than 15 years of economic & public sector reforms after cyclone recovery early 1990s
 - a greater emphasis on strategic planning
 - importance of stakeholder engagement and ownership
 - changed the approach in how stakeholders are being engaged
 - increased support for and partnerships with csos/private sector organisations in the development process

CSOs in Samoa

- Samoa Umbrella for NGOs (SUNGO)
- More than 100 members consisting of various organisations dealing with social issues, income generation, community development, climate change, special needs, church development)

PPCR Stakeholder Engagement

- Consultations began with the PPCR Scoping Mission November 2009
- PPCR Steering Committee has SUNGO and Chamber of Commerce as members
- Working well in terms of information sharing, consultations and forming partnerships in implementation and support for the PPCR

CSOs capacity assessment Phase 1

- Assessed how csos can better build cr of communities and csos needs to enable more effective engagement with communities
- Despite more than a decade of capacity building on climate change through various projects, there has been little or direct capacity building of csos on climate change
- Or capacity building has been the result of project outputs and not sustained

CSOs capacity assessment Phase 1

- While CSOs capacity in building climate resilience of communities need further development
- Strengths in their specialised areas and in terms of close relationships with communities through sustained engagement and on going capacity building
- They are key in building climate resilience of communities and need support in terms of free flow of information, real partnerships developed through consultation and collaboration

Phase 1 High Level Forum

- For Government to consider future direction based on key findings and recommendations from the studies (senior officials, representatives from csos, private sector and development partners)
- Understanding, assessing and managing climate & disaster risks
- Challenges, barriers and solutions
- Policy, legislation and insurance
- Architecture for a Climate Change Trust Fund
- Climate Public Expenditure and Institutional Review

PPCR Enhancing CR Coastal Resources & Communities

- Develop framework for the review and update of CIM plans and guide implementation of plans during ECRCRC
- Gender study and monitoring framework also being conducted will feed into this methodology
- Cso support on capacity building and opportunities for csos to carry out methodology in PPCR districts (16)

Way Forward

- PPCR an opportunity to broaden the programmatic approach in working in partnership with csos in the delivery of programmes in communities
- Opportunity for cso support through PPCR
- Opportunity for csos to deliver the same methodology in the AF districts (25)
- Opportunity for government to further support cso in other sectors