



**Meeting of PPCR Pilot Countries and Regions  
October 30, 2012 - Istanbul, Turkey**

**Progress Updates from PPCR Pilots**

**Country pilot: SAMOA**

**Strategic Program for Climate Resilience (SPCR):**

- Endorsed: March 2011

*Briefly outline three major advances, challenges and lessons learned arising from your SPCR programming or implementation process since the last meeting of PPCR pilots.*

**Advances:**

1. Investment project 1 almost ready for Board submission, technical negotiations October 19 2012, WB Board date 13 December 2012
2. Phase 1 nearing completion
3. Better understanding of climate resilience of Chamber of Commerce and key CSOs through the PPCR
4. Climate Resilience & DRR becoming a key outcome in the new national development strategy

**Challenges:**

1. Consultation fatigue and getting commitment for stakeholder involvement
2. Climate change still being seen by some agencies as a concern of the Ministry of Environment
3. Coordination challenges still remain.

**Lessons learned:**

1. Mainstreaming in the last 15 years mainly at the policy level, not enough evidence on the ground. Recommendations from the Mainstreaming work under Phase 1 should contribute towards expanding the scope of climate change integration beyond the policy level to plans and projects.
2. A lot of talk at the national level about climate change but most do not have the facts to make informed decisions, and how climate has changed in Samoa. To a large extent this is being addressed under PPCR Phase 1 through the Situation Analysis which is providing information that should help in making informed decisions, including quantitative estimates of current and anticipated climate risks.

*What is the most striking value added or benefit from the PPCR process in your country?*

At this stage, the most important benefit of the PPCR process is the increasing importance and high profile given to enhancing climate resilience because of the PPCR. Now there is considerably closer collaboration between agencies and availability of increased user-friendly information for stakeholders.

*Briefly outline the institutional arrangements for the coordination and oversight of the implementation of the SPCR as a program. What works and what needs improvement?*

The Ministry of Finance is the coordinator of the SPCR as a program. Oversight is provided by the PPCR Steering Committee chaired by the CEO, Ministry of Finance. These arrangements are working well.

*If you have an endorsed SPCR, which of your projects have progressed the most in terms of preparation/implementation and what are the 3 main factors that have contributed to this progress?*

**Project:** Investment project 1: Enhancing the Climate Resilience of the West Coast Road has progressed the most in terms of preparation. The investment:

1. is part of the regular operation of the implementing agency
2. targets a key national infrastructure asset and investment priority
3. involves work where the World Bank has a comparative advantage in Samoa

*What are the 3 major tasks ahead for your SPCR during the next 6-12 months?*

1. Implementation of Investment project 1 (Enhancing the Climate Resilience of the West Coast Road)
2. Design of Investment project 2 (Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities)
3. Government deciding on the future strategic direction for climate resilience at the national level as a result of Phase 1 studies