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Sui Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanuia ma Leipa iā Toeolesulusulu Cedric Posē Schuster

A mautū ta'iala, e lelei fo'i galuega fa'avaitaimi

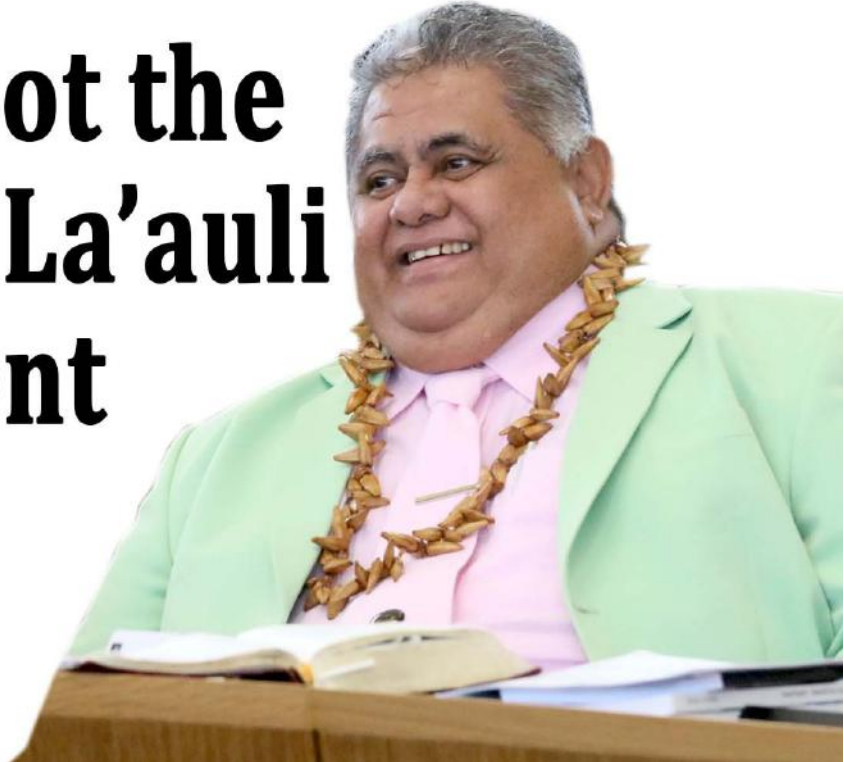
Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

Ua ta'utino le Sui Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi, Alamanuia ma Leipa iā Toeolesulusulu Cedric Posē Schuster, talu ona fa'avae mai Galuega Fa'avaitaimi i le va o Samoa, Niu Sila ma Ausetalia, e leai ma ni Faiga Fa'avae ua fa'ata'oto e lima ta'ita'iina ai mana'oga o Samoa ina ia manino ma mautinoa e lē tu'utalaloa le filifilia o se agava'a i nei galuega.

Mo le silafia, o le 'auga ma le fa'amoemoe autū o le fa'avaeina o lea maliega i le va o Samoa, Niu Sila ma Ausetalia, e mau ai avanoa a nai o tatou tagata lima vaivai ma i latou e leai ni galuega, e malaga ai i totonu o ia atunu'u, e faigaluega ma mau ai se seleni auā le atina'ega o 'āiga, tautuaina o ekalesia ma nu'u.

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“Money is not the problem,” - La'auli to Parliament



IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK; Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, La'auli Leuatea Polataivao Fosi

By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga

When the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries, La'auli Leuatea Polataivao reassured Parliament this week that when it comes to the Government's financial stability, “Money is not the Problem,” he wasn't bluffing.

Apparently, the Cabinet Minister's frustrations is prompted by the unsubstantiated on-line gossips and innuendoes claiming that either Government is on the verge of financial bankruptcy or Government is broke.

However La'aulis' boldness is substantiated by Central Bank of Samoa's Economy Report for the first 4 months of the Current Fiscal Year, which states that Government's Gross Official Foreign Reserves is at \$785.32 million tala at the end of October 2022 which is “1.7% higher than the same month last year.”

“At this level, this was sufficient to cover 9 months of imports which was lower than 11.4 months at the end of October 2021,” noted the Central Bank Report.

The Report further cited a decreased in External Debts from \$1,003.21 million to \$909.16 million which reflects a 9.3 % drop.

For the Annual Debt Servicing, at the end of September 2022 quarter the following is cited by the Economy Report; ANNUAL DEBT SERVICING (AT END SEPTEMBER 2022 QUARTER) \$89.16 million, which was 150.3 percent higher than \$35.62 million in the year up to September 2021. This large hike reflects the end of the Debt Service Suspension Initiative (DSSI), which Samoa is a part of, and the resumption of normal debt servicing repayments. This was equivalent to

- 13.37 percent of recurrent revenue
- 11.29 percent of foreign reserves or
- 26.07 percent of total exports of goods and services.

{EDITOR'S NOTE; The full Economy Report (in both English and Samoan) on posted on the Government of Samoa's Official Website; www.samoagovt.ws

Rising cost of living Under Siege

By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga

Government is entertaining a wholesale approach to minimize the merciless increase in freight costs and world petroleum prices blamed for provoking the uninvited increase in the local cost of living and inflation.

The plan in its infant's stages was floated in Parliament this week by Transport and Shipping Minister Olo Fiti Vaai in addressing concerns and criticisms leveled at Government for its lack of initiatives to address public concerns.

Among the initiatives that the Government's Transport, Shipping and Energy Sectors are looking

into is the long term investment to secure and own a container vessel. The aim to minimize the impact of imports provoked by the astronomical costs in international freight costs.

In announcing the proposal, the Minister told the House latest data shows that freight costs have shot through the roof since international borders opened with the COVID19 pandemic slowly fading out.

For instance, the Minister recalled that three years ago freight costs to ship a 20ft container was a little over \$3,000 but today it has jumped to close to \$5,000.

Similarly, the freight costs for a 40ft container is now almost double at over \$7,000.

And Olo predicts that the freight fees increase which

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Minister of Transport, Olo Fiti Vaai (Insert) floating the plan in Parliament for Government to procure and own a container vessel to arrest the rising freight costs which is a main contributing factor in the cost of imports and rising cost of living.

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\$10 million payout in a single day; SNPF New record

By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga

Without a lot of fanfare, the Samoa National Provident Fund's 2% Interim Dividend for Fiscal Year 2022-2023 paid out as of Monday this week deserves a standing ovation from the Funds' 33,000 subscribers entitled to receive the benefit. But it didn't happen.

And because, the contributors may not have been aware of the demands behind the scene which made it happen.

For the record, the Interim Dividend was adopted by the SNPF Board and Management as a pilot trial and earmarked to provide a financial cushion for contributors to cope with the rising inflation and cost of living as Samoa together with world deal with the aftermath of the COVID19 pandemic.

Prescribed by law, the annual dividends which should not be less than 4% of the Funds profits at the end of each Fiscal Year and should be paid out in July.

But for the current Fiscal Year, SNPF Chief Executive Pauli Prince Suhren with the Board's blessing initiated the early dividend payout in instalments (a.k.a Interim Dividend) to help contributors deal with the Post COVID19 era.

The investment is a huge success not only meetings its targeted

objective but for the Fund's "Digital Transformation" which has been struggling since it was launched last July 2022.

In the first trial dividend payout on-line last July, electronic and software hiccups saw hundreds of contributors back to long queues to manually process their benefits. At the end of the first day close to 4,000 contributors had received their cash.

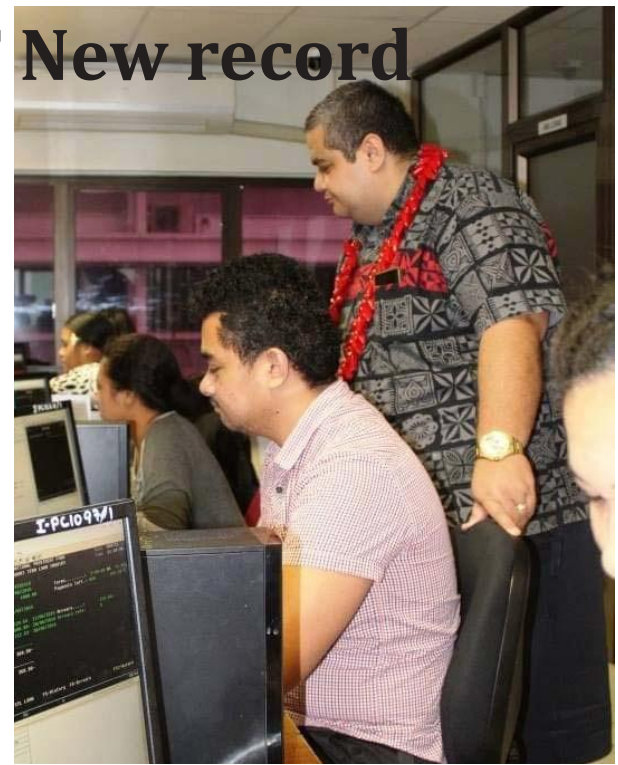
But on the 23rd of this month, when the first instalment of the Interim Dividend was given the green light, a record 13,856 contributors 2% was processed on line and deposited in their respective bank accounts. The total cash disbursement for the day? \$10 million tala, a new record and a huge vindication for Pauli and team.

"I've always believe that it's better to give up trying than giving up altogether without trying," an elated Pauli told the Savali.

"Digital transformation is in the best interest of contributors while on the national level, it is also the SNPF contribution to safeguard Samoa's security and safety during national epidemics and natural disasters," he added.

What can the SNPF expect next?

"Stay tune. Our father in heaven will never forsake us and with his guidance and blessings, we can expect wonders to happen for the SNPF stakeholders," replied a modest Fund Chief Executive.



ON THE FRONTLINE- SNPF Chief Executive Pauli Prince Suhren at the frontline to assist staff process the dividends in recent years.

Government launches Agriculture and Fisheries Sector Plan

By: Marc Membrere

The Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries (MAF) has officially launched the Agriculture and Fisheries Sector Plan 2022/2023 - 2026/2027 targeting the increase in food security, enhance resilience and to build a sustainable agriculture.

In launching the Sector Plan, Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries La'auli placed emphasis on the need to enhance the resilience of the food, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture systems.

He said this was a result of the increasing threats posed by climate change shocks, different

types of pests and diseases, invasive species and unsustainable farming.

The sector plan lays the strategic direction for MAF in the next five years, guiding them to achieve the overall vision of a sustainable sector for food, nutritional and income security, prosperity, wealth, and resilience.

"We aim to achieve this national vision for the sector through the goal to increase the sustainable contribution of the sector to food, nutrition and income security, and economic growth," said the Minister.

The plan focuses on five strategic outcomes:

- Resilient and sustainable food, agriculture, fisheries and aquaculture systems enhanced.
- Food and nutritional security increased.
- Rural transformation fostered.
- Private sector capacity and export contributions improved.
- Enabling environment for the sector development strengthened.

Acting Prime Minister Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio provided the ribbon cutting duties to officially launch the 5 year Sector Plan.



Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries La'auli Leuatea Polataivao Fosi and Acting Prime Minister Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio



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Special cash benefits to be paid out in April - Finance Minister Mulipola

By: Nanai Taofiga Laveitiga Tuiletufuga

The special financial support for Samoa's vulnerable groups which includes pensioners and residents with disabilities will be paid out starting in April, the last quarter of the fiscal year, Finance Minister Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molio'o has reassured Parliament.

Although included in the First Supplementary Budget for the current Fiscal Year inked by Parliament Wednesday evening, the delay in disburse is due to funding conditions.

Funding for the \$50 tala a month hike for three months for pensioners under the Samoa National Provident Fund together with the Government's \$50 tala monthly Disability Benefit are funded by the Government of Australia as budget support for Samoa.

The Government of Australia is providing a grand of AUD\$20,000,000 which is equivalent to SAT\$36,000,000.

For additional budget support a USD\$3,100,000 concessional loan from the Asian Development Bank equivalent to SAT\$8,060,000 is also available.

This support is the remaining portion of a standby facility sourced from the Pacific Disaster Resilience Facility approved for Samoa in 2017 (when it was entitled to 50% grants and 50% concessional loans from the Asian Development Fund), with the grant component



IN PARLIAMENT THIS WEEK; Finance Minister Mulipola Anarosa Ale Molio'o

released in April 2020 towards the COVID-19 pandemic response.

In total, Government has secured new budget support to the tune of over \$44 million

tala from her development partners to counter the "shock of increasing imported inflation and to help reduce the overall budget deficit."

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is beyond Samoa's control will continue to soar and unless Government steps in, residents and businesses will remain as collateral damage and at the mercy of international costs and tariff.

He said that Government's resolve is to address issues on the local front which will help minimize the added costs. And Samoa owning her own container vessel transport imports and minimizing shipping costs for her exports is a viable option.

"Cabinet will be requested to authorize the appropriate sectors to start the ball rolling in securing a container vessel," the Minister of Works, Infrastructure and Transport reassured Parliament.

"Local inflation is affecting everyone and its' Government duty and responsibility to address these challenges," the Minister reiterated.

Olo who is the Minister for the Electric Power Corporation also revealed in the House internal wrinkles which is bottlenecking the Government's 100% Renewable Energy Initiative.

According to the Minister, he has received audible concerns and official complaints from local firms producing solar power for E.P.C.

mai le itulau muamua

A mautū ta'iala, e lelei fo'i galuega fa'avaitaimi

ua molimauina le fa'atupulā'ia pea o tagata faigaluega lelei e aofia ai leoleo, tausii soifua, fai'āoga, fuimū, 'ave loli, o e galulue i faletalimālō fa'apea ai ma galuega mauā'uluga i Ofisa o le Mālō ua fa'amavae ae sa'ili manuia i atunu'u i fafo e ala i ia galuega.

O le popolega tele i le Mālō, o le a amata ona tosinā loto o tagata Samoa i fafo, ma to'a gaogao ai latou e gagauina le vao, ma atia'e 'āiga aemaise o le tautuaina o ekalesia ma nu'u.

I le saunoaga a le afioga i le Sui Palemia iā Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio e fa'apea;

"O lo'o fa'aaauu pea ona fa'apafala mo se taimi lē tumau faigāmalaga mo galuega fa'avaitaimi mo le masina lenei o Ianuari, a'o tau fa'amae'a le galuega a le Komiti tofia a le Kapeneta, o lo'o aofia ai ma nisi o Fa'auluuluga o Matāgaluega a le Mālō, i le toe iloiloina o le faiga fa'avae ma auala o lo'o fa'atino ai lenei polokalame.

"O le fa'amoemoe, afai e mae'a le galuega ona fa'aofi lea o fautuaga i le Kapeneta mo le iloiloina i le fa'ai'uga o lenei masina ma fai i ai se fa'ai'uga a le Kapeneta.

"E lē toe po se lilo i le pāia o le atunu'u le

tāua o lenei polokalame mo ō tatou tagata. Ma o le agaga o le Mālō, se'i toe sasa'a le fafo, ma poupu lelei vaega e ao ona fa'aleleia ina ia mautū ma malosi faiga fa'avae, o auala, aiaiga ma tu'utu'uga e puipuia ai o tatou tagata galulue i nei galuega.

"E fa'apea fo'i i le puipuia o le atunu'u, ma a tatou fo'i atina'e o lo'o taumafai e fa'atino e fa'amoemoe fo'i i o tatou tagata e fa'atinoina. E fa'atāua fo'i le maua o avanoa tutusa mo tagatānu'u o Samoa, e filifilia mai i nu'u ma afio'aga aemaise le fa'atāuina o le sao o le pule mamalu a Ali'i ma Faipule e auai ai i lenei polokalame.

"Ua si'itia le anoano o le mau fa'afitauli ua aliali mai i tamafanau sa galulue, pe o lo'o fa'aaauu pea ona aofia i lenei polokalame, ma ua o'o ai lava ina āfaina ai soifua o nisi. O le tula'i mai o nei tulaga, e lē mafai ona nofoa'i le Mālō, ae ao ona sa'ili se vai fofō ma lenei polokalame. Afai e ta'oto lelei, e manuia le aga'i atu i le lumana'i, ae a valetu'ulima, o le a tatou feagai pea ma faigatā e aliali mai, ma o'o ai i se tulaga e sili atu ona ogaoga.

"It appears that there is a private company hired as a Middle Man between E.P.C. and the independent renewable energy companies," explained the Minister. "However this arrangement is a bottleneck and defeating the renewable energy drive," Olo revealed noting that the Middle Man Company is in charge of which private company is entitled to supply solar power for the Corporation grid.

"This practice is very suspicious and have the makings of nepotism," the Minister added.

"There are also serious implications of the added costs by the Middle Man in performing duties and it's all passed on the public and businesses which is not helping reduced electricity tariffs."

And he has since called on the EPC Board to revisit and review the present arrangement.

Olo reassured the House, that they will be updated on new developments on the proposal to tackle the rising cost of living and local inflation subject to approval from Cabinet to proceed with the plan to arrest freight costs and for Samoa electricity charges to be affordable for all.



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Government to launch Samoa Export Authority

By: Marc Membrere

Good news for Samoa Farmers, Cabinet is taking the lead with the establishment of the Samoa Export Authority designed to boost export and reduce the country's reliance on imports.

Acting Prime Minister Tuala Iosefo Tevaga Ponifasio in announcing the Cabinet decision acknowledged the Authority as one of the key elements in the Governments' Election Manifesto to generate new source of income and secure international markets for Samoa's agricultural crops and fisheries.

"This important milestone would soon become a reality after Cabinet approved the establishment of the Samoa Export Authority

this week," said the Acting Prime Minister.

The initiation of the project will start with the exportation of agricultural products through the Samoa Trust Estates Corporation (STEC).

Eventually as a long-term aim anticipated that all other exports will be part of this Authority in the future.

La'auli Leuatea Polataivao Fosi, Minister of Agriculture and in charge of STEC told the Savali Newspaper the primary export commodity target will be agricultural crops with Samoa's diaspora family as the initial clientele.

Laauli also noted that added value products produced from raw agricultural crops is also under the microscope with the niche market overseas as the primary target.



Samoa Village Health Survey Reaches Vaie'e

A total of a hundred and nine men and women of Vaiee Safata, participated in the Samoa Village Health Survey administered over the last two days.

The survey is part of The EVE Project (Evidence for Violence prevention in the Extreme); which is a research study led by the University College London (UCL), and implemented in Samoa by the Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), the National University of Samoa (NUS), and the Samoa Bureau of Statistics (SBS).

The survey looks at understanding the effectiveness of an intervention designed to address violence against women and girls.

According to the enumerators tasked with the survey administration, the village of Vaiee were eager participants. They gathered at the allocated venue on time, all dressed up and ready to take part in the survey component of the research study that looks at developing indigenous approaches to preventing violence against women.

The lead researcher of the study, Dr. Jenevieve Mannell, expressed her gratitude to the village leaders for their support, as well as the Vaiee EVE Team members who are SVSG village representatives, for such a well coordinated survey.

The EVE Project is a research study conducted in partnership with local villages to develop an indigenous approach to preventing violence against women, funded by UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) and based at University College London (UCL) in the UK. The EVE Project, referred to locally as E Le Sauā le Alofa (Love Shouldn't Hurt) is a four year research study that started in March 2020.

According to the SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang, "SVSG have selected 20 village representatives from 10 villages to develop an approach for researching violence against women that works within the Fa'a Samoa ('the Samoan way')."

Since the research started, the SVSG village representatives have been trained as local researchers to assist with the study, and we are so proud of their commitment to date."

The survey is specifically for the 10 villages (8 in Upolu and 2 in Savaii), selected for the research study.



Security for former Govt. leaders subject to Cabinet review

By: Jasmine Netzler - Iose

Cabinet will be reviewing security protocols for Former Prime Minister, Head of States and elected officials.

The announcement by Acting Prime Minister Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio in Parliament this week is in response to the Ministry of Police and Prisons assignment for an officer to provide security to former Prime Minister and incumbent leader of the Opposition, Tuilaepa Dr. Sailele Malielegaoi.

Tuilaepa reportedly was involved in a physical confrontation with two women while attending an official government function at the

Ministry of Justice recently.

The former Government Leader did not wish to proceed with a criminal complaint and Police although there is no Standing Policy for Government to provide security services for former Prime Ministers and Head of State have assigned a police officer for Tuilaepa's protection for three months.

The Acting Prime Minister told the House that based on police assessment Tuilaepa is not in any danger or threat after the incident.

But as a precautionary measure, an officer is assigned while Cabinet will reviewing a policy to address security options for former Government leaders.

West Coast Road Project proceeds as planned

Malua to Leulumoega roads to be completed soon

By: Marc Membrere

Continuing the West Coast Road Project from Malifa to the Faleolo International Airport is on the verge of completing another phase. Ongoing construction from Malua to Leulumoega is tentatively planned to be completed in April this year, more than a year since works commenced.

Construction started in February 2022 and is expected to be completed sometime next month.

"Works are now nearing completion only final road surfacing remaining, line marking and pedestrian crossings," Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Land Transport Authority (LTA) Galumalemana Titi Tutuvanu Schwalger revealed to the Savali News.

The second component which is the Faleasiu to Leulumoega main road is set to finish three months from now after construction commenced in April 2022.

The remaining work for that stretch of roads is the final road surfacing, line marking and pedestrian crossings and also in the pipeline to for completion sometime soon.

The total cost for the construction of the Malua to Leulumoega roads is in the vicinity of WST \$23 million and jointly funded by the World Bank and the Government of Samoa.

Galumalemana noted there were challenges throughout the project that included; delays, costs of inflation of materials (Increase in costs of materials imported from overseas) the weather, and the scarcity of skilled laborers attracted to seek employment overseas as Seasonal works.

Next in line will be following phase from Leulumoega to the Faleolo International Airport.

OTHER ONGOING PROJECTS

The Land Transport Authority (L.T.A.) is also preparing to proceed with the following road projects and developments;

- East Coast Road slope stabilization design and works
- Afega crossing
- Lano crossing
- Construction of cross island road

Galumalemana acknowledged the support of the World Bank and donors of the project enabling the construction of the roads.

"We are benefitting tremendously given the protection of our coastal villages with the construction of sea walls, the widening and rehabilitation works carried out for the roads," she said.

"A clear reflection of LTA's primary mandate to provide safe national land transport network to ensure that our people can traverse conveniently to their homes as well as accessing essential services especially during severe weather conditions."



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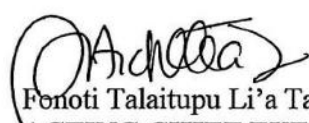
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Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

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Mo le silafia e le atunu'u, ua folasia manino e Toeolesulusulu Cedric Posē Schuster, o le Sui Minisitā o le Samoa Airways, e telē le 'ese'esega o Samoa ma Fiti.

O Fiti ua tupu ma ola le latou Kamupanī Va'alele, ma e silia ma le 12,000 potu o faletalimālō e mafai ona tali ai turisi asiasi

atu peita'i o Samoa, e lē silia ma le 3,000 potu o faletalimālō uma i le atunu'u, e mafai ai ona tali manaoga i turisi asiasi mai pe ono ina tumutumu mai.

Fa'ailoa e le afiga i le Minisitā, o le tatou va'alele le Samoa Airways talu ona fa'avaeina, e lalata i le \$100 miliona lana aitalafu e aofia ai le lisi o le va'alele e tasi ma isi auunaga uma a le Kamupanī peita'i o Fiti, e lalata i le \$300 miliona lana aitalafu, ae tele ana va'alele o lo'o felelea'i solo auā se tupe maua, fa'aopoopo i ai ma le lava atoatoa o faletalimālō e tali mana'oga o turisi asiasi ane.

A'o i ai la tatou va'alele i tausaga ua mavae, sa fa'amauiina ai

e 30% - 40% o tagata mai Niu Sila e afea Samoa i masina ta'itasi ma tausaga uma, latou te fa'aāogaina le Samoa Airways a'o le isi 60% - 70% e faimalaga mai lava i le va'alele a le Air New Zealand.

O le tu'uālalo a le Mālō, ina ia to'a pea le tai i le atunu'u, ma ia malamalama manino i mafua'aga tatau ua taofia ai le toe i ai o se tatou va'alele.

O lo'o ua fa'agasolo iloiloga i le taimi nei, ma afai e o gatasi tapenaga ma fuafuaga mamao o lo'o fuafuaina ma le mana'oga ua folasia, atonu o le a toe aumai se isi tatou va'alele i se vaitau talafeagai i le lumana'i ae lē mo le taimi nei.

OTO'OTOGA O LE TALA I LE TAMAOAIGA O SAMOA I LE ULUA'I FA(4) MASINA O LE TAUSAGA FAALETUPE 2022/2023 E FAAGATA MAI IA OKETOPA 2022

A. TAMAOAIGA O SAMOA

1. E le o toe po se silafia i mea sa tutupu ma o loo tutupu i le lalolagi i tulaga o le faama'i o le Koviti-19, lea na mafua ai vavao ma tapu o femalagaiga, ae le gata i le va o nisi atunuu o le lalolagi o loo maua mai ai le suauu ma isi oloa. O aafiaga nei i le tamaoaiga o le lalolagi ua faapena ona sosolo mai ai i lo tatou lotoifale, ona o le fesoootaiga (interconnectedness) o le tamaoaiga o Samoa i le tamaoaiga o le lalolagi, lea e faalagolago tele i fefaatauga o oloa ma auunaga ma tagata (trade and tourism).

2. I faamaumauga lata mai o le fua faatatau o le tamaoaiga (GDP), o le aofaiga o oloa gaosi ma auunaga faatinoina i totonu o le atunuu mo le 12 masina faamuta mai ia Setema 2022, ua faamauiina lea e SAT\$1.88 piliona (real GDP SAT\$1.88 piliona). O se pa'u e tusa ma le -4.2 pasene mo le 12 masina e faagata mai ia Setema 2022 pe a faatusa lea i le 12 masina e faagata mai ia Setema 2021.

3. O le tolu ai lea o tausaga soso'o o faamauiina le pa'u o le tamaoaiga, amata mai i le 2019/2020 lea na pa'u ai i le -3.1 pasene, sosoo mai ai i le 2020/2021 lea sa pa'u ai i le -7.1 pasene ma le tausaga faale-tupe na te'a nei 2021/2022, lea na faamauiina ai le pa'u e -6.0 pasene.

4. O le mafuaaga o leni faaletonu faaumiumi i le tamaoaiga o Samoa na amata mai i le faama'i misela ia Tesema 2019 ona sosoo mai ai lea o le tapunia o femalagaiga ona o le puipuiga o Samoa mai le faama'i o le Koviti-19 ma ia ia Mati 2020 seia oo atu ia Luni 2022.

5. Ae peitai, o faamaumauga lata mai mo le kuata o Setema 2022, ua faamauiina le siitia o le fua faatatau o le tamaoaiga i le 4.7 pasene, o se faailoga ua amata ona toe tapu'e ma toe agai ina faaleleia le tamaoaiga o Samoa.

6. I tulaga i tupe faamomoli poo remittances, sa faamauiina i le uluai fa masina o leni tausaga faale-tupe 2022/2023, le siitia o tupe faamomoli i le 23.1 pasene i le \$287.15 miliona, pe a faatusa atu i le fa masina o le 2019/20 (\$233.35 miliona). O le tele o nei tupe faamomoli e auala mai lava i aiga i Samoa nei aemaise lava le tele o tupe ua lafo mai mo faalavelave faleaiga.

7. I tatou fefa'atauga ma atunuu i fafo i le fa masina faamuta mai ia Oketopa 2022 o leni tausaga faaletupe 2022/2023, pe a faatusa atu i le taimi lava lea e tasi i le tausaga ua mavae 2021/2022;

i. Sa faamauiina ai le siitia malosi e 107.3 pasene i oloa o loo auina atu i fafo (exports) i le tau aofa'i e tusa ma le SAT\$43.18 miliona (ona ua faamauiina le siitia o le i'a ma le suau'u popo auina atu i fafo);

ii. Sa faamauiina foi le siitia o tupe totogi mo oloa faatauina mai fafo (imports) i le 56.4 pasene i le tau aofa'i e tusa ma le SAT\$419.96 miliona;

8. Sa faapea foi ona siitia le aofaiga o tagata ma aiga asiasi mai fafo (visitor arrivals) talu ona toe tatalaina femalagaina ia Aukuso 2022. I le uluai tolu masina o leni tausaga faale-tupe faamuta mai ia Setema 2022, e 14,358 le aofai o i latou na asiasi mai i Samoa.

9. I le tulaga o le fua faatatau o tau o oloa ma auunaga (inflation rate), sa siitia i le 11.3 pasene i le faaiuga o Novema 2022, ma ua matua sili atu ma le alafua faatatau e 3.0 pasene. O le maualuga ua iai nei le fua faatatau o tau o oloa, ona o le siitia o tau o auunaga ma oloa o loo gaosi i fafo, o tulaga le mautonu o fela'uaiga o oloa i luga o vaa ma fefa'atauga, faatasi ai ma aafiaga o le taua i Russia-Ukraine i luga o le tau o le penisini ma le kesi, ua faapena ona maualuga ai tau o oloa faatauina mai fafo (imports). O lona uiga o tau o oloa mai fafo o loo unaia le maualuga o le fua faatatau o le tau o oloa ma auunaga i totonu o le atunuu.

10. O le aofai o tupe faaleoleo/fa'aagaga mo fefa'atauga i le faaiuga o Oketopa 2022 o loo faamauiina i le \$785 miliona, o loo mafai ona faatauina mai ai oloa mai fafo mo se vaitaimi e tusa ma le 9.0 masina. O le mafuaaga o le siitia o tupe faaleoleo ona o le tele o fesoasoani mai i tatou development partners, auā le faatupeina o le puipuiga o Samoa mai i le faama'i aemaise le lagolago i le Tala o le Tupe a Samoa.

E. VA'AIGA ALUALU MAMAO MO LE TAMAOAIGA

11. O le toe tatalaina o femalaga'iga faa-va-malo ia Aukuso 2022, ua fesoasoani tele lea i le toe unaia o le tamaoaiga. O loo iai se vaaiga alualu mamao (forecast) o le siitia le fua faatatau moni o le tamaoaiga (Real GDP) i le va o le 2 -3 pasene i le tausaga faale-tupe leni 2022/2023. E faavae lea vaaiga alualu mamao i le tulaga malosi ua iai le tamaoaiga i le kuata o Setema 2022 faatasi ai ma le faatupula'ia o le numera o tagata ma aiga asiasi mai i Samoa ia Tesema 2022.

12. I le tulaga i le fua faatatau o tau o oloa ma auunaga (inflation), o loo fuafua e pa'u i le 11.0 pasene i le faaiuga o Luni 2023, ma faapena ona faaauu ai le aga'i mai i lalo o le inflation i masina i tua atu. Peitai, o loo faamalumu mai pea aafiaga o le taua a Russia ma Ukraine, i luga o fela'uaiga o oloa faapea le tau o le penisini, pe a faaauu pea leni taua i se taimi umi. O nei aafiaga e ono toe alu ai i luga le inflation.

13. O loo iai se vaaiga alualu mamao o le siitia o tupe maua mai oloa auina atu i fafo (exports), tupe faamomoli (remittances), tupe maua mai tagata asiasi mai fafo (visitor earnings) faapea foi fesoasoani mai atunuu i fafo. O se fesoasoani tele lea i le faatumauina pea o le tulaga malosi o loo iai tatou tupe faaagaga mo fefaatauga ma i fafo (foreign reserves). Peitai, o loo tele lava foi le lē mautonu ona o aafiaga mai fafo e ona tuta'ia ai le agai i luma o le tamaoaiga, ma e tatau ai ona faasoa lelei le faaogaina o tatou tupe faaleoleo o iai nei. Ia ma le isi, o loo fuafua foi e siitia tupe fa'aalu i le faatauina mai o oloa mai fafo (imports) ao faagasolo galuega ma atina'e mo le toe tapu'eina ma le faaleleia o le tamaoaiga.

FALETUPE TUTOTONU O SAMOA 18 IANUARI 2023



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THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY COMPLIANCE OFFICER – COMPLIANCE DIVISION

The Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA) invites applications from persons qualified to fill the above position.

The Compliance Officer delivers the core services of Compliance Division which is to ensure that licensed entities comply with the relevant laws and regulatory standards. This includes all matters relating to anti-money laundering and combatting financing of terrorism.

The Compliance Officer carries out research, analysis and assessments which include reviewing quarterly and prudential returns, audited financial accounts and recommending capital adequacy requirements and prudent business practices. He/she considers all applications made by licensees that include new applications, changes and cancellations. He/she carries out onsite inspections that include compliance with legislation, regulations and codes as well as sound business operations such as insolvency, internal control and management competency. He/she is required to report any areas of concern and carry out enforcement measures for non-compliance. He/she handles all queries by licensees and overseas Regulatory Authorities.

Applications must include a full resume; including copies of qualifications, names and contacts of three (3) referees and other relevant information.

For full details of the position please uplift a copy of the Job Description from the SIFA Office or download from the SIFA website www.sifa.ws by clicking on "Employment Opportunities" under the About Us tab.

All applications should be marked "Application for Compliance Officer – Compliance Division and be addressed to:

The Chief Executive Officer
Samoa International Finance Authority
Level 6, DBS Building
APIA

Applications must be received at the above address by **4:00PM on FRIDAY 3rd FEBRUARY 2023**. Late applications will not be considered. Applications sent by email will not be accepted. Those who have applied before and interviewed do not need to reapply as you will be considered in the final selection process.

For further information, please contact Tagaloa Koroseta Lesatele of SIFA, telephone (685) 66417 during working hours or email: koroseta.jesatele@sifa.ws.



Fa'afetai Samoa tatalo

Afioga i le Palemia iā Fiame Naomi Mataafa

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

O le agaga fa'afetai ma le vivi'i a'e i le Ali'i, e pei ona fa'ailoa ai le lagona fa'agae'etia o le afioga i le Sui Palemia, Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, ona o le puipuiga ma le lavea'iga e le Atua o le soifua o le afioga i le Palemia iā Fiame Naomi Mataafa ua i'u manuia ai lana sā'iligā togafitiga i atunu'u i fao.

Saunua le Sui Palemia;

"E fa'afetai atu Samoa mo talosaga molia ma le manatua pea o le Mālō ma ona Ta'ita'i.

"O lo'o ua manuia le sā'iligā togafitiga a le Tama'ita'i Palemia ma e i ai le fa'amoemoe pe a pule alofa le Atua, tatou te feiloa'i ma lana afioga, i le fa'ai'uga o lenei masina."

I le feiloa'iga a le Fono Aoaō Faitulafono i lenei lua vaiaso, e leai lava se Faipule e le'i afea i sana saunoaga, le agaga fiafia ma le loto fa'afetai i le Atua, ona o le tausiga ma le malutia pea i Ona 'ā'ao alofa o le soifua o le afioga i le Ta'ita'i o le Mālō.

O se itu lelei lea, e saga fa'amalosī'au ai i le Palemia, a'o feagai ai ma'i o le tino, ina ia toe fa'afou'isia e le Matai Sili lona malosi ma toe taliu manuia mai i o tatou lafanua auā le fa'aauuina o ona tiute ma lona valaauina.

Sa talosia fo'i i le fonotaga a le Palemene, nisi o Minisitā o le Kapeneta fa'apea ai ma Faipule o le Palemene o lo'o sa'ili matagi fo'i i atunu'u i fao auā se malosi fa'afouina e fa'aauu ai tofiga ma valaauina mai le Atua.

Ea le mafatiaga o Sala'ilua ona o le fesoasoani a Iāpani



Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

Ua le tasi ae ua atulasi le fesoasoani a le Mālō Iāpani i le atina'eina o le tamāo'āiga o Samoa.

I le fa'aauu ai o fesoasoani a le Mālō mo tagatānu'u Samoa, ua fa'atupu ai e Iāpani se tasi o atina'e i totonu o le afio'aga o Sala'ilua, Savai'i, auā le suāvai mamā mo le fofoga taumafa o le nu'u.

E le gata o le fa'aleleia o le suāvai aemaise kalone fou (water tank) e 520,000 lita mai Ausetalia e fa'aputu ai le suāvai ma fausia ai se pa e puipuia mai ai le kalone vai ina ne'i fa'aleagaina.

O ananafi, na saini lima ai le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Tupe, o le Faipule fo'i o le Itumālō, iā Mulipola Anarosa 'Ale - Molio'o ma le Amapasa o Iāpani i Samoa nei iā Keisuke Senta ma e \$435,000 le aofa'i atoa o le seleni o lea fesoasoani.

I le fa'amatu'u atu o lea seleni na saunua ai le Amapasa iā Keisuke i le tāua tele o le suāvai mo le fofoga taumafa o tagata soifua.

"So'o se atunu'u lava o le lalolagi, e tāua tele le suāvai, ona o le suāvai o le ola, e mo'omia tele e tagata i aso uma.

"Ae afai e lē mamā ma lē soifua mālōlōina le suāvai, o le a a'afia ai le soifua o tagata."

Saunua fa'afetai le Minisitā, i le agalelei fa'aauu o lea Mālō mo nai o tatou tagatānu'u.

"Sa outou faia la matou fale'āoga ma nisi o atina'e sa talosaga mai ai si o matou nu'u, a'o lenei ua outou toe fa'aleleia le suāvai o si o matou nu'u.

"Fa'afetai tele i lo outou agalelei."

"Tasi lenei vaega tāua, o le galulue fa'atasi o le Mālō ma ana pa'aga mai fao e fesoasoani i nisi o atina'e o lo'o mo'omia ai, mālō fa'afetai tele Iapani.

"Ua leva o taumafai mai le afio'aga ina ia maua se fesoasoani ona o le tulaga pagātia pe a o'o ina mūgalā.

"O lo'o i ai le fa'atanoa vai a le afio'aga, peita'i a o'o ina mūgalā e matuā lē mafai ona o'o le suāvai i le isi itu o le nu'u."



SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT

CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

SAMOA HOUSING CORPORATION

Applications are invited from interested qualified candidates for the above-mentioned position.

Salary: Commensurate with the Salary Package for CEO's of Government Ministries and Public Bodies.

Duration of Contract: A term of three (3) years.

Application Package: Detailed information are included in the Application Package which can be uplifted from the Ministry for Public Enterprises ('MPE') or downloaded from the MPE website www.mpe.gov.ws.

Applications must be marked "**Confidential – Application for CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAMOA HOUSING CORPORATION**"

and addressed to:
The Chairman
Board of Director
Samoa Housing Corporation
Apia, Samoa

and delivered to MPE Office
Level 1, NPF Plaza
Tel 34500
Beach Road, Apia

Closing Date & Submission of Applications:

Completed applications should be received by the Ministry for Public Enterprises, Level 1, NPF Plaza Building on or before **Friday, 27th January 2023, by 4.00 p.m.**

It is important to note that ALL applications received after the time and date stated in the advertisement **WILL NOT** be accepted and considered during the short listing process.

Applications can be submitted via email cam.wendt@mpe.gov.ws. A hard copy of an electronically submitted application received after the due date may be accepted given the electronic copy was received on time.

For more information, please contact the Assistant Chief Executive Officer (Public Bodies Governance Division) Manu'a Dr. Cam Wendt of the Ministry for Public Enterprises on phone 34500 ext 206 or email cam.wendt@mpe.gov.ws.



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GENERAL MANAGER
DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SAMOA

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Applications must be marked "**Confidential – Application for General Manager, Development Bank of Samoa**"

and addressed to:
The Chairperson
Board of Directors
Development of Samoa
Apia, Samoa

and delivered to MPE Office
Level 1, NPF Plaza
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Beach Road, Apia

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Completed applications should be received by the Ministry for Public Enterprises, by **Friday, 10th February 2023, 4.00 p.m.**

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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Public Service Commission, on behalf of the Government of Samoa, invites applications from qualified applicants for the following Chief Executive Officer positions:

*** THE SECRETARY FOR THE COMMISSION / CEO**

**Public Service Commission
(Re-advertisement)**

Salary: CEO Grade C SAT\$124,444.00 to \$129,854.00 per annum

Position Code: PS002962

(Due Date: Friday 3rd February 2023)

See Conditions below

*** CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

(Re-advertisement)

Ministry of Customs and Revenue

Salary: CEO Grade B SAT\$121,197.00 to \$125,526.00 per annum

Position Code: RE001739

(Due Date: Friday 3rd February 2023)

See Conditions below

The above appointments are on a contractual basis for three (3) years and are advertised at the end of each 3 year term.

All Application Packages can be uplifted from the Office of the Public Service Commission or downloaded from the PSC website <https://www.psc.gov.ws/employment/special-advertisements/>

How to apply:

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(a) For your application to be considered you must complete ALL requirements of the Application Package

1. Letter of Application
2. Complete and signed Application Form (Form 2)
3. Certified Copies of all academic achievements/qualifications.
4. Recently updated Curriculum Vitae (last updated within 12 months)
5. Three most recent written references (within the last 12 months)

ALL INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR SHORTLISTING!!!

2. Submission of Application

(a) All Applications should be addressed to:

**The Chairman
Public Service Commission
Level 2, FMFMII Government Building
Apia, Samoa**

(b) Applications can be submitted via email: jhisatake@psc.gov.ws and/or address specified in the application package

(c) All Applications for the position will be closed on Friday 3rd February 2023 at 5:00pm

(d) For more information, please do not hesitate to contact Jason Hisatake on email jhisatake@psc.gov.ws or SES Division on telephone 22123.

LATE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED!!!

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SPECIAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Public Service Commission, on behalf of the Government of Samoa, invites applications from qualified applicants for the following Executive Director position:

*** EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Samoa Law Reform Commission
(Re-Advertisement)**

Salary: CEO Grade C SAT\$119,033.00 to \$123,361.00 per annum

Position Code: LC000001

(Due Date: Friday 27th January 2023)

See Conditions below

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Fofō o le taugatā o le soifuaga

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

O le si'itia ai o le tau o le soifuaga i lenei vaitau o le tausaga, o se matā'upu na lauālua i popolega ma atugaluga a nisi o Sui Usufono o le Fono Aoaofaitulafono i le amataga o lenei tausaga.

Peita'i na tali manino le afoaga i le Sui Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Pisinisi Alamanuia ma Leipa (M.C.I.L.) ia Toeolesulusulu Cedric Posē Schuster, e i ai mafua'aga tāua e tatau ona silafia manino e le atunu'u e fesoasoani ai i le tau fa'amalamalamaina o le si'itia pea o le tau o le soifuaga.

E tolu vaega tāua na folasia e Toeolesulusulu; O le vaega muamua, o oloa uma e auina mai fafo, ua fesuia'i le tele o tau o oloa e fa'atau mai ai i Samoa.

O le vaega lua, o tau ua fa'atulagaina e va'alele ma va'a la'uoloa o lo'o auina mai ai oloa (imports) i le atunu'u ua si'itia fo'i.

Ma le vaega tolu, e i ai fo'i ma tau fa'ae'e i luga o oloa nei (tiute) pe a o'o ina taunu'u mai i o tatou lafanua, lea o lo'o

fitoitonu i le Matāgaluega o Tiute ma Tupe Maua (M.C.R.).

Saunoa Toeolesulusulu, o le 2016 na pāsia ai le Tulafono e tu'utalaloa ai le fa'atulagaina o tau o oloa i le atunu'u peita'i e i ai lava le malosi'aga ma le avanoa i le Komiti Fa'atonutonu o Tau Fa'atulaga o Oloa (Samoa Consumer and Competitive Council) latou te silasila ma iloilo toto'a ai ni taumafa ua si'itia mauālua le tau, ma ua lē talafeagai le tau ua fa'atulaga e se fai pisinisi e fa'atau atu ai i le mamalu o le atunu'u.

O le fa'amoemoe mauālua lea o lo'o una'i malosi ai e le Mālō atina'e ma le fa'amuumua i le gagauina o le vao ma le fa'aāoga o o tatou lafanua, e fai ai fa'ato'aga, fa'aāoga mo lafumanu ma le fa'asaoina o le gataifale mo i'a ma figota ina ia mautinoa le fa'aititia o le so'ona fa'alagolago i oloa auina mai fafo.

O le agaga mauālua lea o le fa'aauau ai o le Ulu'a'i Seleselega e le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva, ina ia fa'aosofia pea tagata Samoa e gagau le vao, ae taofi le so'ona fa'alagolago i oloa mai fafo, e atili taugatā ai le soifuaga.

Pe a galulue fa'atasi itutino 'ese'ese o le atunu'u, e i ai le



Afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva iā La'auli Leuatea Polāta'ivao Fosi i lana asiasiga i le Ulu'a'i Seleselega a le Itumālō Anoama'a #1

Mālō ma tagata tā'ito'atasi, ona le pine lea le i'u manuia o taumafaiga uma o lo'o taulāmua i ai le Mālō e tinea ai popolega o nisi i le si'itia mauālua o le tau o le soifuaga.

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To the Chief Executive Officer

In reply, please quote the file reference



GOVERNMENT OF SAMOA

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

16th January, 2023

To All Interested Bidders,

RE: INVITATION FOR BID: SUPPLY OF BULK FUELS – SAMOA 2023

- i. The Government of Samoa through the Ministry of Finance (“procuring entity”) now invites bids to provide the following services: “Supply of Bulk Fuels to The Government of Samoa”. The procuring entity intends to use the available funds for payments under the contract for which this Request For Bids (“RFB”) is issued. More details on the services are provided in the RFB.
- ii. A Company will be selected based on the evaluation criteria in the Request For Bids (“RFB”) document and procedures described in this RFB document in accordance with Treasury Instructions – Section 6: Procurement & Contracting (Part K Amended 2020) and the Government of Samoa Procurement Operating Manual (POM) 2020.
- iii. The RFB includes the following documents which can be obtained from the Ministry of Finance website (<https://www.mof.gov.ws/services/procurement/tender-advertisement/>) or from the Government of Samoa e-Tendering Portal: (https://portal.tenderlink.com/mof_samoa/):
Part A – Background and Bidding Procedures;
Part B – Tender Schedules of Information;
Part C – Tender Schedules for Submissions.
- iv. For enquiries on the RFB document, interested bidders/applicants should contact the following person at the address given below from 9.00am to 5.00pm on normal working days:
Ms. Heremoni Suapaia-Ah Hoy
Assistant Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Finance
Apia
SAMOA
Phone: (685) 34344
Email Address: heremoni.suapaia@mof.gov.ws
- v. The RFB will close on **Monday, 27th February at 11.00am (local time)** and all bids shall be uploaded and submitted through the Government of Samoa e-Tendering Portal (https://portal.tenderlink.com/mof_samoa/) by **Monday, 27th February at 11.00am** or submit into the Tender Box on Level 4, Central Bank Building and be clearly marked “Tender for Bulk Fuels Supply Samoa 2023 - Request for Bids”.
- vi. The RFB will be opened immediately after the deadline in the presence of bidder’s representatives who choose to attend.
- vii. Late RFBs will not be considered and will be returned unopened.
- viii. The Ministry of Finance shall not be responsible for any cost or expenses incurred by the bidder in connection with the preparation or delivery of their RFBs.

Yours sincerely,


Saoleleitiiti Maeva Betham Vaai
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Fesoasoani lāpani mo e ua a'afia i le gasegase o le mafauafau

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

E le'o toe po mala'e i le tāua ma le mauālua o le auunaga a le Fa'alapotopotoga o Auunaga mo Gasegase o le Mafauafau (Goshen Trust Menal Health Services) i totonu o Samoa.

Peita'i e ui i le tāua o le auunaga o lo'o fa'atino, ae tatau fo'i ona atoatoa lelei atoatoa le fale ma lona anofale auā le auunaga fa'atino.

O se miti ua leva ona momo'o i ai le Fa'alapotopotoga, ma o le aso ananafi, na pine fa'amau ai le agalelei lavea'i o le Mālō lāpani ina ua tali i le talosaga tusitusia sa tu'uina atu ai i le tausaga e 2020.

Sa saina lima le Pule Sili o le Goshen Trust iā Naomi Eshraghi ma le Amapasa o lāpani i Samoa iā Keisuke Senta, mo le fa'atupeina o le fausia o le falema'i fogāfale lua, tusa lona tau ma le \$445,000.

O le galuega e aofia ai le Potu Tele e tasi, Ofisa, o le Potu e fa'atino ai fa'atalanoaga, o faleui e lua, fale tā'ele ma Potu e 16 mo i latou e gasegase i le mafauafau.

Fa'ailoa e le Amapasa o lāpani, e to'atele i latou e mana'omia le auunaga o lo'o fa'atino e le Goshen Trust, ina ia maua e i latou o lo'o fia maua le auunaga le fesoasoani talafeagai.

E taua fo'i le lelei atoatoa o le fale e fa'atino ai galuega, e fa'aosofia ai le afaigaluega e galulue aemaise o i latou e a'afia i le gasegase, ia nonofo lelei ai i latou e gasegase i le mafauafau.

Saunoa le Pule Sili o le Fa'alapotopotoga; “Fa'afetai tele lāpani i lo outou tali mana'o, lea ua talia la matou talosaga, fa'afetai tele.

“O le amataga o la matou auunaga e to'a 8 i latou sa matou fesoasoani i ai, peita'i o le taimi nei, ua si'itia i le to'a13 i latou e maua i le gasegase o le mafauafau ua ofo i ai la matou auunaga.

“O lo'o fa'atupulā'ia pea le numera o i latou o lo'o a'afia i lenei gasegase ogaoga.

“I totonu o le Fa'alapotopotoga e i ai foma'i fa'apitoa o lo'o galulue ai, o lo'o fa'atino le auunaga o lo'o mo'omia e nai o tatou tagata ma e 11 atoa le aofa'i o le afaigaluega.”

Pulega mo Oloa Auina atu i Fafo mo le ulua'i taimi

Tusia: Tusiga Taofiga

O le fa'ai'uga o le vaiaso ua mavae, na fa'alauiloa aloaia ai e le afioga i le Sui Palemia, ia Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, e fa'atuina ai o isi Ofisa Fou o le Mälö fa'apitoa i auaunaga tau fa'ato'aga, lafumanu ma faigāfaiva.

Saunoa le Sui Palemia;

"Ua fa'amaonia e le Kapeneta le fa'atūina o le Pulega mo Oloa e Auina atu i Fafo (Samoa Export Authority).

"O le tasi lenei galuega tele ma fa'amoemoega sa fa'ata'oto e le tatou Faigāmälö, ina ia mautinoa le si'itia mauäluga o le aofa'i o ā tatou oloa e auina atu i maketi i fafo.

"O le fuafuaga, e amata lenei tapenaga i oloa mai le aufaifa'ato'aga ma le aufaifaiva e ta'imua ai le 'Esetete Tausi a Samoa (S.T.E.C.).

"Peita'i o le fuafuaga mamao a le Mälö i le aga'i atu i le lumana'i, e aofia uma oloa a le atunu'u o lo'o auina atu i fafo.

"O le fa'amoemoe o lenei fuafuaga, ina ia sālilia ma fa'amautū maketi o oloa auina atu a Samoa i atunu'u i fafo, ina ia lava oloa e tapena atu i Samoa mo maketi i fafo, ma le atoatoa ona lelei o oloa, ma fa'amausalī fe'utanā'iga ma itutino ma Fa'alapotopotoga, e fitoitonu ma aiaiga ma tu'utu'uga o le auina atu i fafo o oloa a le atunu'u.

"O le agaga ia fa'afaigofie mo le atunu'u le auina atu i fafo o ana oloa mo le fa'atauina."

To'alima tama'ita'i tauvā mo le Lālelei o le Pasefika

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

Talu mai vavao o le fa'ama'i o le Koviti – 19, o lea ua toe aga atu le atunu'u e talimälö i le sāliliga o se tausala o le Pasefika.

O le Aso 29 Ianuari i le Aso 04 Fepuari 2023, ua fa'amoemoe e fa'ataunu'uina ai le tauvaga i le faleta'alo #1 i Tuana'imato.

E to'alima (5) lālelei o le Pasefika o le a tauvā, e aofia ai le tausala mai Amerika Samoa, Nauru, Papua Niu Kini, Solomona ma Samoa.

I le tapenaga a le Pulega o Tagata Tafafao Maimoa mai Fafo (S.T.A.) na fa'ailoa mai e le susuga i le Ofisa Sili o Pulega ia Pativaine Petaia – Tevita e fa'apea;

"O lo'o galulue le Komiti ina ia fa'amautū tama'ita'i tauvā aemaise tapenaga mo le taunu'u mai i o tatou lafanua.

"O le vaiaso atoa o le tauvaga lea ua fa'atulaga, e amata lava i le Sauniga Lotu i le Aso Sa 29 Ianuari, a'o le Aso Gafua 30 Ianuari, e malaga uma ai Sui Tauvā i Savai'i e feiloa'i ma nisi fo'i o le Motu Tele i Salāfai ma momoe ai lava, o le Aso Lua 31 Ianuari 2023, e toe fo'i mai ai ma fa'aaau le polokalame i Upolu nei.

"O le a āsia fo'i e tama'ita'i tauvā le nofoaga o tinā ma tamā mātutua i Mapuifagalele.

"O le taimi nei o vaega togia lava e masani ai, lea e fa'atino ai le tauvaga, e aofia ai le taleni, fa'atalatalanoaga, taliga fesili, o le laei fa'a-le aganu'u ma le ofu ta'ele (sarong).

"E i ai isi vaega o le tauvaga e fa'atino uma i totonu o le vaiaso ato a'o lumana'i ai le po o le tauvaga.

"O le agaga mauäluga ia mafai ona fa'aaau pea lenei fa'amoemoe i tausaga ta'itasi, e pei ona silafia tulaga ogaoga na a'afia ai le lalolagi ona o tapu ma sa o le Koviti – 19, na mafua ai ona taofia mo le 2 tausaga.

"O se fiafiaga i le Pulega, o le toe tatala ai o tatou tuāoi fa'avāomälö, ma mafai ai ona fa'atino nisi nei o fa'amoemoe o lo'o tata'i mai ai turisi isi o tatou atunu'u, ma fa'aāoga ai a tatou faletalimälö, a'o nisi fa'amanuiaga fa'aopoopo mo le aufaipisinisi ma le tatou atunu'u.

"O fa'amoemoe tetele fa'apenei, o lo'o taumafai lava le tatou Mälö ina ia fa'aaau pea, auā e i ai lona sao i le tatou alamanuia ma le atina'ega o lo tatou tamāo'āiga."



Ulua'i Seleselega mo le Itumälö Palota o Anoama'a #1 ma sa molimauina lea fa'amoemoe tele e le afioga i le Minisitā o le Matāgaluega o Fa'ato'aga ma Faigāfaiva ia La'auli Leuatea Polāta'ivao Fosi

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FAASILASILAGA TAUA

FA'AFUINA O LAISENE MO AUAUNAGA FA'ALE-OFISA O TIUTE - 2023.

1. LAISENE MO CCAs
2. LAISENE MO CUSTOMS BROKER


Mo i latou uma o lo o umia laisene e pei ona faailoa atu i luga, e faailoa ma faamanatu atu o le a faamuta nei i le aso 31 Tesema 2022 le aogā o lau laisene mo lenei tausaga 2022.

Ua tatau nei ona e susū ma agai mai i le matou ofisa i Matautu e talosagaina le fa'afou ai o lau laisene a'o lei tuanai le aso 31 Ianuari 2023 e pei ona aiaia i lalo o le Tulafono o Tiute 2014, Vaega 3, parakarafa 15 ma le Vaega 18, parakarafa 319 o le tulafono o Tiute 2014.

O lou lē usitaia o lenei faasilasilaga i le mae'a ai o le aso 31 Ianuari 2023, o le a faae'e ai loa se faasalaga tupe e faaopoopo i luga o le totonu o lau laisene poo le fa'alēaogāina foi o lau laisene.

Mo nisi fa'amatalaga, fa'amolemole fa'afesootai mai Atitala Gauta po o Eseta Vaifale Afaaso i le telefoni 21561 poo le emeli: agauta@revenue.gov.ws/evaifale@revenue.gov.ws

Ma lou fa'aaloalo lava.


Fono'i Palaitupu Li'a-Taefu
SUI OFISA SILI O PULEGA.



Ministry of Health

Request for Expression of Interest

Technical Assistance Health Care Waste Management Consultant (HCWM consultant) – Support to implement the Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025

1. The Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (referred as PforR) supports a subset of the government's National NCD Policy and Action Plan 2019-2023 over a five-year period (March 2020-December 2025) with the focus on scaling up the essential interventions of NCD control at the primary health care and community setting. The Environmental and Social System Assessment (ESSA) for the PforR identified actions for strengthening key weaknesses in existing systems: a) Waste management/ treatment infrastructure is procured and commissioned as recommended by HCWM review; b) Implementation Plan for HCWM Strategy is developed/ updated and progressively implemented; c) MOH's new Waste Management Officer (WMO) and other relevant staff have upgraded their qualifications/experience in environmental health by receiving appropriate training as part of Annual Capacity Building Plan.
2. In 2019 the Health Care Waste Management 2013 was reviewed as part of a full healthcare waste systems review and through the sponsorship of the World Bank's Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (PforR). The review identified a number of areas of improvement that could be made which were presented in the National Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020 – 2025 and an accompanying assessment report.
3. The Ministry of Health now invites suitable Individual Consultants who are interested to assist MoH with the above assignment, to indicate their interest. Consultants must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the given services (ie. availability of appropriate skills with relevant qualifications, description of similar assignments, brochures, experience in similar conditions, etc).
4. The duration of this consultancy is 170 working days over a 36 month period.

5. The following qualifications and experience are mandatory for this assignment

- Masters in Engineering/ Environmental Science with excellent understanding of technical specifications for healthcare and quarantine waste treatment technologies, incinerators, disposal trucks, training and equipment for workers handling wastes.
- Extensive working experience in the areas of environmental protection and environmental and public health in the Pacific in the past 5 years.
- Demonstrated high level of understanding of relevant conventions that apply to the protection of the environment and human health from exposure to healthcare waste.
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal and cross-cultural skills with a demonstrated ability to establish quality relationships and experience in engaging jointly with MOH Principal WM Officer and other key decision makers of the quarantine waste and health sector.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English

In addition, the following experience is desirable:

- Demonstrated high level of understanding of healthcare waste management and public health priorities, policies and plans within government systems.
- Demonstrated high-level management and administration skills, particularly in the identifying, procuring and installing healthcare waste treatment systems (such as incinerators) and waste disposal equipment and PPE.

6. The three (4) documents that are required for your proposal to be responsive are set out below. If the Evaluation Panel deems any Proposal to be non-responsive, then that proposal will not be considered. It is therefore important that you submit all documents are set out below.

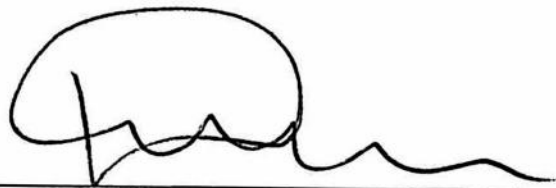
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- II. The proposal must provide evidence of capability and experience in as set out in the Selection Criteria as well as presenting the methodology and approach for this ToR.
- III. The CV should be prepared to address the qualifications and experiences that are required for this assignment. The CV must be accompanied by a declaration by the Bidder that the consent is correct and true.
- IV. Three recent and relevant referees should be provided in support of the application within the last 12 months.

7. These have to be forwarded both by electronic and hard copies. **All applications must be addressed and delivered to the address below by February 13th 2023 by 11.00am.**

Secretariat
Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Central Bank Building
Apia
SAMOA.

8. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from the Ministry of Health. For more information please contact the personnel below :

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Aiono Dr Alec Ekeroma
Director General/Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Health

SAMOA

World Bank - Samoa Health System Strengthening Program

Samoa COVID-19 Emergency Response Project / Program for Results Project P173920

STRATEGIC LONG-TERM OUTCOME 6: Improved Health Systems / Governance Administration

TOR: Technical Assistance Health Care Waste Management Consultant (HCWM consultant) – Support to implement the Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025

A: BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT:

The Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (referred as PforR) supports a subset of the government's National NCD Policy and Action Plan 2019-2023 over a five-year period (March 2020-December 2025) with the focus on scaling up the essential interventions of NCD control at the primary health care and community setting. The Environmental and Social System Assessment (ESSA) for the PforR identified actions for strengthening key weaknesses in existing systems: a) Waste management/ treatment infrastructure is procured and commissioned as recommended by HCWM review; b) Implementation Plan for HCWM Strategy is developed/ updated and progressively implemented; c) MOH's new Waste Management Officer (WMO) and other relevant staff have upgraded their qualifications/experience in environmental health by receiving appropriate training as part of Annual Capacity Building Plan.

The Government of Samoa through the Ministry of Health (MoH) has placed an ongoing emphasis on healthcare waste management and implementation of PforR requirements.

Health-care waste includes all the waste generated by health-care establishments, research facilities, and laboratories. Healthcare waste (HCW) is a by-product of healthcare and generating sources that includes sharps, non-sharps, blood and body parts (anatomical waste), chemicals, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and radioactive materials. Poor management and lack of knowledge on HCW exposes healthcare workers, waste handlers and the community to infections, toxic effects and injuries.

To address this, the Government of Samoa developed its first healthcare waste management plan in 2013. The overarching goal of the Health Care Waste Management 2013 was to provide guidance and standards for the management of health care waste as required by the Ministry of Health (MoH) and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE) through:

- The minimisation of potentially hazardous waste
- Maximise the potential for the recycling of non-hazardous wastes
- Facilitate proper packing and labelling of wastes
- Reduce occupational health and safety risks
- Improve infection control within health care institutions and other generating sources.
- To ensure compliance to relevant legislations and policies.

In 2019 the Health Care Waste Management 2013 was reviewed as part of a full healthcare waste systems review and through the sponsorship of the World Bank's Samoa Health System Strengthening Program for Results (PforR). The review identified a number of areas of improvement that could be made which were presented in the National Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020 – 2025 and an accompanying assessment report.

The overarching aims of the new National Healthcare Waste Strategy are to:

- **Protect human health** by reducing exposure of employees, patients, visitors and communities in Samoa to hazardous health care waste;
- **Protect the environment** from hazardous waste generated in health care facilities; and
- **Ensure regulatory compliance** and avoid long-term liability.

In achieving these aims, the objectives of this plan are to:

- **Establish uniform waste management practices** throughout all health care institutions in Samoa;
- **Ensure that all health care institutions have a health care waste management plan** and an officer (or committee) responsible for the development and implementation of the health care waste management plan,
- **Reduce occupational health and safety risks** to all health care workers, and waste handlers;
- **Minimise the amount of waste** that is generated by health care facilities in Samoa; and
- **Enable better accounting** of the types and quantities of wastes generated within health care institutions

With the completion of the Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025, and the occurrence of the global COVID 19 pandemic and the 2019 measles outbreak in Samoa, the critical importance of healthcare waste management has been brought into greater focus with corresponding expectations that systems, training and equipment need to be further developed and supported.

The Government of Samoa as a result, requests for a long term Technical Assistance (over a 3 year period) in Healthcare Waste Management to provide up to 170 days of consulting days of support to fully implement the key priority areas identified in the National Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025, focusing on actions identified in the PforR ESSA.

In addition, the TA will be responsible to implement supporting activities, for which the Ministry of Health as the mandated regulatory and monitoring authority in health is responsible for, for the successful monitoring of the Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025, which are identified under Part C - Objectives of the Assignment of the policy document.

B: PROGRAMME OBJECTIVES

Implementation of the new HCWM Strategy 2020/2025.

C: OBJECTIVES OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The HCWM Consultant will support MOH Principal Health Care Waste officer through a three year program aiming to provide full implementation support for the Samoan Healthcare Waste Management Strategy 2020-2025, and actions identified through ESSA PforR

D: SCOPE OF WORK

Task	Number of days required
First year	
Prepare proposal of Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Incinerator	10
Provide technical support for the implementation of HCW Plan and Maintenance Plan	10
Second year	
Prepare the TOR for the external auditing to be submitted to the World Bank for review	10
Develop Health Care waste implementation and management plans for all Healthcare Facilities	20
Prepare a procurement plan for consumable healthcare waste item with proposed costing and sourcing to be used for dedicated budget development	30
Third year	
Develop a dedicated Healthcare Waste Management Budget	40
Develop a full digital system for HCW tracking and reporting	50

E: KEY DELIVERABLES

The expected outputs include:

- Inception Report (detailed)
- Final work plan with timelines for the assignment
- TA monthly progress reports
- Quarterly progress reports
- Specific deliverables:
 - Prepare proposal of Operation and Maintenance Plan for the Incinerator
 - Develop health care waste implementation and management plan for each healthcare facility
 - Procurement plan for consumable healthcare waste items
 - Provide technical support for the implementation of HCW Plan and Maintenance Plan
 - Develop a full digital system for HCW tracking and reporting
 - Develop a dedicated HCWM Budget

- Prepare TOR for external auditing
- Annual and final assignment report

F: DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The duration of this consultancy is 170 working days over a 36 month period with the following provisional allocation:

Initial 12 Month Period – 20 working days

Second 12 Month Period – 60 working days

Third 12 Month Period – 90 working days

G: QUALIFICATION & EXPERIENCE

The following qualifications and experience are mandatory for this assignment

- Masters in Engineering/ Environmental Science with excellent understanding of technical specifications for healthcare and quarantine waste treatment technologies, incinerators, disposal trucks, training and equipment for workers handling wastes.
- Extensive working experience in the areas of environmental protection and environmental and public health in the Pacific in the past 5 years.
- Demonstrated high level of understanding of relevant conventions that apply to the protection of the environment and human health from exposure to healthcare waste.
- Demonstrated excellent interpersonal and cross-cultural skills with a demonstrated ability to establish quality relationships and experience in engaging jointly with MOH Principal WM Officer and other key decision makers of the quarantine waste and health sector.
- Excellent oral and written communication skills in English

In addition, the following experience is desirable:

- Demonstrated high level of understanding of healthcare waste management and public health priorities, policies and plans within government systems.
- Demonstrated high-level management and administration skills, particularly in the identifying, procuring and installing healthcare waste treatment systems (such as incinerators) and waste disposal equipment and PPE.

H: RESPONSIVE PROPOSALS

The three (3) documents that are required for your proposal to be responsive are set out below. If the Evaluation Panel deems any Proposal to be non-responsive, then that proposal will not be considered. It is therefore important that you submit all documents are set out below.

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2. The proposal must provide evidence of capability and experience in as set out in the Selection Criteria as well as presenting the methodology and approach for this ToR.
3. The CV should be prepared to address the qualifications and experiences that are required for this assignment. The CV must be accompanied by a declaration by the Bidder that the consent is correct and true.
4. Three recent and relevant referees should be provided in support of the application.

I: PAYMENT SCHEDULE*

The assignment is time based and payment will be made based on the following schedule:

Task	Estimated Dates	Payment Conditions
Initial 12 Months Support	20 days	Submission of consultants invoice for hours worked, including timesheets and supporting documentation, in accordance with the contract requirements.
Second 12 Months Support	60 days	
Third 12 Months Support	90 days	

* This is indicative and a more detailed payment schedule would be developed in the Contract

J: INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

The following are the institutional arrangements:

- Counterparts will be the ACEO Health Protection and Enforcement Division and the Principal Health Care Waste Officer
- MNRE Staff
- SAA Staff
- National Quarantine Management Staff
- Reports to the Director General of Health through the counterparts
- TA will be housed together with the Health Protection and Enforcement Division.



MINISTRY OF HEALTH

Request for Expression of Interest (Readvertised)

**Contract No. MOH28:
PEN Fa'asamoa Consultant/Public Health Physician**

1. The Government of Samoa's NCD policy is founded on Samoa's priorities which identifies health as a priority and highlights the priorities of the health sector with the vision of a "Healthy Samoa." This vision translates into the overarching goal for health sector development which calls for building an inclusive, people-centered health service with emphasis on prevention, protection and compliance. Samoa's previous Health Sector Plan (HSP) 2008-2018, identified the rapidly increasing levels of NCDs as a major challenge to the health system, community mortality and morbidity and the economy of Samoa. The recently adopted National NCD Policy 2019-2023 is the 2nd multi-year National NCD policy, which was developed in line with the strategic goals of the Health Sector Plan 2019/20 to 2029/2030. The new NCD policy is operationalized through an Action Plan, which details five key strategic areas (KSAs).

2. The Program for Results (referred as PforR or "Program") will support a subset of the government's National NCD Policy and Action Plan 2019-2023 over a 5-year period (March 2020-December 2025) with the focus on scaling up the essential interventions of NCD control at the primary health care and community setting and latter focus on knowledge generation, dissemination of lessons learnt, and evaluation at the end of December 2025. The PforR will continue to be implemented until December 2025 after the completion of the government's NCD Policy and Action Plan in 2023.

3. The Ministry of Health now invites suitable candidates who are interested to work as a **Consultant/Public Health Physician for PEN Fa'asamoa** to indicate their interest in providing the noted assignment. Candidates must provide information indicating that they are qualified to perform the given services (ie. description of similar assignments undertaken, experience in similar conditions, availability of appropriate skills with relevant qualifications, etc) and a current curriculum vitae.

4. The following qualifications and experiences are essential for this service :

- Must hold a Bachelor Degree in Medicine from a recognised University.
- Must hold a Masters of Public Health degree from a recognised University.
- Hold a Current Practising Certificate.
- A minimum of ten years working experience as a Full Registered Medical Practitioner with at least five years spent in the area of Public Health.
- A minimum of two years working experience in the area of Public Health (preferably with a core role in Non Communicable Diseases Prevention and Control), following the accomplishment of a Masters of Public Health Degree.
- Additional training and/or qualifications in the area of NCDs (Desirable).

5. It is a requirement that interested individuals include a statement addressing each selection criteria, a copy of the curriculum vitae and a list of 3 referees. These have to be forwarded both by electronic and hard copies. **All applications must be addressed and delivered to the address below by February 13, 2023, by 11:00am.**

Secretary of Tenders Board
Ministry of Finance
Level 4
Central Bank of Samoa Building
Matagalalua
Apia
Samoa.

5. The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) can be obtained from the Ministry of Health, Public Health and Health Sector Coordination, Resourcing and Monitoring Division. For further information and clarification, please contact the following personnel.

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Aiono Dr Alec Ekeroma
Director General of Health / CEO, Ministry of Health

Remarks by the Acting Prime Minister, Honourable Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio at the Australia Day Reception Official Residence, Vailima; (Wednesday, 25th January, 2023.)

Lau Afioga, Tuimalealiifano Va'aletoa Sualauvi II and Masiofo Ministers of Cabinet, Chief Justice and Members of the Judiciary, Speaker and Members of Parliament, High Commissioner of Australia, Your Excellency, Ms. Emily Luck

Members of the Diplomatic Corps, Distinguished Guests,

It is indeed a pleasure for me to join you all this evening in celebration of the Australia Day. A day to celebrate Australia, its diverse culture and people.

On behalf of the Government and the people of Samoa, I would like to wish the Government and the people of Australia through you High Commissioner; warm felicitations on the celebration of your national day. We pay tribute to the growing recognition and acceptance of the indigenous voices and practices that will add value to strengthened societies.

The celebration of any anniversary day is always an opportune time to reflect on how far we have come in the achievement of our goals for our planet, people, peace and prosperity. It is also a time to review the partnerships we have committed to

and ensure they remain mutually beneficial.

Samoa and Australia established diplomatic relations in the last 52 years. We have a significant number of Samoans who call Australia their home and are contributing meaningfully to the multicultural community of Australia. Similarly, we have a growing community of Australians in Samoa who work and live here.

The close relations between our two countries continues through cooperation in the areas of health, education, environment, sports infrastructure and employment. We continue to work in partnership with Australia to develop Samoa's aspirations and priorities as outlined in the Pathway for the Development of Samoa. The focus is to be on capacity building in order to fill the skills gaps that are proving to be challenges in our quest for sustainable development.

We appreciate the efforts by Australia to enhance its engagement with the Pacific in combating the issues of Climate Change and ensuring good governance of our Oceans and resources.

Samoa and Australia have worked closely as partners in the region to achieve shared goals in economic development and

regional security. Samoa is one of the participating countries in the Pacific Australia Labour Mobility Scheme for seasonal workers. No doubt our countries have mutually benefitted from the scheme in terms of the Australian employers having access to the much needed short term labour for their harvest needs and at the same time providing income and skills for Samoan labour as well as remittances. It is important for both sides to continue the dialogue and to be prepared to review solutions when emerging challenges disadvantage a party inequitably.

Our relations as bilateral partners are premised on shared values and so is the collective of the Blue Pacific nations. On this note I wish all Australians here in Samoa a happy Australia Day.

I would also like to convey a warm welcome to Australia's new Deputy High Commissioner, Ms Claire McGeehan and her family. I wish you and your family an enjoyable stay in Samoa.

In closing Ladies and Gentlemen, I wish to invite you all to join me in proposing a toast:

"To the good health and wealth of Australia and its people. May the friendship and enduring partnership between Samoa and Australia continue to prosper – la Manuia!"
Soifua.





Media Guide Handbook for Parliamentary Proceedings launched

By: Jasmine Netzler - lose

A joint venture between Samoa's Legislative Assembly, the local journalists association (JAWS) and the Pacific Media Assistance Scheme (PACMAS) will pave the way forward in improving media coverage of Samoa's Parliament proceedings.

This was sealed with the launch of the Parliamentary & Media Guide Handbook at the Legislative Assembly at Mulinuu Friday last week.

The launch was attended by Honourable Acting Prime Minister Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio, Speaker of the House Papalii Lio Taeu Masipau, Deputy Speaker Au'uapau Mulipola Aloitafua, and Deputy Leader of the Human Rights Protection Party (HRPP) Fonotoe Nuafesili Pierre Lauofo Meredith, Australian High Commissioner Emily Luck, Members of the Legislative Assembly, PACMAS and President of the Journalists Association of Samoa Lagi Keresoma and members of the media faculty in Samoa.

Speaker of the House Papalii Lio Taeu Masipau thanked the government of Australia through AusAID and PACMAS for funding the booklet.

"I am fortunate during my term as Speaker of parliament that this event has eventuated."

Papalii said the booklet will ensure reporters understand the rules and procedures of Parliament and the documents and information available to them to execute their reporting accurately.

The launch of such a tool to better equip journalists on how to best cover Parliamentary sittings is an opportunity to build a relationship between the Parliament and the Media which has become meeker over the years.

Papalii said that this undertaking is a milestone to rebuild that relationship and to serve as a tool for reporters to understand the rules and procedures of Parliament.

Australian High Commissioner Emily Luck said Parliament is the cornerstone of Samoa's democracy.

Luck said she was honoured to speak at the launch of the book that is a guide specifically designed for coverage of parliamentary proceedings.

Parliament was critical as it is the place where important matters are discussed, debated and decided and a place where the voices of people are heard.

"It is essential that citizens are informed of the workings of parliament that is where

the role of journalists come in" and a well-informed public is why accurate journalism is critical she said.

The journalists allow the public through their reports to understand issues of national development of Samoa.

For a well-informed public accurate, fair and balanced journalism is so critical.

JAWS President Lagi Keresoma told the Savali Newspaper the handbook contains information on how Parliament operates and includes Parliament reporting, the role of the Media, Sources of News in Parliament and a Context and Analysis Section and the Relationship between Parliamentarians and the Media.

"The Constitution notes freedom of speech

which is the backbone of the media's work and the Legislative Assembly is aware that the media as a watchdog and must have access to information, reports etc."

According to Ms Keresoma it was necessary to execute this project to provide a guidance for the local media to better understand how parliament operates by understanding the Constitution and Standing Orders.

"I'm sure you are aware of the difficulties and challenges faced by the media in covering Parliament proceedings and one such challenge is not understanding how parliament operates."

At the same time this aids the legislative assembly to understand and improve the role of the media in the coverage of parliament

proceedings, standing orders and constitution.

"There are restrictions and limitations that the media cannot exceed unfortunately, the lack of understanding has landed some of our colleagues in hot water. So, this handbook provides a very simple guide for the media to follow."

The handbook was compiled by JAWS, the Legislative Assembly and PACMAS who also provided the funding that eventuated this project.

Her last wish for the journalists of Samoa was not to use the booklet as part of the decorative ornaments on their shelves instead utilize it wisely.

Acting Prime Minister Tuala cut the ribbon officiating the launch off the book.

Ia iloa e Tusitala lana galuega fai i le Palemene

Tusia: Taunuuga Toatasi

O le galulue so'oso'otauau o le Fono Aoaofaitulafono a Samoa ma le Asosi a Tusitala Samoa (JAWS) ma le P.A.C.M.A.S. (Pacific Media Assistance Scheme), ua fa'alauiloa ai le tasi o tusi (hand book) e fa'aleleia atili ai fa'asalalau ma tusitusiga i taualumaga a le Palemene.

O lea fa'amoemoe sa fa'atautaia i le Ofisa o le Failautusi a le Fono Aoaofaitulafono a Samoa i Mulinuu, ma sa molimauiina e Ta'ita'i o le Mälö, aemaise Mälö mai fafo ma Sui o le P.A.C.M.A.S.

Na fa'afetaia e le afioga i le Fofoga Fetala'i o le Palemene ia Papalii Li'o Taeu Masipau le Mälö Ausetalia e ala i le AusAID ma le P.A.C.M.A.S. mo le fa'atupeina o lea Tusi Ta'iala.

"Ua fetawai lelei le avea o a'u ma Fofoga Fetala'i o le Maota ma le fa'alauiloaina o lea Tusi Ta'iala.

"O lea Tusi Ta'iala o le a mautinoa ai le malamalama lelei o tusitala i Tulafono ma taualumaga a le Palemene aemaise fa'amatalaga o lo'o avanoa mo le tusia o lipoti ano ma le sa'o atoatoa.

"O se mea faigaluega e fa'aa'upegaina atili ai tusitala ma le aua'asalalau i auala e sili ona lelei ai le fa'alauiloaina o Fonotaga a le Palemene.

"O se avanoa e fausia ai so'otaga i le va o le Palemene ma le aua'asalalau e pei ona i ai i tausaga ua mavae."

O le Palemene o le ma'a tulimanu o le Malo fa'atemokarasi a Samoa, o le saunoaga lea a le Hai Komesina o le Mälö Ausetalia i Samoa ia H.E. Emily Luck.

E i ai le talitonuga o le Hai Komesina, atonu o se ta'iala lea ua mae'a ona mamamu fa'apitoa e



lima ta'ita'iina ai tusitala ma le aua'asalalau i a latou tusitusiga ma lipoti fa'ataui i taualumaga uma a le Fono Aoaofaitulafono.

"E tãua tele le Palemene, ona o se nofoaga o lo'o talanoaina ai matã'upu tãua, o felafolafoã'iga a Sui o le maota, o fa'ai'uga mo le manuia o se atunu'u, a'o se nofoaga e fa'alogoaina ai leo o tagata o le atunu'u.

"E tãua tele le logoina o tagatãnu'u i galuega a le Palemene, ina ia malamalama ma iloa fua'fua o lo'o taumafai ai le Malo mo se lumana'i manuia.

"E tãua fo'i le sa'o ma le paleni lelei o tusitusiga i taimi uma.

Saunoa le Peresetene o le JAWS ia Lagi Keresoma i le Savali e fa'apea;

"O lo'o fa'amauiina e le Fa'avae le sa'olotoga o le ivi lea o le galuega a so'o se Tusitala ma o lo'o silafia e le Fono Aoaofaitulafono, o le aua'asalalau o watchdogs, ma e tatau ona maua avanoa i fa'amatalaga, lipoti ma isi.

"Aua ne'i avea lenei tusi e teuteu ai luga o fata o tou Ofisa, ae ia fa'aãoga lelei mo le tatou galuega fa'atusitala ma ofisa fa'asalalau."

O le Sui Palemia ia Tuala Tevaga Iosefo Ponifasio sa ia 'o'otiina le lipine e tatala ai lenei Tusi Ta'iala tãua.

Anoama'a 1 displays First Harvest

By: Marc Membrere

Lufilufi was the place to be on Saturday as farmers' showcase their labor of love with the spoils from the plantation and livestock.

The First Harvest, (formerly known Talo Mua) reflect the hard working rewards for farmers of Anoama'a 1.

The event the First Harvest, is the Government's initiative to boost agriculture and fisheries nationwide.

And, the produce displayed on Saturday did not disappoint.

The gathering attracted Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries the Laauli Leuatea Polataivao Fosi, and Anoamaa 1 Member of Parliament Alai'asa Moefa'auouo Sepulona Moananu.

Laauli commended Alai'asa and his Constituency for hosting the successful event.

He further said in his keynote address that planting crops such as taro, banana, taamu, ufi, and ava brings income and also provides the source of food for the people as such more focus should be placed on it.

With Samoa's heavy reliance on imported frozen goods, Laauli explained that the country is able to cater for such needs of meat products with the flocks of chickens, pigs, sheep, and cattle farmed already on island.

Then he took his rounds to personally visit each farmers displace and congratulating them on their successful efforts produced in the harvest.

Laauli then presented a gift of \$10,000 worth of agricultural tools and equipment, seeds, seedlings of various crops, and funds as part



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Photos: Marc Membrere / Leaosā Fa'aifo Fa'aifo

of the Ministry's role in supporting the event.

The displays included healthy and delicious produce such as; papaya, taro, taamu, and bananas to name a few. Livestock such as cows and sheep attracted the attention of many who attended.





January SPECIALS

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GAS CAST IRON
\$999.00
WAS - \$145.00



GLASS GAS STOVE WITH 2 BURNER
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COOLEX FREEZER 150L
\$790.00
WAS - \$1,100.00



COOLEX FREEZER 500L
\$2,650.00
WAS - \$2,850.00



COOLEX FREEZER 350L
\$1,599.00
WAS - \$1,799.00



SAMSUNG FRIDGE 317L
\$2,350.00
WAS - \$2,450.00
2 YEAR WARRANTY



SAMSUNG FRIDGE 318L
\$2,550.00
WAS - \$2,999.00
2 YEAR WARRANTY



SAMSUNG 6.5KG TOP LOAD WASHING MACHINE
\$1,450.00
WAS - \$1,899.00
2 YEAR WARRANTY



SAMSUNG 5.5KG TOP LOAD WASHING MACHINE
\$1,199.00
WAS - \$1,299.00
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GAS OVEN 5 BURNER FS-90S
\$1,750.00
WAS - \$1,850.00



COOLEX GAS OVEN 4 BURNER
\$1,100.00
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COOLEX ELECTRIC/GAS OVEN 4-BURNER
\$999.00
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CLEANEX WASHING MACHINE 7KG
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