# Samoa Coastal Infrastructure Management Plans and their Application in Tsunami Recovery Planning

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## **Key Themes 1**

- Risk reduction, sustainable development, community resilience and recovery are all linked
- Integrated planning upfront is necessary to achieve good outcomes for the above
- Need both a top down and a bottom-up approach for sustainable outcomes
  - good DRM governance framework; resources
  - community driven solutions
- Meaningful partnerships between communities and government are necessary for sustainable outcomes

## **Key Themes 2**

- Importance of long-term programmes
  - Tackling capacity and capability issues
  - Realigning policy and planning frameworks
- Importance of underpinning science and environmental monitoring
  - Baseline data
  - Reducing uncertainty

#### Samoa



- 175,000 population
  - 70-80% of whom live on or near the coast
- 80% of 732km coastline is "sensitive" or "highly sensitive" to erosion, flooding or landslip
  - cyclones, storm surge, tsunami, volcanic eruption, earthquakes
- Significant cyclone damage 1990/91
  - borrowing > 44% GDP unsustainable
- 2009 Tsunami
  - Damage US\$105M, 20%GDP

# Samoa Infrastructure and Asset Management Programme (SIAM 1 & 2)

#### SIAM 1: 1999-2004

- Coastal Hazard Zone mapping
- Coastal Infrastructure Management Strategy (CIM Strategy) national level policy document
- Coastal Infrastructure Management Plans (CIM Plans)
  - 15 districts
- Environmental support services training courses and manuals

# Samoa Infrastructure and Asset Management Programme (SIAM 1 & 2) cont/.

# SIAM2 - Investing in Sustainable Growth & Protection 2004 – 2008

- Environmental management
- Natural risk management
- Natural resource management
- Disaster risk management

Opportunity to integrate across the workstreams to deliver a more sustainable outcome



# Coastal Infrastructure Management (CIM) Strategy & Plans

- National level Strategy to drive planning process
  - theme of "resilience"
- CIM Plans
  - achieving the objectives of the strategy for each of Samoa's 41 political Districts (~350 villages).
- Three foundation principles
  - Highly participatory process
  - Principle of "partnership" with national district village integration
  - Respecting "fa'a samoa" & "fa'a matai"
- Advocacy and education
- A framework for future actions
- Basis for non-statutory land use planning

### **Empowering Local Communities**



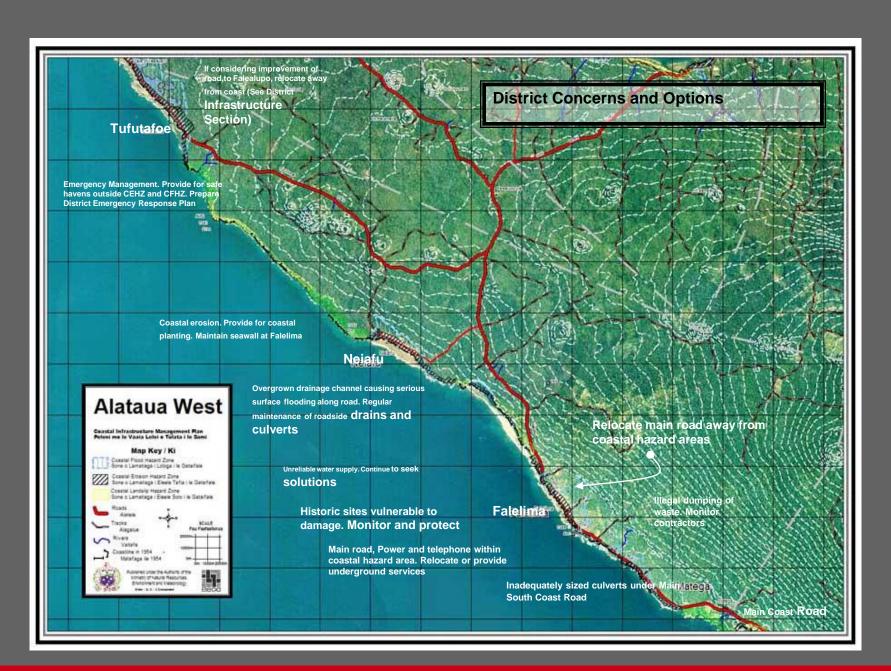


- Local solutions
  - Understanding vulnerability and mitigation
  - Collective ownership of risk
  - Community-government partnership
- Requirements
  - Institutional framework that links sustainable development and DRR
  - Incentives



# **Coastal Infrastructure Management Plan - Maps**

key Fagae'e assets hazard zones Fagae'e



# Village Response Plans

cyclone preparedness

warning ----

during the event

post event



# Strengthening DRM capacity

- The local community in a meaningful partnership with the government can achieve sustainable DRM outcomes
  - integration of land use planning and environmental management with mitigation and response is feasible at the local community level
  - Shift to collective ownership of risk DRR is everyone's responsibility
  - Effective partnerships can significantly increase capacity and capability

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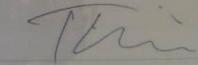
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# Participating villages in district

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#### Five years on.....

- CIM Plans have become a cornerstone Climate Change Adaptation Strategy for Samoa
- They are the basis for land use planning in most of Samoa
  - Non-statutory land use options work well given the land tenure issues
  - A Structure Plan is being developed for Vaitele as a trial (statutory instruments)
  - Any development must not be inconsistent with CIM Plans
- Programme underway to:
  - Update hazard zones (tsunami, IPCC)
  - Prioritise mitigation measures identified
  - Start implementation
  - Village risk management plans

#### After the 2009 tsunami

- Recovery Plan Developed
  - Involved Govt, donors, NGOs
- CIM Plan maps used as part of the recovery planning process
- Rebuilding / relocation decisions similar to recommendations in the CIM Plans





Lalomanu - before and after (Beca)

#### **Further Work**

- More detailed analysis of the influence of the CIM Strategy and Plan on land use planning and development in Samoa
  - Changing local attitudes to risk reduction
  - Implementation
  - Use in recovery
  - Replication in other island nations
- Programme Evaluation
- National DRM Plan Review

