



CIVIL SOCIETY SUPPORT PROGRAMME (CSSP)

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Orientation with Successful Communities for both Upolu and Savaii.

Civil Society Support Program (CSSP) in partnership with UNDP and World Bank will be hosting an Orientation program on 6th July, 2017 at the CCSP Conference Room for 12 villages from Savaii and 11 villages from Upolu. Proposals from these villages have been approved for funding after an assessment process of proposals was conducted.

The 12 successful villages from Savaii are to be funded under the Adaptation Funds Project (AF) by UNDP and the 11 successful villages from Upolu will be supported through the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience Project (PPCR) by the World Bank. The villages for both funding mechanisms were pre-selected. The orientation program will include the signing of contracts between CSSP and the successful villages, as well as to brief them on what the next steps are for implementation of their projects.

The Small Grant Scheme for AF supports proposals that demonstrate relevance to community priorities. Taupau Joseph Mulipola [Grant Facility Manager, CSSP] stated, “It is important for communities to align their proposals with the priorities that have been identified in their Community Integrated Management Plans (CIM Plans) to develop a strong proposal”.

For PPCR proposals were selected based on linkage to Climate Change with a focus on climate resilience and in line with the Community Integrated Management Plans (CIM Plans) that have been developed for these villages.

Brief Background:

Adaptation Funds Project

The Adaptation Fund project, ‘*Enhancing Resilience of Coastal Communities of Samoa to Climate Change*’, was approved in March 2012 by the Adaptation Fund Board. The objective of the project is to strengthen the ability of Samoan communities and public services to make informed decisions and manage climate change-driven pressures, in a pro-active, integrated and strategic way.

Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience Project

Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Coastal Resources and Communities (ECR) Project is supported by the Pilot Programme for Climate Resilience (PPCR) of the Climate Investment Funds, which aims to provide incentives for scaled-up action and transformational change in integrating climate resilience into the country's development strategies and programmes. The village/district, with PPCR-ECR project support, will implement priority adaptation measures to manage climate and disaster-related threats and to strengthen information services and institutional arrangements for climate and disaster resilience.