

## 7&e Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations Inc.

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The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations (SUNGO) delivers a consultation on Simplified National Building Codes, Thanks to the Ministry of Works

Transport and Infrastructure through the Green Climate Fund.

**Apia, SAMOA (3 March 2021)** – The Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure prioritizes the importance of the Simplified National Building Codes, for community members who live in the Vaisigano Catchment Area.

A consultation was delivered by the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations, to Representatives from the villages of Magiagi, Lelata and Faatoialemanu, which was hosted at the Assembly of God Church Building at Magiagi.

At the same time, another Consultation Program was also in progress for Representatives from Vailima, Vaoala and Tiapapata, which was hosted at the Vailima Primary School Hall. These Consultation Programs were conducted for 3 days, which started on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> of March 2021 to the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March 2021.

Members of the Communities involved had the chance to voice their concerns as well as issues faced, when natural disasters strike, especially within the targeted area; the Vaisigano Catchment Climate Project.

The Ministry of Works, Transport and Infrastructure through this consultation hopes to gather the communities' feedback, as well as reflecting on how to further address the Sustainability and Safety of all the Building Structures in Samoa. The program hopes to continue in the coming weeks, for the remaining villages that are highly affected by flooding, when natural disasters strike.

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