

# Climate Change Action Project in Fifty Samoan Villages

## Description

### Objectives

To reduce the vulnerabilities of 50 Samoan villages to the negative impacts of **climate change** through the application of **climate-smart, sustainable agriculture** and the management of organic **agriculture cooperatives**.

### Project Summary

Samoa is a volcanic mountainous island state where traditional **culture** is the foundation for social and political life, and where the total population of 200,000 resides in 382 villages headed by titled chiefs. According to the 2014 report issued by the Intergovernmental Panel on **Climate Change**, Samoa is among the ten Pacific nations most vulnerable to **climate change**. Major changes predicted in the short term include an increase in rainfall and extreme rainfall events, which will negatively impact crop production, and thus **food security**; and an increase in the intensity of cyclones, which will affect people's safety and shelter.

With a grant from the Pacific-American **Climate Fund** (PACAM), Matuaileoo **Environment Trust, Inc.** (METI) will assist 50 Samoan villages to adapt to the impacts of **climate change**. Its multi-faceted project will include integrated training in **climate-smart sustainable agriculture** and healthy living through whole foods and plant-based nutrition. This will be implemented through a culturally sensitive program that includes training for taiala (Samoan for "path-breakers"), who are village residents enlisted to serve as frontline **health, education, and sustainable development** workers.

See factsheet for full details.

Project Status

Completed

Duration

36 months

Project Type

Capacity Building  
Community Awareness  
Field Implementation

Total Funding

735,581

Donor Currency

USD

Project Scope

Community

## Related Documents

[Climate Change Action Project in Fifty Samoan Villages Factsheet](#)

## Project Sites

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## Project Donor(s)

[Pacific-American Climate Fund](#)  
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## Tags

PACAM

## Topics

Climate Change  
Adaptation  
Risks  
Vulnerability  
Meteorology and Weather

## Focus Area

Community-based approach  
Capacity building

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