

Proposal Summary

Samoa City Development Strategy Programme

CDS, SU

East Asia and Pacific - Samoa

Summary	The absence of a formal local government to manage the day-to-day demands of communities places much urban planning and management responsibility on central Government, that is, PUMA, which requires a significant increase in human and financial resources to effectively implement its mandate. In addition, there is little awareness and understanding by communities of standard urban planning requirements, which adds further to the challenges of effectively managing urban growth. As a result, PUMA requested urgent budgetary support to implement its 2008-2011 Capability Plan to rectify (i) the limited technical, administrative, policy development and decision making skills, as well as (ii) to strengthen legal support for its procedures, compliance and enforcement. Such systems must be proactive rather than reactive so as to better manage urban development. PUMA therefore see this Cities Alliance proposal as an opportunity to introduce innovative cutting edge proactive approaches like the CDS to address current urban management concerns.
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Objectives	Activities
The overall objective of the project is to prepare an integrated sustainable management plan (as defined under the PUM Act) for the greater Apia area (including the main growth village of Vaitele) through a "climate proofed" City Development Strategy (CDS) approach for Vaitele and Apia. In recognition of the effectiveness of working with community leaders and community members, and given the challenging "governance issues" being faced in non-traditional urban villages, this proposal represents an additional opportunity for inclusive development of the truly vulnerable (with particular regard for women) as genuinely engaged participants in the decision making process.	Component 1 – Assessment, Analysis and Strategy Component 2 –Supporting Infrastructure Investment Programme for Priority Projects Component 3 – Institutional Strengthening Component 4 – Policy Learning and Knowledge Sharing Component 5 – Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E)

Submission		Implementation	Budget and Time	
Submitted by: Ministry of Natural Resources, Environment and Meteorology (Samoa)	CA Sponsor: Asian Development Bank; European Commission; UN-HABITAT; UNDP; World Bank	Implemented by: UN-HABITAT CA Monitor: Alex Ricardo Jimenez Cruz	Request to CA: \$ 237,000 Co-Financing: \$ 452,500 Total Budget: \$ 689,500	Duration: 24 months

Expected Impacts
The immediate outcome of the CDS will be targeted and prioritized investment for the identified urban centres from governments, the private sector, donor/aid agencies and financial institutions, which will contribute to and drive urban growth meeting the needs of the most vulnerable. The immediate outcome of the strategies for underserved villages will be a suite of target local investments to undertake, where possible with the villages themselves so as to encourage ownership and learn by doing (such as local drainage works and environmental mitigation). The investment strategy and priorities will be directed toward those areas which will achieve the most significant impact for city and economic development.

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