

**5<sup>th</sup> Asia Pacific Regional Conference on  
Community Driven Development (CDD)  
Samoa: National Program Overview (1 page)**

1. Name of Project/Program: *DISTRICT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM* (Samoa)

2. Total Project/Program \$ Value (of which World Bank or other Development Partner funding):

Approved Budget for FY 2021 – 2022:	SAT \$11,000,000
	Equivalent to USD \$4,037,000 <sup>1</sup>
Approved Budget for FY 2022 – 2023:	SAT \$51,000,000
	Equivalent to USD \$18,717,000 <sup>2</sup>

Currently, the District Development Program is fully funded by the Government of Samoa. However, there are plans to work with our development partners in order to support the implementation of this program through technical assistance and deliberate on all areas to ensure its success, and ultimately future budget support.

3. Duration of Project/Program (since inception to current closing date):

The Program is a 5 year Program, from Inception and early developments in October 2021 to June 2026. However, the funding of the Program from the local budget, is annual and is to be appropriated each FY for the next 5 years starting from Inception in FY21/22 to FY25/26.

4. Coverage (by geographic/administrative areas and population):

The Program covers all 51 districts (or electoral constituencies under the Schedule of the *Electoral Constituencies Act 2019*) in Samoa.

5. Project components (briefly described) and estimated \$ value:

<b>Year 1 (FY2021-2022)</b>	
Total budget:	SAT \$11,000,000.00
Breakdown:	1. SAT \$800,000.00 – Project Management Unit and Steering Committee set up
	2. SAT \$10,200,000.00 – For the District Council Establishment Project (\$200,000.00 per District)
	3. For each \$200,000.00 grant: Component 1: Personnel Costs Component 2: Operating Costs Component 3: Capital Costs
<b>Year 2 (FY2022-2023)</b>	

<sup>1</sup> Central Bank of Samoa MIDRATES, Monday, 28 November 2022 Units of Foreign currency Per SAT\$1.00 SAT/USD 0.36707 <https://www.cbs.gov.ws/statistics/exchange-rates/daily-exchange-rates/>

<sup>2</sup> Ibid

Total budget	SAT \$51,000,000.00
Breakdown:	<p>\$1,000,000.00 per District – District and Community Development Program</p> <p>Component 1: Office Operations (personnel and operating) (15%)</p> <p>Component 2: District Development Initiatives (85%)</p>

6. Main implementing agency/agencies:

The Implementing Agency is the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development (“MWCSO”).

The Ministry of Finance is responsible for appropriating annual budget provisions under the MWCSO’s budget for the Program, the disbursement of the Grant into the designated account of the respective District Councils and receipt of acquittal statements and reports for review and monitoring in collaboration with the MWCSO – Project Management Unit.

7. Other key features:

**District Development Plans (DDPn)** – over the last few years (from 2017 to 2019), the District Development Planning programme, initiated by MWCSO, has brought villages together within each district to write and finalise a District Development Plan. These plans (a) target a wide range of social and economic development issues including business development opportunities for the district, health, education, ending/prevention of violence, rights of women and children, and environmental protection; and (b) will be used to ensure that all development in the District are focused on the agreed plan and that the appropriate services reach those in need the most, including vulnerable groups such as women, persons with disability, children, youth, elderly and person with diverse gender identity. If coordinated effectively and efficiently, the DDPn’s are an important process at the district level, and contribute directly to improving the enabling environment for inclusive economic growth across the country.

Since 2018, 51 DDPs have been developed with the support of MWCSO and donors/development partners, however, implementation was stagnant due to limited resources and funding.

As part of the *District Development Program*, some, if not all, DDPs require updating to reflect the current needs of the districts and alignment to Samoa’s National Plan (Pathway for the Development of Samoa).

All existing 51 DDPs were structured around 4 Key Areas including Health, Education, Economic Development of Districts and Social Governance and will now also focus on Social Wellbeing (Health, Education), Community Economic Empowerment and Governance (economic Development of the Districts and Social Governance), Environment Protection and Primary Infrastructure.