[](http://upload.wikimedia.org/wikipedia/commons/f/f9/Coat_of_Arms_Samoa)**Samoa – Australia Partnership for Development**

**2013-14 Implementation Schedule**

**Priority Outcome Law and Justice:**

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| Aim: | The Partnerships will enable Samoa to have safer communities, better access to justice and integration between the customary and formal justice systems. | | | Progress[[1]](#footnote-1) |
| Targets for 2015: | 1. Improved Rule of Law score in the World Bank indicators | Baseline: | 1. 74th percentile (2008) | Partly on track |
| 1. Reduced numbers of serious crimes | 1. All crimes 2,776 (2008) | Partly on track |

|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
| **Partnership outputs for 2013-14** |  | **Assumptions** |  | Planned **Outcomes** for **2013-14** | Source of **Verification** |
| Prosecutors’ Manual drafted and finalised  Crime Prevention Policy drafted and finalised | Consultant engaged works with Prosecutions Division of AGO within timeframe.  Necessary Consultant engaged, and other relevant stakeholders on board to work with Crime Prevention Taskforce within timeframe. | Increased access by the judiciary, the public and sector agencies to information and relevant legislation. | Completed Prosecutors’ Manual.  Completed Crime Prevention Policy. |
| Implementation of Plan for the separation of the Prisons function from Samoa Police | Legislation enacted; Human Resource Policy, Organisational structure and infrastructure fully resourced. Prisons Review Task Force to support and provide the oversight of the separation | Strengthened systems and processes (Improved planning and human resource management). | Enacted Legislation, recruitment and selection process commenced prisons renovated/built |
| Sector Statistics Collection and Collation system developed. | Relevant IT capacity in the Sector to assess and develop data collection system. | Strengthened systems and processes (Improved planning and human resource management).  Access to Offender Rehabilitation and Reducing Re-Offending | Sector Agency data systems reviewed and assessed, Plan for sector statistics project developed, systems identified |
| Operational Guidelines for Secretariat to be drafted and finalised  Secretariat capacity building training for Sector Agencies on Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Program management. | Relevant Consultant engaged or Training available.  Relevant Training conducted | Improved Project design, assessment, alignment, monitoring and evaluation. | Final Operation Guidelines for Secretariat.  Improved quality of Reports for Sector. |
| Oloamanu Juvenile Rehabilitation Centre Housing Project II | Office and residential quarters for prison and corrections officers completed by June 2014 | Improved working and living conditions for both officers and residential quarters for prisoners. | Completion of Phase II housing project at Oloamanu |
| Prosecutors Manual drafted and finalised. | Consultant engaged works with Prosecutions Division of AGO within timeframe |  | Completed Prosecutors Manual |
| Establish a Community Law Centre | Community Law centre and establishment fully resourced | Increased public access to legal services | Community Law centre set up |
| 25,000 case files scanned between July 2013 and June 2014  Crime Prevention Policy drafted and finalised |  | Digitisation project fully resourced  Necessary Consultant engaged, and other relevant stakeholders on board to work with Crime Prevention Taskforce within timeframe. |  | Increased access by the judidciary, the public and sector agencies to information and relevant legislation. | Number of documents digitised  Completed Crime Prevention Policy |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Key Risks | Management Plan |
| Sector Agencies and Secretariat’s capacity to implement program | Identify areas where capacity strengthening is required at sixth monthly meetings between GOA and GOS and provide training/technical assistance to build capacity |
| On-going sustainability of projects under the program | Goals, Strategies, Outcomes and Indicators Measures (GSOIM) ensures linkage of agency projects, corporate plans and overall goals of program making sure that projects which fall outside objectives are not considered for support |
| Poor progress in achieving progress/outcomes | Baseline date confirmed. Action to identify factors limiting progress and agree remedial measures through SC meetings |
| Reliance of sector on donor funds to carry out program | GOA with Steering Committee the possible adoption of the Secretariat under an existing sector agency or become an independent GOS supported agency. This encourages local ownership of program and continuity. Discussions of long-term support for program a priority in annual partnership talks if there is a probability of donor refocusing its priorities for development. |

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| Supporting information | Programs |
| * Key coordination mechanism: Ministry of Finance, Sector Steering Committee. * Joint development partners: GOS, AusAID, AFP.   This schedule follows the Implementation Schedule in August 2012. Both governments acknowledge the background and analysis contained in that schedule. | * Law & Justice Sector Support * Pacific Islands Law Library Twinning * Pacific Ombudsman Alliance * Regional Rights Resource Team * Pacific Legal Information Institute * Commonwealth Ombudsman Alliance * AustLII (Australasian Legal Information Institute) * PacLII (Pacific Legal Information Institute) * New Zealand Department Corrections |
| Sector Issues |
| * From 2014, Law and Justice activities will be integrated into the Improved Governance Priority Outcome. This will allow greater efficiency of management and integration with other governance programs such as the Policy Action Matrix, new investments in economic infrastructure and disaster response and management programs will be moved into an Economic Stability and Growth Priority Outcome. |

|  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Signed**  **for the Government of Samoa** |  | **Signed**  **for the Government of Australia** |
| Lavea Tupa’imatuna Iulai Lavea  Chief Executive Officer, Ministry of Finance  11 December 2013 | Dr Stephen Henningham  Australian High Commissioner to Samoa  11 December 2013 |

1. As per the Australian Aid Program Samoa Annual Program Performance Report 2012-13 [↑](#footnote-ref-1)