Samoa

Samoa has a population of about 198,000 people with the majority of people living on the main island of Upolu. The World Bank’s long-term support to Samoa is focused on improving transport, strengthening health systems, improving digital connectivity, boosting the agriculture sector and strengthening the financial sector.

Transport
To improve the climate resilience of Samoa’s transport infrastructure, work is underway on the West Coast Road to upgrade the corridor connecting the capital city of Apia with the international airport and inter-island port. Works already completed include the construction of the new Mali’oli’o Bridge on Savai’i island and the new Moamoa Bridge on Upolu island, enabling river crossings during severe weather events.

Agriculture & Food
In Samoa, where almost 70% of the population works in agriculture, the World Bank is supporting farmers and fishers to improve livestock, farming and fishing practices as a follow up to previous interventions, which included importation of new sheep and cattle breeds and the introduction of new fruit and vegetable varieties to boost yields and diversify local diets.

Digital Development
Through the Pacific Regional Connectivity Program, Samoa is being connected to faster, cheaper and more reliable internet through installation of the Tui Samoa submarine cable and strengthening of the regulatory environment. The connection of Savai’i island is being co-financed by the Australian Government.

Health
In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank supported the establishment of a public health laboratory, procurement of essential PPE and other supplies for Samoan health workers, and trained staff. This is in addition to the work already underway as part of the Samoa Health System Strengthening Program.

Current Projects
- Samoa First Response, Recovery and Resilience DPO
- Samoa Agriculture & Fisheries Project
- Pacific Regional Connectivity Program
- Enhancing the Climate Resilience of Communities Project
- Samoa Health System Strengthening Program
- Samoa COVID-19 Emergency Response Project
- Second Resilience DPO
- Samoa Climate Resilient Transport Project
- Pacific Resilience Program
- Enhanced Road Access Project

*Based on data as of 31 March 2021.