Projects and ActivitiesFri Mar 29 01:41:52 HST 2024

Name	Samoans Turn to Traditional Housing as Sanctuary from Climate Risks
Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations	- Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation - Climate Adaptation - Training and Capacity Building, Education, Outreach
Sectors	- Community Planning and Development - Social and Cultural Resources
Status	- Completed
Focus Area	- Coastal Inundation/Sea Level Rise, Extreme Weather, and Community Resilience
Regions	- South Pacific - Samoa
Description	To recover indigenous cultural knowledge held by Samoan elders about housing and climate, and to apply this to the design and construction practices of Samoan indigenous housing in order to inform the development of safer, accessible, resilient, and sustainable housing. To put indigenous knowledge into practice through the construction of three model Samoan houses (Fale) in three coastal sites. To reinvigorate village-based teaching and practice of growing materials, crafting, and constructing indigenous Samoan housing. To engage three village communities in a public education program about climate risk and developing risk management plans for the hazards that they will face.
Lead Agencies	Afeafe o Vaetoefaga Pacific Academy of Cultural Restoration, Research and Development
Partnering Agencies	The information for this activity was provided by the Adaptation Partnership from their Pacific chapter review of planned and existing adaptation activities. These reviews provide an inventory of regional and country-level adaptation activities and a summary of key adaptation priorities, based on documents like the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change's National Adaptation Programs of Action and National Communications. They also identify gaps and opportunities for scaling up and enhancing collaboration. For more information see: http://www.adaptationpartnership.org/images/stories/documents/asia - pacific regional and country profiles.pdf
Required Resources	World Bank, Budget: US$199,000
Projected Timelines	2010