Developing a National Emergency Telecommunications Plan (NETP) for Samoa
Overview of Draft NETP and recommended approach”

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NETP Development – Recommended Approach

- Approach will be consultative involving all identified stakeholders
- The Office of the Regulator (OoTR) will play the lead role in coordinating activities in close collaboration with MCIT and MNRE
- OoTR produced a proposed strategic approach and circulate for comments
- A draft Plan, based on feedback, was prepared for discussion;
- A workshop involving stakeholders was held to discuss the first draft and develop a revised draft
NETP Workshops and finalization of Plan

- A revised Plan was then prepared and submitted to stakeholders for revision and amendments;
- Specialist expertise from the ITU were contracted to assist in finalization of the NETP and conduct of a workshop with participants.
- The second workshop produced a final Plan for submission to Cabinet for approval/endorsement
Structure of Draft NETP

Draft Plan contains seven sections:
1. Executive Summary
2. Introduction
3. Plan Objectives
4. Implementation and metrics
5. Role of Telecommunications
6. Conclusion
7. Reference materials
Executive Summary

- Provide a summary of the Plan and its objectives
- Identifies the need for an integrated approach and coordinated approach
- Identifies the mandate of the OoTR as outlined in the Act
- Outlines that NETP is dynamic and it is proposed to design interventions with specified outputs and deadlines
(ii) Introduction

- Need for an NETP
- Mandate for change
- Purpose of the NETP – *(improving communication before, during and after event)*
- Scope of the Plan – responders to:
  - *a) establish and sustain communications*
  - *b) communicate between jurisdictions*
  - *c) providing necessary warning systems*
  - *d) maintaining communications*
- Approach to development of NETP *(Consultative, involving all stakeholders and ensuring ownership of Plan)*
- Organization of the NETP *(3 step approach of vision leading to strategy and then implementation)*
- ++ Other relevant plans *(Disaster Mgt, Tsunami, Cyclone etc)*
(iii) Draft Plan Objectives

• Provides vision of telecommunications response
• Defines goals for achieving vision
• Suggests objectives and initiatives to improve telecommunications response
• Provides metrics for measuring effectiveness of the interventions carried out.
• Five objectives proposed;
  (i) develop and formalize decision making structure
  (ii) Integration and improvement of service providers response to emergency
  (iii) develop a flexible robust and community specific national emergency telecommunications warning system and activation Plan
  (iv) Acceding to relevant international conventions
  (v) ensuring the emergency responders have shared approaches
(iv) Implementation and Metrics

- For each of the five Objectives, there are needs and gaps identified that guide the proposed activities;
- For each Objective there are proposed initiatives that are designed to address the identified needs and gaps;
- In order to ensure initiatives achieve the objectives there are carried out a number of milestones proposed for each initiative;
- There are five (5) objectives, with a total of eight (8) initiatives.
(v) Role in mitigation of the effects of natural events

- Providing effective and efficient communication for coordination and collaboration of all involved in mitigation efforts
- Providing effective response
- Maintaining and sustaining communication channels
- Allowing for quick restoration
(vii) Reference materials

- The reference materials and documents sourced in the preparation of the Draft NETP is provided as an annex;
- The agencies considered in the drafting of the NETP are also annexed;
- The Acronyms used in the document are explained;
- The allocation of frequencies by the OoTR is annexed;
- A basic network design is suggested;
- Available equipment – not supplied.
Proposed approach for workshop

- The proposed approach is to present an overview of the draft Plan
- Participants formed groups to discuss the strategic approach and then make presentation on their group discussions
- Discussion were on the strategic approach (see pages 7-8 of Draft Plan) and then on the Draft Plan
Recommendations for Outputs

• To ensure that the discussions are focussed, groups should ensure that they come up with recommendations for improving the draft and commenting on the objectives, initiatives and milestones.

• We should have agreement on roles and responsibilities for follow up action.

• In concluding, our plan is with the cabinet for approval.
THANK YOU