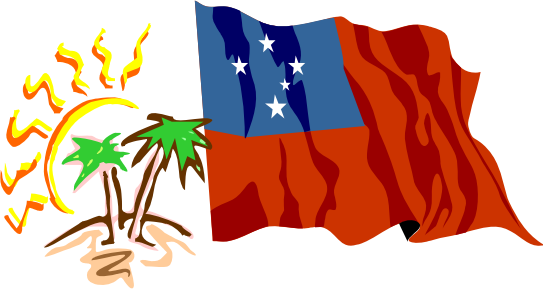


Disaster Communications in SAMOA

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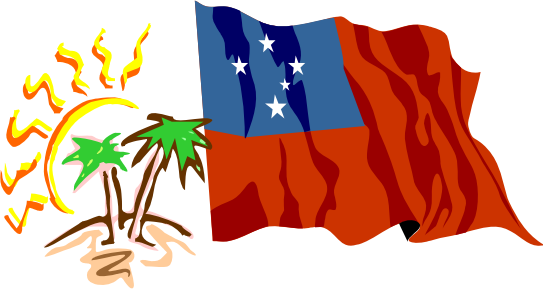
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Government of Samoa



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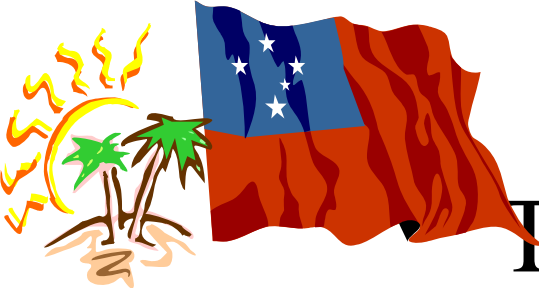
SAMOA on the map; invisible

- Location: East of international date-line between longitude 13deg and 14deg east of equator line
- Situated approx 2890 km NE of Auckland (New Zealand), 1200 km NE Fiji, 4400 km NE of Sydney Australia and 8400 km SW of Los Angeles.



Country Profile

- **LandArea** 2,934 km²
- **Population** 176,848 (2001)
(Projection for year 2006, 184,955)
- **Temperature** 24-33degC
- **Tropical seasons** rainy Oct-March
dry; April-Sept
- **Government** Independent State



Telecommunication

1 Fixedline Provider;

Number of fixedline subscribers- 18500

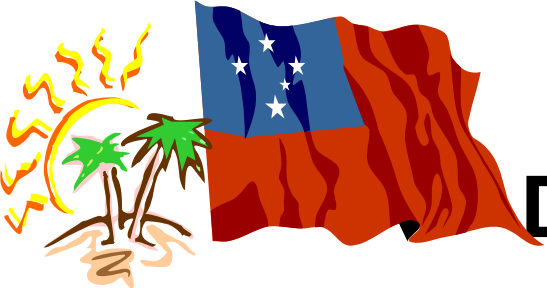
2 Mobile Providers

Digicel Samoa Subscribers - 40000

SamoaTel (operate Jan 2007)

3 ISPs

Internet Subscribers 5000



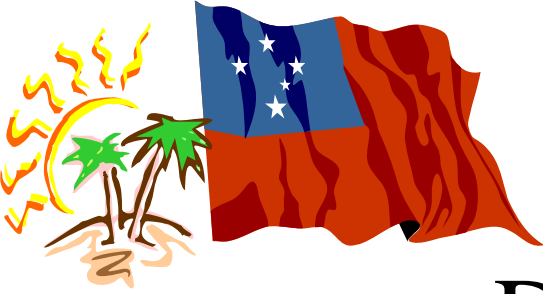
Disaster Management

Focal Point - Ministry of Natural Resources and
Environment (MNRE)

National Disaster Council (NDC)

National Disaster Advisory Committee (NDAC)

Disaster Management Office (MNRE)



Disaster Management

Disaster & Emergency Management Act 2006

National Disaster Management Plan

- Produced by Disaster Advisory Committee
- Approved by Disaster Council
- Requirement of “Disaster & Emergency Management Act 2006”

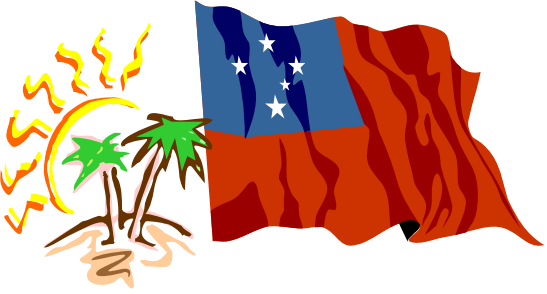
National Tsunami Emergency Plan

National Tropical Cyclone Plan



Disaster Early Warnings System

- Radio Broadcasting – AM/FM
- TV Broadcasting
 - 1 Free to air
 - 2 Commercials
- GSM Network
- UHF/VHF radio
- Fixedline



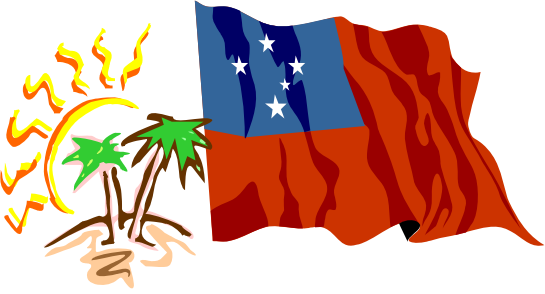
Disaster Warning

Where?

Local Meteorological Center

Alternatives;

- Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Hawaii
- National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration, NOAA in Hawaii
- Fiji Regional Specialized Meteorology Center



Thank You

keep the sun shining

