**Samoa – Australia Partnership for Development**

**2012-13 Implementation Schedule**

**Priority Outcome: Law & Justice**

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

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| Partnership **outputs** for 2012-13 |  | **Assumptions** |  | Planned **Outcomes** for 2012-13 | Source of **Verification** |
| 10,000 case files scanned between July 2012 and June 2013.Prosecutors’ Manual drafted and finalised.Crime Prevention Policy drafted and finalised | Digitisation project fully resourced.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. | Number of documents digitised.Completed Prosecutors’ Manual.Completed Crime Prevention Policy. |
| Implementation of Phase 2 for Neighbourhood Watch Project. | Proper statistics from Phase 1 collected and analysed justifying Phase 2. | Improved community safety. | Progress Reports on Neighbourhood Watch Project – Phases 1 and 2. |
| Implementation of Plan for the separation of the Prisons function from Samoa Police.Sector Statistics Collection and Collation system developed. | Legislation enacted; Human Resource Policy, Organisational structure and infrastructure fully resourced. Prisons Review Task Force to support and provide the oversight of the separation.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 | Enacted Legislation, recruitment and selection process commenced prisons renovated/built.Sector Agency data systems reviewed and assessed, Plan for sector statistics project developed, systems identified |
| Operational Guidelines for Secretariat to be drafted and finalisedLaw and Justice Secretariat capacity building on Monitoring and Evaluation Framework and Program management.Law and Justice Sector Plan 2012-16 | Relevant Consultant engaged or Training available.Relevant Technical Assistance secured.Relevant Technical Assistance and training secured. | Improved Project design, assessment, alignment, monitoring and evaluation. | Final Operation Guidelines for Secretariat.Improved quality of Reports for Sector.Sector Plan launched. |
| Establish a Community Law CentreEstablish an Investigations Unit within the Office of the Ombudsman to investigate allegations of Police Criminal Wrongdoing. | Cooperation of Samoa Law Society and Trust set up to establish the Community Law centre and establishment fully resourced.Relevant Technical Assistance secured. | Increased public access to legal services. | Community Law Centre set up.Investigations Unit established |

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| Commitments: |
| Year: | FY 2012-13 | FY 2013-14 | FY 2014-15 |
| Government of Australia Commitments: | Grant | A$1.5 million |  |  |
| In-kind | PACTAM (Legislative Drafter, AGO) |  |  |
| Government of Samoa Commitments: |  |  |  |

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| 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 |
| Ongoing 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. |

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| Supporting information | Sector Issues | Programs |
| * Key coordination mechanism: Ministry of Finance, Sector Steering Committee.
* Joint development partners: GOS, AusAID, AFP.

This schedule follows the Implementation Schedule in August 2011. Both governments acknowledge the background and analysis contained in that schedule. | * The Law and Justice Sector Plan 2008-2012 has been reviewed.
* The new Law and Justice Sector Plan 2012-2016 is currently being drafted incorporating recommendations from the Review of the 2008-2012 Sector Plan.
* M & E Framework for the new Sector Plan needs to be developed.
* M & E capacity in the Secretariat and across the Sector needs to be addressed.
* Costing (Multi-Year) of the new Sector Plan and Reporting against an M & E Framework needs to occur.
* Location of the Secretariat and funding of the Secretariat and therefore its sustainability continues to be considered and is yet to be determined.
* Degree of Sector involvement in funding the implementation of the Separation of Prisons Function from Samoa Police yet to be determined.
 | * 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
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1. As per the [AusAID Samoa Annual Program Performance Report 2011](http://www.ausaid.gov.au/Publications/Pages/Samoa-Annual-Program-Performance-Report-2011.aspx) [↑](#footnote-ref-1)