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NZAID snapshot

- NZAID is the Government's international aid and development agency within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade
- In 2008/09 NZAID spent approximately \$471.3 million on overseas development assistance
- Over half of NZAID's expenditure is spent in the Pacific
- NZAID's total support for Samoa in 2008/09 was \$15 million, including regional funding.

The facts

- Samoa has a population of 179,186 spread over two main islands, Upolo and Savai'i
- Samoa has a special relationship with New Zealand, underpinned by the Treaty of Friendship agreed by the two countries upon Samoa's independence from New Zealand in 1962
- A number of donors are active in Samoa including Australia, the European Union, China and New Zealand with development assistance constituting around 15 percent of Samoa's gross domestic product (GDP)
- Samoa is considered to have a well performing economy but it is vulnerable to external influences (such as natural disasters and more recently the global economic crisis).

The issues

- 5.1 percent of children aged 5-14 do not attend school
- Only 25 percent of students proceed beyond Year 11
- Neonatal mortality rate is 13:1000
- Obesity rate is 67.5 percent
- GDP growth for 2008/9 is forecasted to be -4.9 percent.

NZAID in Samoa

New Zealand's development programme targets Samoa's national development priorities based on the Samoan Government's 'Strategy for the Development of Samoa 2008-2012'. The programme focuses on the following areas:

- economic and private sector development
- improving service delivery in health and education
- human resource development
- improving public sector performance
- community development.



Health is a key part of NZAID's focus in Samoa.

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Private sector development

Sustainable economic development, through support to the private sector, is an important component of New Zealand's development programme. The Private Sector Support Facility, Small Business Enterprise Centre, and Women in Business Development Incorporated are examples of NZAID's assistance to the private sector to help local and international business opportunities.

High quality health care

NZAID works with the governments of Samoa and Australia, the World Bank and United Nations agencies to support the Samoan Ministry of Health and the National Health Service achieve the vision of a "Healthy Samoa" through the provision of a quality and sustainable health care system.

This support focuses on strengthening the regulatory functions of the Ministry of Health, health promotion and disease prevention, and improving the quality of health service delivery.

NZAID also supports life-saving medical treatment in New Zealand and in Samoa through the Medical Treatment and Visiting Medical Specialist schemes.

Improving education outcomes

The Education Sector programme, co-funded by New Zealand, Samoa, Australia and the Asian Development Bank, focuses on improving access to quality education in Samoa through developing effective teachers, curriculum reform and improving adult literacy.

To ensure that all children have access to education even in these times of hardship, New Zealand and Australia have committed to a short-term school fee subsidy programme. The subsidies will target families most in need of help.

Providing accessible justice for all

The Ministry of Justice and Courts Administration strives to provide an accessible, quality justice system for everyone in Samoa, which integrates international best practice and fa'a Samoa (Samoan custom). NZAID, in partnership with New Zealand's Ministry of Justice and Ministry of

Corrections, is supporting this goal through a three-year programme.

NZAID's assistance to the justice sector also aims to reduce the rate of domestic violence and other crimes in Samoa. This will be achieved through improving the operations of the domestic violence unit of the Samoan police and the provision of prosecutions training for police.

Human resource development

NZAID and Australia support the Oloamanu Professional Development Centre at the National University of Samoa. The centre provides the public, private and civil society sectors with practical in-country training opportunities. Courses include business ethics and leadership, financial management, counselling, social research, and strategic planning.

NZAID also supports human resource development by providing Samoan employees with vocational short-term training in New Zealand. Tertiary scholarships are available for Samoan students to study in New Zealand and other Pacific island countries at regional universities such as the University of the South Pacific and the Fiji School of Medicine.

Community development

NZAID supports community development through the Non-Government Organisation (NGO) Support Fund, which aims to strengthen national NGOs working directly with the people of Samoa in areas such as suicide prevention, victim and disability support, and income generation. NZAID also supports the Samoa Umbrella Non Government Organisation (SUNGO), which administers the NGO Support Fund and provides training and advocacy support to local NGOs.