



Peace Corps  
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# Message From The *Country Director*



Talofa! On March 19, 2020, Peace Corps Samoa, along with all other Peace Corps posts around the world, evacuated 43 Peace Corps Volunteers from Samoa due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Volunteers left their communities and work sites, saying goodbye to their host families and counterparts to return to their homes in the United States.

The presence of our Volunteers is sorely missed and we await the time when they can safely return to service. In the meantime, Peace Corps Samoa staff met the challenge to continue the mission of the Peace Corps, ensuring that the communities we serve received the support they need. We are excited to share in this annual report our first-ever summary of 17 staff-led projects and activities conducted in March 2021 – March 2022 that supported Samoa in furthering its development goals.

In partnership,  
Gini Wilderson  
Peace Corps Samoa Country Director

# COVID RESPONSE

## NOVEMBER MoH COVID - 19 NATIONAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN & FOOD DELIVERY



In order to reach its goal of at least 95% coverage with the COVID-19 vaccination, the MoH and the government of Samoa undertook nation-wide vaccination campaigns in September and November 2021. These campaigns consisted of over 60+ vaccination teams deployed country-wide to administer COVID vaccines to eligible persons in the community. Five Peace Corps Samoa staff assisted with vaccinating, data entry and delivery of food to frontline workers using PC vehicles. Peace Corps Medical Officers (PCMOs) assisted at the Health Emergency Operations Centre at the request of MoH.



Ministry of Health (MoH)

## SAMOA PEDIATRIC COVID-19 NATIONAL VACCINATION CAMPAIGN (FIRST DOSE) MARCH 8-15, 2022



At the request of the Ministry of Health, Peace Corps Samoa deployed the Medical Team [2 PCMOs and 1 Peace Corps Medical Assistant (PCMA)] to assist with the pediatric vaccination program. Peace Corps Samoa also provided a vehicle and driver from March 8-15, 2022 in support of this pediatric vaccination campaign roll out. Peace Corps Samoa's team was deployed at the following schools for the pediatric COVID-19 vaccination campaign: Apia Primary School, Loto Taumafai School for Special Children with Disabilities, Fiamalamalama School for Special Children with Disabilities, St Mary's Primary School, Sa'anapu Primary School, and Ti'avea Primary School. A total of 619 students were vaccinated by our medical team during this vaccination campaign.



MoH - 619 Students

## ADMINISTRATION OF THE COVID-19 VACCINATION PROGRAM FOR THE US EMBASSY AND PEACE CORPS OFFICES SAMOA



In line with the United States Government (USG) COVID-19 Framework, the US government provided COVID-19 vaccines for US Embassy and Peace Corps staff and eligible family members. The Peace Corps Samoa medical team administered the vaccination program under the premise of the Peace Corps/United States State Department intra-agency agreement.

## QUARANTINE SITE DEVELOPMENT



The Peace Corps Samoa Safety & Security Manager was involved in the identification, preparation and assessment of COVID quarantine sites in Samoa. Additionally, he assisted the National Emergency Operation Centre (NEOC) with selecting security firms to guard quarantine sites, as well as discussing mandates and policies that guide Samoa's COVID nation-wide lockdowns. A total of 16 quarantine sites were supported by our Safety & Security Manager through his involvement with NEOC.



16 Quarantine Facilities



# Ministry Support

## SSILNaS (SAMOA SCHOOLS INNOVATION IN LITERACY, NUMERACY AND SCIENCE)



Peace Corps Samoa's Program Manager supported MESC by serving as a judge for the literacy category in the SSILNaS competition in 2022. Our Program Manager also supported MESC's 2020 SSILNaS program design.



MESC

## SAMOA ENGLISH NATIONAL SPEECH COMPETITION



Peace Corps Samoa's Program Manager served as a judge for the Year 12 & Year 13 Samoa National Speech Competition in 2021.



MESC

# Counterpart Capacity Building

## ENGLISH LITERACY WORKSHOP



In September of 2021, Peace Corps Samoa implemented a week-long Counterparts Workshop for English Literacy with 10 primary schools from the island of Upolu. The purpose of this initiative was for educators to share English literacy resources and teaching ideas. This training was funded by the Small Project Assistance (SPA) program of the US Agency for International Development (USAID), and implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture (MESC).



\$18,691 Samoan Tala



20 Teachers and Librarians

# Return to Service

## COMMUNITY ORIENTATION



In February and March of 2021, Peace Corps Samoa and the Ministry of Education, Sports and Culture (MESC) worked together to deliver the first Host Community Orientation. Over several weeks, staff members visited 41 potential Volunteers' sites to discuss with communities Peace Corps' programming, COVID prevention, safety and security, and intercultural, diversity and inclusion approach. These community orientations were an opportunity to further enhance our important relationships here in Samoa. Given the importance of this orientation, all 16 Peace Corps staff members were involved in planning and delivering of this well received program.



\$11,824 Samoan Tala



41 Communities

# Health Systems Strengthening

## NATIONAL NON-COMMUNICABLE DISEASE (NCD) GUIDELINE DEVELOPMENT



In early 2021, Peace Corps Samoa Medical Officers participated in the early development and discussions with the Samoa Medical Association on the National NCD Guideline for Primary Health Care, which included detailed protocols on the diagnosis, treatment and follow-up of diabetes mellitus type II and hypertension amongst other common NCDs.



MoH

## REPORT EDITING ASSISTANCE

**MEASLES ALERT**

In November 2021, at the request of MOH, Peace Corps Samoa assisted with the editing of a report key to providing stakeholders an update on the progress made in the national recovery following the measles epidemic in 2019.



MoH

## PROCTORING YEARS 4 & 5 MEDICAL STUDENTS EXAMINATION



Peace Corps Samoa Medical Officers served as proctors for the primary health care Objective Structured Clinical Examination (OSCE) for years 4 & 5 National University of Samoa medical students in November 2022, assessing the performance and merit of each student and making recommendations for their advancement in the medical programme.



National University of Samoa (NUS)

## MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT



The Peace Corps Samoa Medical Officer participated as a member of the Programme Development Team (PDT) for the National University of Samoa (NUS) Masters of Public Health Degree in August 2021. The NUS School of Medicine team led the Masters of Public Health Programme Development Team, which included public health experts/officers from Australia, New Zealand and Samoa, in weekly/fortnightly discussions to develop the programme and course descriptors in preparation of submitting a proposal to establish the masters programme to the NUS senate. In addition to serving on the PDT, our PCMO was elected as secretary for the Master of Public Health programme Curriculum Advisory Committee, and will serve in this capacity over the next year.



NUS

## REVISION OF THE NATIONAL ESSENTIAL MEDICINES LIST



In March 2022, Peace Corps Samoa joined MoH and stakeholders in the review of the National Essential Medicines List, considering the ongoing need for medicines currently on the list, and recommending new and alternative medicines to be included.



MoH



# International Volunteerism Support

## INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING



Peace Corps Samoa participates in the International Volunteer Organization (IVO) along with other volunteer organizations in Samoa, including the United Nations Volunteer program (UNV), JICA, Australian Volunteers International (AVI), and Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA). In 2021, PC/Samoa staff and the IVOs celebrated the International Volunteer Day by volunteering at the Senese Inclusive Education Support Services International Day of Persons with Disabilities holiday event.



Senese Inclusive Education

## CROSS-CULTURE TRAINING FOR UNITED NATION VOLUNTEERS



In 2022, our Program & Training team led a half-day cross-cultural training for new UN Volunteers. The training focused on providing cross-cultural tools and strategies for Volunteers to operate effectively in Samoa.



8 United Nation Volunteers

# Climate Change

## WORLD OCEANS DAY 2022



On June 8, 2022, the Peace Corps Samoa office and the US Embassy staff joined forces with the Mulifanua community (site of volunteer Pre-Service Training in 2019) to commemorate World Oceans Day through a beach and seawall clean-up activity led by Peace Corps Programming and Training Assistant. The theme for World Oceans Day 2022 was "Revitalization: Collective Action for the Ocean". At the end of the clean-up activity, 30 bags of rubbish were gathered and properly disposed.



Mulifanua Community

# Peace Corps Global

## 60th ANNIVERSARY



On December 9th, 2021, Peace Corps Samoa's staff, partner agencies, returned Peace Corps Volunteers, PCV counterparts, and friends came together to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Peace Corps as an agency. Peace Corps/Samoa used this time to thank our main partner ministry, community partners, counterparts, and host families for supporting and guiding our Volunteers through the years.









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# Upu mai le *Fa'atonu o Pisikoa*



Talofa! I le aso 19 Mati, 2020, na toe fa'afo'i atu ai Pisikoa uma e le gata i Samoa ae faapena fo'i isi Ofisa o Pisikoa i le lalolagi, ona o a'afiaga o le fa'ama'i o le Koviti-19. Na tu'ua e Pisikoa nai o latou afio'aga ma laumua na galulue ai, ma fa'amavae atu i nai o latou āiga ma pa'aga ae toe foi atu i o latou āiga i Amerika.

Ua misia lava le iai o Pisikoa i totonu o le atunu'u ma o lo'o matou tulimata'ia le taimi e toe fo'i saogalemu mai ai e fa'aauau le latou au'aunaga. I le taimi nei, o lo'o galulue pea le afaigaluega e fa'aauau le misiona a Pisikoa, e ala i le fa'amautinoaina o lo'o maua e le mamalu o le atunu'u fesoasoani mo'omia. Matou te fiafia e fa'asoa atu i lenei lipoti fa'a-le-tausaga galuega fa'atino na fa'atautaia e le afaigaluega mai ia Mati 2021 – Mati 2022.

Ma le fa'aaloalo tele,  
Gini Wilderson  
Fa'atonu o le Ofisa o Pisikoa i Samoa.



# Tali atu i le Koviti

## FAIGA TUI LAUTELE A LE ATUNU'U MA LE MOMOLIINA O TAUMAFAMA MO LE AU FAI TUI



Ina ia ausia le sini o le tuiina o le 95% o le atunu'u i tui puipui a le Koviti-19, na fa'atinoina ai e le Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina (MoH) ma le malo a Samoa ni faiga tui puipui mo le atunu'u lautele ia Setema ma Novema 2021. E silia ma le 60 vaega sa vaevaeina iai le aufaigaluega na o'o atu vaega uma o le atunu'u e fa'atino tui puipui. E to'alima le aufaigaluega a Pisikoa na ofofua atu le latou auunaga e fesoasoani ai mo le fa'amaumauina (data entry) o faiga tui ia Setema.



Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina

## FAIGA TUI PUIPUI O LE KOVITI-19 I LE TUI MUAMUA MO LE FANAU LAITI



Na vala'aulia le Ofisa o Pisikoa i le Aso 17 Mati, 2022 e le MoH e fesoasoani i le fa'asologa o tui puipui o le Pfizer mo alo ma fanau i le vaitausaga e 5-11 le matutua. Na fa'amatu'u atu foi e le ofisa le isi ta'avale fa'atasi ai ma le aveta'avale mai le vaega o polokalame ma a'oa'oga mo lea fa'amoemoe. O laumua nei na galulue ai le aufaigaluega o Pisikoa: Aoga Tulagalua a Apia, Loto Taumafai, Fiamalamalama, Aoga Tulagalua a St. Mary's, Aoga Tulagalua Sa'anapu, ma le Aoga Tulagalua Ti'avea. E 619 le fanau iti na fa'atinoina e le aufaigaluega o Pisikoa a latou tui puipui.



Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina - 619 Tamaiti Aoga

## FA'ATINOINA O TUI PUIPUI O LE KOVITI-19 MO AUFAIGALUEGA A LE OFISA O LE AMEPASA O AMERIKA MA LE OFISA O PISIKOA I SAMOA



Ina ia o gatasi ai ma ta'iala autu a le malo o Amerika mo le fa'amai o le Koviti-19, na saunia e le malo o Amerika tui puipui mo le aufaigaluega ma aiga o le Ofisa o le Amepasa o Amerika ma le Ofisa o Pisikoa i Samoa. Na maua uma e aufaigaluega a nei ofisa tui puipui e tolu o le Pfizer. O lea galuega na fa'atinoina e fomai ma le tausi soifua a le Ofisa o Pisikoa.

## GALUEGA FESOASOANI MO LE SA'ILIGA O NOFOAGA FA'ANOFOESE (QUARANTINE SITES)



Sa fesoasoani le Fa'aululuga o le vaega o Puipuga ma Saogalemu i le sa'iliga, tapenaga ma le iloiloina o nofoaga mo le fa'anofoesea o tagata malaga mai i Samoa. Na fesoasoani foi i le NEOC i le filifiliaina o auunaga e leoleoina nofoaga fa'anofoesea, fa'atasi ai ma le iloiloina o tulafono ma aiaiga mo le ta'ialaina o le vavao lautele a Samoa. E 16 nofoaga sa fesoasoani le sui o le Ofisa o Pisikoa e filifili.



16 Nofoga Fa'anofoesea

# Faigapa'aga ma le Matagaluega o A'oga

## SSILNAs – FA'ALELEINA O LE FAITAUTUSI , NUMERA MA LE FA'ASAIENISI



Na fesoasoani le Fa'auluuluga o Polokalame a le Ofisa o Pisikoa i le fuafuaina ma le fa'amasinoina o le SSILNAs 2022.



Matagaluega o Aoga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u

## TAUVAGA LAUGA FA'APERETANIA MO KOLISI 2021



Sa vala'auliaina le Fa'auluuluga o Polokalame a le Ofisa o Pisikoa e avea ma fa'amasino i le tauvaga lauga mo vasega 12 ma le 13 a Kolisi uma i Samoa.



Matagaluega o Aoga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u

# Polokalame Fa'alea'oa'oga

## FEGALEGALEA'IGA MA FAIA'OGA SAMOA



Na fa'ataunu'uina le polokalame fa'alea'oa'oga a le Ofisa o Pisikoa ma faia'oga Samoa mai a'oga e 10 i Upolu ia Setema 2021. O lenei polokalame na fa'atupeina e le SPA. O le fa'amoemoega o lenei fuafuaga matagofie o le fefa'asoa'aiga o tomai ma agava'a fa'afaia'oga. O lenei a'oa'oga na fa'ataunu'uina fa'atasi ma le Matagaluega o A'oga, Ta'aloga ma Aganu'u.



\$18,691 Tala Samoa



20 Faia'oga ma Tausi Potu Tusi

# Toe Amataina o Galuega a Pisikoa

## POLOKALAME FA'ALAUUILOA MO AFIO'AGA



I masina o Fepuari ma Mati o le 2021, na galulue fa'apa'aga ai le Ofisa a Pisikoa ma MESC i le fa'atinoga o le ulua'i polokalame fa'alauiloa mo nu'u ma afio'aga. I vaiaso na faia ai le polokalame na o'o atu ai le Ofisa a Pisikoa ma MESC i a'oga tulagalua e 41, e fa'alauiloa polokalame a pisikoa i le puipuiga o le Koviti, tulaga o puipuiga ma le saogalemu o pisikoa, ma fegalegalea'iga fa'aleaganu'u ma le fa'atauaina o tagata uma.



\$11,824 Tala Samoa



41 Afio'aga

# Lagolagosua i Galuega Fa'asoifua Maloloina

## TA'IALA LAUTELE A LE MOH MO FA'AMAI LE PIPISI



Na auai se tasi o foma'i a Pisikoa e fesoasoani i le tu'ufa'atasiga o ta'iala lautele a le MoH mo fa'ama'i le pipisi. Sa ave le fa'amua i le fa'atinoina o le vaega ua ta'ua o le PEN Fa'aSamoa.



Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina

## FESOASOANI I LE TOE ILOILOINA O LIPOTI O LE FA'AMAI O LE MISELA I SAMOA

**MEASLES ALERT**



Na fesoasoani atu le Ofisa o Pisikoa i le iloiloina ma le tusiaina o le lipoti o le fa'amai o le misela, lea sa aofia ai ma fa'amaumauga fa'afuainumera a le MoH e fa'atatau i le tali atu i le faamai o le misela.

Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina

## FAISU'EGA MO TAMAITI A'OGA O LE TAUSAGA 4 MA LE 5 I LE UNIVESITE O SAMOA



O le su'ega leni o se vaega autu lea o le su'esu'eina o tamaiti a'oga fa'afomai i le univesite. O se tasi lea o vaega taua e maua ai e tamaiti a'oga le poto masani i vaila'au, ma e feso'otai ma falema'i fa'apitoa e fa'apei o le Communicable Disease Clinic, Family Planning Clinic ma le Immunization Clinic, ia ma isi foi. Sa galulue fa'atasi se tasi o foma'i mai le Ofisa o Pisikoa ma le faisu'ega mai le Univesite o Samoa e togī fa'atinoga a tamaiti a'oga.



Univesite Aoao o Samoa

## ATINA'EINA O LE MATUAOFAIVA O SOIFUA MALOLOINA LAUTELE A LE IUNIVESETE AOAO O SAMOA



O Aukuso 2021, sa vala'aulia ai se sui foma'i o le ofisa o Pisikoa e avea ma se sui o vaega o lo'o atina'eina polokalame (PDT) mo le matuaofaiva o soifua maloloina i le Iunivesite Aoao o Samoa. O lo'o ta'imua le a'oga fa'afoma'i a le Iunivesite Aoao o Samoa i le atina'eina o leni polokalame.

Univesite Aoao o Samoa

## TOE ILOILOINA O LE LISI O VAILA'AU



O Mati 2022, na auai fa'atasi ai le Ofisa o Pisikoa ma le MoH i le toe iloiloina o le lisi o vaila'au, e ala i le fa'atuma'ina o vaila'au mo'omia, ma le fa'aopoopoina o nisi o vaila'au fou e ono mo'omia e tagata lautele.

Matagaluega o Soifua Maloloina



# Faigapa'aga Fa'avaomalo

## ASO FA'AMANATU MO AUAUNAGA OFO FUA



O lo'o galulue fa'atasi le Ofisa o Pisikoa ma isi ofisa i totonu o le fa'alapotopotoga o le IVO (International Volunteer Organization) e aofia ai le Ofisa o Malo Aufa'atasi (UNV), JICA, AVI (Australian Volunteer International), ma le VSA (Volunteer Service Abroad). Na fa'amanatuina e le Ofisa a Pisikoa ma le IVO le aso fa'avaomalo mo i latou e iai mana'oga fa'apitoa e ala i le lagolagoina o le polokalame a le Senese.



Aoga Senese

## A'OA'OGA FA'ALEAGANU'U MO I LATOU E GALULUE I LE OFISA O MALO AUFA'ATASI (UNV)



Na fa'atautaia e le vaega o polokame ma a'oa'oga (PTE) se a'oa'oga fa'aleaganu'u mo i latou o lo'o ofo fua mai le latou auunaga i le Ofisa o Malo Aufa'atasi (UNV). Na taula'i le a'oa'oga i le fa'asoa atu lea o ni metotia ma ni auala e mafai ai e i latou ona galulue fa'atasi ma tagata Samoa.



8 Aufaigaluega UNV

# Suiga o le Tau

## ASO FA'APITOA MO OGASAMI 2022



Na galulue fa'atasi le Ofisa o Pisikoa i Samoa ma le Ofisa o le Amepasa o Amerika, fa'atasi ai ma le afio'aga o Mulifanua, i le fa'amanatuina o le aso fa'apitoa mo ogasami o le lalolagi i le aso 8 o Luni 2022, e ala lea i le fa'amamaina o le taligalu i Mulifanua. O le sini autu o lea aso fa'apitoa o le "Toefa'aolaola: Fa'atinoga Aufa'atasi mo Ogasami." E 30 taga lapiasi na aoina ma lafoa'ina i le mae'a ai o lea fa'amoemoe.



Afio'aga o Mulifanua

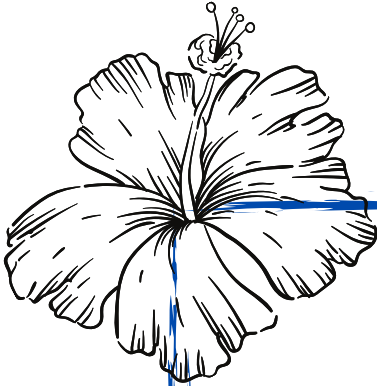
# Ofisa o Pisikoa

## FA'AIOGAINA O LE 60 TAUSAGA



I le aso 9 Tesema, 2021, na potopoto fa'atasi ai le aufaigaluega, pisikoa ua mae'a le latou auunaga, uo ma pa'aga e fa'amanatuina le 60 tausaga talu ona faavaeina le Ofisa o Pisikoa i le lalolagi. Na avea lenei avanoa taua e fa'ailoa atu ai le agaga fa'afetai a le Ofisa o Pisikoa i ana pa'aga uma mo le latou lagolagosua i le tele o tausaga.





## *Ofisa Psikoa Samoa*

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*O lo'o avanoa le Ofisa o Psikoa e lagolago so'o se Ofisa Tuma'oti ma Matagaluega a le Malo e mo'omia le fesoasoani.*