

Samoa

The World Bank's support to Samoa is focused on improving transport, strengthening health systems, improving digital connectivity, boosting the agriculture sector, and strengthening the financial sector.

Transport



The World Bank is working with Samoa to improve the climate resilience of the country's transport infrastructure. World Bank-funded projects include the *West Coast Road*, which connects the capital of Apia with the international airport and inter-island port, improvements to Faleolo International Airport itself, the construction of the new Mali'oli'o Bridge on Savai'i island and the new Moamoa Bridge on Upolu island, enabling river crossings during severe weather events.

Digital Development



Through the *Pacific Regional Connectivity Program*, Samoa is being connected to faster, cheaper, and more reliable internet through installation of the Tui Samoa submarine cable and strengthening of the regulatory environment. The connection of Savaii Island is being co-financed by the Australian Government.

Economic Resilience



Through support for economic response operations, the World Bank is helping Samoa to build climate, disaster, public health, economic and social resilience. This includes encouraging more private sector investment, sustainable livelihoods especially in the domestic market.

Agriculture & Food



With almost 70% of Samoa's population working in agriculture, the World Bank is supporting farmers and fishers to improve livestock, farming and fishing practices, building on previous projects that included importation of new sheep and cattle breeds, and the introduction of new fruit and vegetable varieties to boost yields and diversify local diets.



Health



In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the World Bank supported the establishment of a public health laboratory and other supplies for Samoan health workers. This is in addition to the work already underway as part of the *Samoa Health System Strengthening Program*, which is supporting improved access to health care in rural areas, particularly focusing on tackling high rates of non-communicable diseases.

Resilience & Land



The World Bank's support includes strengthening early warning systems, disaster policies and community resilience, and ensuring mechanisms in place for quick access to finance after a disaster.

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Current Projects

Project Name	Focus area		Total commitment in US\$m (includes IBRD, IDA, Other and Co-Financing)
Pacific Resilience Project	Resilience and Land	●	16
Samoa Health System Strengthening Program	Health	●	11
Samoa Climate Resilient Transport Project	Transport	●	36
Samoa Agriculture & Fisheries Productivity and Marketing Project (SAFPROM)	Agriculture and Food	●	20
Samoa First Response, Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Operation with a Catastrophe Deferred Drawdown Option	Economic Resilience	●	25
Samoa COVID-19 Emergency Response Project	Health	●	3
Samoa Second Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Operation	Economic Resilience	●	14
Samoa Aviation and Roads Investment Project	Transport	●	66
Samoa First Recovery and Resilience Development Policy Operation	Economic Resilience	●	10
TOTAL			200