



# Loss & Damage in Samoa

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# Case Study : Cyclone Evan 2012

1. Cyclone Evan hit Samoa on the 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012 with wind-speed of 230km/hour
2. More than 7,500 residents were evacuated due to its impacts
3. At least 5 deaths were recorded
4. Cost of Economic loss and damage were estimated to exceed USD \$210m (30% of Samoa's GDP in 2011)



# Tools for assessing L & D

## PDNA – Post Disaster Needs Assessment, 2012

**The main objectives PDNA was to assist the Government of Samoa to;**

Determine the socio-economic impact of the disaster including the cost of damages and losses on physical structures, disruption of essential public services, and alteration of community processes;

Provide a coordinated and credible basis for recovery and reconstruction planning through identifying and costing the priority needs and through formulating a recovery framework;

Review and as appropriate revise strategies and measures to reduce risks and build back better including the identification of new emerging activities associated with the recovery and reconstruction efforts proposed after the current disaster; and,

Organize the mobilization and coordination mechanism of resources including those with the international donors, UN system and international financial institutions.

# Results of the PDNA

- The PDNA resulted in a government-owned report outlining opportunities for mainstreaming disaster risk reduction and climate change adaptation into national recovery and development strategies , as well as next steps in the reconstruction and recovery efforts.



## SAMOA Post-disaster Needs Assessment Cyclone Evan 2012

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# Plans and Preparation for the L & D Fund

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- Establishment of the National L & D Trust Fund
- Utilize the existing financial systems and mechanisms in place to operate the fund :
  - i. CSSP
  - ii. DDP
- Projects in the Pipeline for L & D
  - i. Resettlement Plan for families affected in the 2012 Cyclone
  - ii. National Land Assessment Project







**COP28 must ensure no empty “bank account” on the UNFCCC Loss & Damage Fund**

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