

REPORT: SITUATION UPDATE**DATE: 03/10/2009****AGENCY: Disaster Management Office****LOCATION: National Emergency Operation Center, Faleata Fire Station****CONTACT DETAILS:-****- Telephones: 27577, 20459****- Email: dmosamoa@gmail.com****- Fax: 32077****1. Background**

The assessment was done on a household basis. Each household was interviewed to obtain the information as shown in the table below.

Table 1:

Assessed by Red Cross 30th September - 01 October 2009.

NB: Assessment did not cover all affected areas on Upolu

Village	Sum of Total People	Sum of Dead	Sum of Missing	Sum of Injuries
Lalomanu Village	169	4	0	8
Lepa	434	5	0	20
Lotopue	201	0	0	0
Malaela	108	3	0	4
Mutiatele	64	0	0	0
Poutasi, Falealili	182	6	0	12
Salani	159	0	0	6
Saleapaga	76	0	0	2
Saleapaga Village Camp	350	18	11	20
Saleaumua	218	3	0	4
Salesatele	111	0	0	0
Satitua	379	8	1	27
Tiavea Tai	116	0	0	1
Ulutogia	169			
Vailoa Village	486	0	0	2
Vaovai, (Falealili)	42	3	0	3
Vavau	54	0	0	0
Siupapa	145	1		11
Grand Total	3463	51	12	120

2. Status of response operation:**Current Status:**

(a) *General Distribution of food and goods*

The response relief distribution of food, water, shelter, clothes, goods such as tools for cooking, torches, portable latrines and portable loos as well as other items urgently needed at the evacuated sites are ongoing to the affected areas of Eva, Tiavea-tai,

Saleaumua, Malaela, Utufoalalafa, Mutiatele, Satitua, Lotopue, Ulutogia, Vailoa, Lalomanu, Saleapaga, Lepa, Vavau, Lotofaga, Salani, Tafatafa, Matautu Falealili, Sapunaoa, Saanapu, Tafitoala, Samatau, Utulaelae, Sapoe, Satalo, Falelatai, Matafa'a, Saleilua, Iliili, Salesatele, Saanapu-tai, Sataoa-uta, Manono-uta, Manono tai (Faleu, Apai, Lepuiai), Vaovai, Poutasi, Maninoa, Saaga and Vailoa Palauli, Satupaitea.

(b) Electricity

The electricity has been restored at the tsunami affected sites at Aleipata Itupa i Lalo (Lalomanu - Amaile; Aufaga to Saleapaga and areas including Falealili, Siumu and others have gotten the electricity back on now.

(c) Roads

All the roads affected and damaged by the earthquake and the tsunami have been repaired and cleared already.

(d) Water & Sanitation

The pumps to all the affected areas have been reactivated except for Lepa and Lotopu'e at the Aleipata Itupa i luga District. Six water trucks have been working on delivering water to all the other areas that have no access to water including families that have evacuated inland since the tsunami. Portable loos have been distributed and temporary latrines have been constructed by Samoa Water Authority.

(e) Search & Rescue

Five hundred police officers, 16 fire service officers excluding volunteer workers have conducted search and rescue at the affected sites. They have cleared Lotofaga, Vavau, Aufaga, Vaigalu, Lepa, Tiavea, Samusu, Utufoalalafa, Saleaumua, Mutiatele, Lotopue, Malaela, Satitua, Ulutogia and Vailoa. The only other areas that have been badly affected and yet to be cleared by the Search and Rescue teams are Lalomanu and Saleapaga.

(f) National & International Assistance

The financial and in-kind assistance are continuing to pour in from local church organisations, business community, schools and individuals as well as non-government organisations. There has also been a Proclamation signed by his Highness the Head of State declaring Samoa as a State of Emergency until the 30th of this month making it easier for donor assistance as well as transport services rules waived to ensure that all types of assistance and needs are provided immediately.

International Agencies and governments of NZ, Australia and China have also provided assistance through the provision of medical personnel and supplies, food, water and shelter, transportation and other experts. Samoa's other development partners have also relayed their planned assistance towards relief efforts, and expected to arrive in the next day (Japan, USA, EU and ADB).

(f) Estimated Cost of damage

The revised estimate of damage to infrastructure, public and private properties is around SAT\$380 million. The confirmed death toll climbed to 135 and 310 injured as reported

by the Ministry of Police. 117 of the casualties have been identified as Samoan nationals and identification of other casualties continues with forensic team assistance as some discovered corpses have decomposed. Search continues for eight (8) people believed to be missing.

Next Actions:

- ❖ To continue the distribution of goods and food for the affected areas.
- ❖ The forensic teams to assist with the identification of other casualties.
- ❖ The government is planning to hold a national funeral service to commemorate the lives of the tsunami victims with a planned burial at it public cemetery at Tafaigata on Thursday 8th of October 2009.
- ❖ To continue with the reconnection of water and electricity in the remaining affected areas.
- ❖ To continue with damage and needs assessments of the affected areas to determine the urgent needs and confirm number of people affected and displaced families and individuals.

2. Relief distribution:

The distribution of food, water, shelter and tools to all affected areas are ongoing to Eva, Tiavea-tai, Saleaumua, Malaela, Mutiatele, Satitua, Lotopue, Ulutogia, Vailoa, Lalomanu, Saleapaga, Lepa, Lotofaga, Vavau, Salani, Tafatafa, Matautu Falealili, Sapunaoa, Tafitoala, Samatau, Utulaelae, Sapoe, Satalo, Falelatai, Matafa'a, Saleilua, Iiili, Salesatele, Manono-uta, Manono tai (Faleu, Apai, Lepuiai), Vaovai, Poutasi, Maninoa, Saaga and Vailoa Palauli, Satupaitea.

3. Needs/Priorities:

- ❖ The most affected areas are prioritised in terms of relief distribution.
- ❖ The identification of other bodies of casualties is also ongoing.
- ❖ There is a need for water to Manono Island as reported today that the water supply to Manono Island is damaged and the Samoa Water Authority are currently working on it with the assistance from the New Zealand government.
- ❖ Immediate priority relief needs:
 - water storage containers
 - food storage containers
 - cooking stove
 - cooking utensils
 - cutleries
 - mosquito net
 - transistor radios and batteries
 - portable latrines
 - building tools
 - agricultural tools
 - lanterns

This list will change based on the needs of the affected people.