

EU gives \$3m aid

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A woman and her sons pause on the frontsteps where a neighbour's house once stood in the village of Vaigalu on Samoa's southern coast.

THE European Union is putting together \$3million worth of aid for Samoa following last week's devastating tsunami, but more will be found if needed.

EU's director for Pacific relations, Roger Moore, told TVNZ: "We have this \$3million which is being put together at the moment... we will take our share if more is needed we will find it."

He said the EU currently has a program with Samoa which is worth \$60million, which they "will probably be adapting that to the new circumstances".

Mr Moore was in Fiji when the tsunami struck Samoa and Tonga last week.

Around \$1billion in EU aid money has been committed to the Pacific for the years 2008 to 2013.

Mr Moore travelled to New Zealand for trilateral talks that include Australia - with hopes that the three biggest donors to the region can coordinate aid to ensure Samoa's recovery.