



Government of Samoa

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TSUNAMI EVENT

Search and rescue operations continue for the 6 remaining missing persons. To date there are 143 confirmed deaths.

International agencies, Government through the National Disaster Committee, Non Governmental Organizations, Churches, families and individuals both here and abroad are continuing the distribution and provision of assistance to the people both financially and in kind to the people who were affected one way or another by the Tsunami. Other organizations such as the Samoa Victim Support are sheltering a number of Tsunami victims who have lost their homes, let alone possessions and families through this disastrous occurrence.

Medical teams from both abroad and locally including the Red Cross Association are working continuously and relentlessly in providing the much needed treatment and care for all those who sustained injuries during the Tsunami and are either hospitalized or have been released to their homes and shelters. Three Tsunami victims were evacuated today by the Carrier Hercules to New Zealand for further assessment, and necessary operations.

Counseling, a need which has been identified as of major importance, is being offered through and by various Christian Churches and organizations throughout the country as well as abroad.

The clean-up process had already begun and is continuing though cautiously as the Police, Forensic Specialists, Government workers are still actively engaged in the search for the missing people.

Most essential services such as electricity, communications, water supplies and others are increasingly being restored and improved with the passage of time.

The earmarking and allocation of financial assistance which are channeled via the 2009 Samoa Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Account #3826921 and Ministry of Finance Direct Account # 1200033 at the ANZ Bank(Samoa) Ltd is the responsibility of the Aid Coordinating Committee comprising of Treasury and other Government officials who will be reporting to Cabinet periodically.

Samoa's usual and intending development partners are also advised to kindly contact the Acting CEO of the Ministry of Finance (Mr. Ben Pereira) at phone number 0685-7794147 for details of normal bilateral arrangements for assistance.

A Special Cabinet Sub-Committee is finalizing the program for National Memorial Service for those who lost their lives in the Tsunami.

This Service which will take place on Thursday 8th of October 2009, at 3pm at Apia Park Stadium. Following the Prayer Service which will be conducted by the National Council of Churches, a Procession will immediately proceed to Tafaigata Cemetery for the internment of the 10 deceased loved ones, whose families have concurred to have them buried at a special site, which will be designated specifically for 2009 Tsunami victims. A monument will be erected in the memory of all the victims and will be unveiled at a later date.

Government is declaring Thursday the 8th of October 2009 as a National Mourning Day for the entire country to remember the Tsunami victims, and a half day holiday from 12.00 noon is likewise being announced.

For more information, contact Ms. Vaosa Epa on 7770633/7520136

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Pepa o Faamatalaga Lona V

Faamatala o le Galulolo

O loo faaaauau pea suesuega mo le sailia o i latou e to'aono(6) o loo faapea ona ripotia leiloloa. E o'o mai i le taimi nei ua 143 le aofa'i o i latou ua maliliu i le galulolo.

O loo faaaauau foi le auina mai o fesoasoani tupe faapea ai ma isi ituaiga fesoasoani mai i Faalapotopotoga Faavaomalo faatasi ai ma Malo mai Fafo e ala mai lea i le Komiti o Faalavelave Faafuase'i, Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti, Ekalesia, Aiga ma tagata ta'ito'atasi mai atunuu e mamao ma Samoa nei mo i latou ua aafia. O nisi faalapotopotoga e pei o le Samoa Victim Support o loo fesoasoani e ala lea i le tausia o nisi ua leai ni apitaga, ona ua faatamaia e le Galulolo.

O nisi foi o fesoasoani tau foma'i mai atunuu i fafo ma Samoa nei, e pei o le Koluse Mumu o loo faauau pea a latou auunaga e ala lea i le togafitia o le au manunu'a o loo taofia i le Falema'i faatasi ai ma nisi ua toe auina atu i o latou aiga. E to'atolu i latou na aafia i le galulolo ua auina atu e le Vaalele o le Hercules i Niu Sila mo nisi togafitiga.

O le faatalatalanoaina o faafitauli o se tasi foi lea o auunaga ua ofoina atu mo i latou lava ua aafia, e nisi o Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti mai fafo ma Samoa nei e pei o nisi o Ekalesia Kerisiano.

Ua faagasolo foi polokalame mo le faamamāina o vaega o le atunuu na aafia, e ui ina iai le faaeteetega ona o loo faaaauau pea saililiga a le Ofisa Suesue Faafoma'i a le Matagaluega o Leoleo, faatasi ai ma nisi o afaigaluega a le Malo mo le sailia pea o i latou o loo leiloloa.

O loo faaaauau foi galuega a nisi o Pulega a le Malo mo le auina atu o a latou auunaga taua e pei o le eletise, vai, auala o fesootaiga ma isi i nofoaga o loo aumau ai i latou ua aafia ona o faiga mata'utia a le galulolo.

O fesoasoani tupe ua auina mai i Teugatupe e lua (2009 Samoa Tsunami Relief and Rehabilitation Account #3826921 & Ministry of Finance Direct Account #1200033) ua faia i le Faletupe o le ANZ Samoa Ltd mo le auina mai o fesoasoani tau tupe, ua gafa lea ma le Komiti Faafae o Fesoasoani faatasi ai ma le Matagaluega o Tupe ma isi Ofisa a le Malo. O le a faapea foi ona tuuina atu ripoti mo le Kapeneta e tusa ma le tulaga ua iai nei fesoasoani.

E fautuaina pea paaga masani a le Malo ina ia faafesootai mai le Sui Ofisa Sili a le Matagaluega o Tupe (Susuga Ben Pereira) i le numera o le telefoni 0685-7794147 mo nisi faamatalaga.

O loo galulue nei le Soa Komiti a le Kapeneta i le faamae'aina o le Polokalame mo le Sauniga Aoao mo le Falelauasiga o i latou ua maliliu ona o le galulolo.

O lenei sauniga lea o le a faatautaia e le Ekalesia Soofaatasi, o le a faia i le Aso Tofi 8 Oketopa 2009, i le Itula e 3 i le afiafi i le Malaetaalo o le Apia Park. A mae'a lea sauniga ona soso'o ai lea ma le molimoliina atu o tino maliliu e toasefulu (10) mo le falelauasiga i le Fanuatanu a le Malo i Tafaiata lea ua faapitoa mo i latou na maliliu i le Galulolo. O i latou nei e to'asefulu ua tuuina mai le maliega a o latou aiga ina ia lagomau i le Fanuatanu ua faapitoa mo lea faamoemoe. O le a saunia foi e le Malo se Maa Faamanatu e manatua ai pea i latou ua maliliu i lea faalavelave pe a mae'a.

Ua faailoa mai foi le aloa'ia o le Aso Tofi 8 Oketopa 2009, o se Aso Faapitoa mo le Manatuaina o i latou ua Maliliu ma aafia i le Galulolo, ma o le avea foi ma aso malolo e amata atu i le 12:00 i le aoauli.

Mo nisi faamatalaga faamolemole faafesoota'i mai Vaosa Epa i le numera 7770633 poo le 7520736.

Malo o Samoa
06 Oketopa 2009