Public Consultation of Population and Housing Census (PHC)



In preparation for the next Census of Population and Housing (PHC) 2016, the Division of Census, Survey and Demography, held its first Public Consultation on the 12th May 2016 at the TATTE Conference Room. The public consultation aimed at reviewing the draft PHC 2016

list of questions which will be asked to all households in Samoa in November and to collect recommendations and feedbacks that will assist the Census division in finalising of all the data needs which will be presented on the questionnaire.

The public consultation was officially opened with a prayer by Reverend Taumafai Komiti and the welcoming remarks by Government Statistician Afioga Muagututia Sefuiva Reupena while the keynote address was delivered by the Associate Minister of the Ministry of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (MPMC), Afioga Peseta Vaifou Tevagaena.

About eighty members from different Government ministries, Corporations and Non-government organisations (NGO's), were able to participate in this important process of the PHC2016.

The Assistant Chief Executive Officer (ACEO) of the Census division, Susuga Alimuamua Malaefono Tauā Taaloga presented an overview of the new 2016 PHC Questionnaire. Afterwards the participants were divided into 6 groups for review of each section of the questionnaire. The Census staffs facilitated the discussions in each group. At the end of the two hours reviews, all teams presented constructive feedbacks and comments on each section of the questionnaire.

The consultation was officially closed by Aliimuamua Malaefono, expressing gratitude for everyone's participation and contribution which made the Census of 2016 1st public consultation a very successful one.





Pacific Catastrophe Risk Assessment & Financing Initiative (Phase 3 Project)

The PCRAFI is a joint initiative of SPC, WORLD BANK, and ADB with the financial support of the Government of Japan and Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, and Technical support from Air Worldwide, NZ GNS Science, Geoscience Australia, Pacific Disaster Centre (PDC), OpenGeo and GFDRR Labs. It was held in April 5th-8th April 2016 at Tanoa Tusitala Hotel Conference Room, Samoa. Mr Masani Enele from the Economics Statistics Division attended this workshop. Facilitators are Norense Iyahen (Coordinator and Risk Advisor), Mana Etches (Software Engineer), Naomi Jackson (GIS/RS Project Assistant) and Savita Chand (Finance and Administration Officer).

WORKSHOP PURPOSE:

- 1. Provide update on PCRAFI risk assessment, tool development and risk modelling initiatives.
- 2. Provide PCRAFI Products and discuss their future in Samoa
- 3. Ongoing dialogue with countries on PCRAFI and provide an opportunity for peer exchange and learning..
- 4. Use of QGIS platform.
- Development of country risk profile the hazard, exposure and potential damages



Upolu Listing and GPS update 2016

The Census, Survey and Demography division successfully completed its final 10 weeks of listing and GPS update for all villages in Upolu on the 8th of May 2016. The huge task had been carried out by three teams of six persons led by Taiaopo Faumuina, Junior Ah Yen and Lewis Sinclair. Another two weeks of call-backs was again conducted to list about 80

households which were not available during the first 10 weeks of fieldwork. A preliminary count of all households arrived at 31,011.







Agriculture Survey 2015 Report Writing

The Agriculture Survey report writing training was conducted by Jack Colwell the International FAO Consultant, Tapuai Laupua Fiti, the FAO Consultants here in the Country along with Edith Faaola the Assistant Chief Executive Officer of the Economic Statistic Division. The Agriculture Survey 2015 Analytical Re-



port was put together along with the help from members of different division from Ministry Of Agriculture and Fisheries along with members of The Economic Statistic Division and other division(Social Statistic division and Census and Survey Division).

The report was divided into six different Chapters;

- Agriculture Holdings (Toese Uelese, Meipo Lomiga, Legatasia Auvae) ESD
- Crops Siata Ulu (ESD) Ken Faaofo (CSD) Fililagi Toleafoa, Saipele Komiti (MAF)
- 3. **Livestock's** Lima Filemu, Unasa Viane Faifuaina (MAF) Masani Enele, Mata'u Tuialii, John Talavou (ESD)
- 4. **Farm Population** Jack Colwell (Consultant)
- Labour Edith Faaola (ACEO ESD) Tapuai Laupua Fiti (Consultant)
- Fisheries Tauvaga Etimani, Laveaina Loia (ESD) Faigalotu Taamilosaga (SSD) Tuluiga Taito, Soo luvale (MAF)

Members of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries were divided among each category that they are specialise with different statistician from the Samoa Bureau of Statistic in able to read statistic information from the agriculture survey data 2015 and other previous years to produce the Agriculture Survey Report 2015.





Millennium Development Goals 3rd Verification

On the 16^{th} – 20^{th} of May 2016 five staff members namely Mr Talaimalo Simanu, Ms Poinsettia Epati, Mr Iosefa Lualua, Ms Alefa Leofo and Ms Kaisarina Moananu of the Census, Survey and Demography division were working for the Millenium Development Goals (MDG) verification 3^{rd} phase activity for the Water and Sanitation Sector of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE). Representatives from

other ministries and organisation namely the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment (MNRE), Ministry of Women Community and Social De-





velopment (MWCSD) and the Samoa Red Cross (SRC) were also involved during the verification process.

The main role of the SBS staffs in this activity was to verify the remaining beneficiary households in which water tanks, and VIP latrines were distributed and installed by the Water and Sanitation Sector and the Red Cross Office in Samoa. There were 700 rainwater harvesting tanks targeted for 63 villages and 700 latrines for 41 villages.





Induction Program for New SBS staff

The Ministry conducts its annual Induction Program in May. The programme was a half day event and eleven employees participated. The main objectives of this program, was to give a fair understanding and knowledge: of The Bureau and its functions, the service standards



and their requirements, to refresh with Code of Conduct and Values of the PSC and to familiarise with the Amended Working Condition and Entitlement Manual 2015.

The session aims to make sure that new employee is given all help and guidance they need with understanding the objectives listed above.

With recognising the effort and participation on the program, each employee receive certificate of attendance as evidence of their full participation in the Induction program.

A Big Faamalo to this group and Welcome to the Samoa Bureau of Statistics. Wish all the Best and every success here.







CPI, Trade, IPI & Volume indicators

CPI May 2016

This is the first release on the February 2016 base, and includes weights. The Consumer Price index for May 2016 increases by • 0.7 percent compared to previous month.

- Transport index increased by 5.0 percent, mainly due to higher prices for airline fare and fuel
- Recreation and Culture also increases by 3.9 percent
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended May April 2016 2016 down by 0.1 percent.

CPI April 2016

The Consumer price Index for April 2016 increased by 2.7 percent compared to previous month

- The food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages index increased 5.7 percent
- Transport index decrease by 3.1 percent
- Housing, Water, Electricity, Gas and other Fuels index also decreased by 1.5 percent
- The Average Annual Inflation for the year ended April 2016 was 0.2percent

In the year to April 2016, the CPI rose 1.8 percent

LOCAL MARKET MAY 2016

Local Market Survey in May 2016 showed overall volume decrease by 38 percent while limited supply pushed average price up 13 percent when compared to April 2016.



- Significant reduction in the supplies of most staple produce, and vegetable produce supplied to the local Markets strongly contributed to the rise in the price in-
- The value of supplies decrease 25 percent to \$43,800 from the previous month as total number of sellers also decline 21 percent to the 210 from 265 in April 2016.

MERCHANDISE TRADE

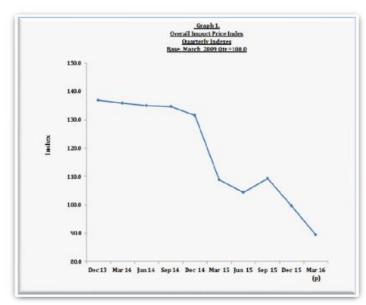
- * Exports were valued at \$8.8 million
- * Imports were valued at \$62.2 million
- There was a trade deficit of \$53.3 million

March 2016

- Exports were valued at \$8.6 million
- * Imports were valued at \$70.7 million
- * There was a trade deficit of \$62.0 million

IMPORT PRICE INDEX FOR MARCH 2016

The import price index for the March 2016 guarter showed an overall decrease of 3.5 percent from the December 2015 guarter. In comparison with the March 2015 guarter, the current import price index fell 10.3 percent. The four quarters ending March 2016 decreased 13.2 percent in the overall import price index compared to the four quarters ending March 2015. (See graph 1).



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