



Investment Phase: Progress update

Samoa

July 2026

Systematic Observations
Financing Facility

**Weather
and climate
data for
resilience**



General Information

Country	Samoa	
Implementing Entity	World Bank	
Agreement effectiveness date	01 February 2026	
Duration	58	
Anticipated end date	01 December 2030	
Reporting period	From: 01 January 2026	To: 30 June 2026
Approved amount	Total: USD 6,005,375 World Bank: USD 5,649,600 WMO: USD 355,775	
Disbursed amount	Total: USD 3,118,580 World Bank: USD 3,000,000 WMO: USD 118,580	

Summary

The SOFF grant for Samoa is included as co-financing under the Pacific Region Preparedness, Adaptation and Resilience – Samoa Project (PREPARE-Samoa), which comprises US\$30 million from the International Development Association (IDA) and US\$5 million grant from SOFF. PREPARE-Samoa was approved by the World Bank Board of Executive Directors on March 19, 2026, and declared effective for utilization on May 6, 2026.

During this reporting period, the World Bank established a Single-Donor Trust Fund for SOFF under the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, and the first tranche of US\$3 million was received in the SDTF to finance the activities outlined in the Samoa Investment Phase Funding Request, signed on May 20, 2024. Of the US\$3 million, US\$2,655,055 has been provided to the Government of Samoa as a Recipient-Executed Trust Fund through a Grant Agreement signed on June 28, 2026, that was declared effective on June 30, 2026, meaning that no implementation was carried out during this reporting period. The remaining US\$344,945 of the first tranche has been retained by the World Bank to finance project implementation support and related project management administration costs.

As the project only recently became effective, it is in early stages of implementation. Core project management arrangements are being established, including fiduciary, safeguards, and coordination arrangements; financial management and coordination systems are being set up; and procurement preparation is under way. All result indicators currently stand at zero against their baselines, as expected.

A technical mission was conducted between Jun 9-15, 2026, to launch the PREPARE-Samoa project (including acknowledgment of the SOFF funding) and carry out technical meetings to assess the status of priority Year 1 activities, including implementation arrangements and procurement timelines. The terms of references (ToRs) for the consulting services have been drafted and are awaiting advertisement: (i) a consulting firm to support “SOFF Strategic planning and assessments” including procurement plan, gender plan, sustainability plan, and other preparatory work; (ii) Systems Coordinator; (iii) Technician; and (iv) IT Officer. In Year 1, the Samoa Meteorological Division is planning to mobilize the consulting firm and at least two of the individual consultants. A kick-off meeting together with the Australian Bureau of Meteorology (Peer Advisor) is to being scheduled for July or August 2026.

The first Implementation Support Mission for PREPARE-Samoa is planned for February 2027, with a virtual technical mission in October 2026 and monthly virtual progress review meetings ongoing. No significant challenges or delays have been encountered to date although the critical action is to mobilize the consulting services to ensure sufficient preparation is carried out for the two land-based stations and upper air station.

Progress of implementation

Output	Indicator	Target					Actual					Status	Milestones achieved	Challenges and risks	
		Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5	Y1	Y2	Y3	Y4	Y5				
1. GBON institutional and human capacity developed															
1.1 National consultations , including with CSOs and other relevant stakeholders conducted	# of stakeholder engagement workshops (1.1.100)	2	1	1	1	1						On-track	No workshops were held in this period	None to report	
	% women participants of stakeholder engagement workshops (1.1.101)	40	40	40	40	40						On-track	No workshops held in this period.	None to report	
	Years in which Procurement Plan will be developed (1.1.102)	1	1	0	0	0						On-track	ToR for firm developed	None to report	
	Years in which Environmental and Social Management Plan will be developed (1.1.103)	1	1	0	0	0						On-track	ToR for firm developed	None to report	
1.2 NMHS institutional capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	Years in which Gender Gap Analysis and Plan will be developed (1.2.100)	1	1	0	0	0						On-track	ToR for firm developed	None to report	
	# CSOs consulted (1.2.101)	5	5	5	0	0						On-track	No CSOs consulted in this period	None to report	
1.3 NMHS human capacity required to operate the GBON network developed	# of personnel recruited (1.3.96)	2	3	3	3	3						On-track	ToRs for three individual consultants developed	Market availability and interest	
	# of training programs (1.3.97)	0	2	3	5	6						On-track	A dedicated training program is being prepared for PREPARE-Samoa, including SOFF-funded activities	None to report	
	# of people trained (1.3.98)	0	10	20	60	80						On-track	No personnel trained in this period	None to report	
2. GBON infrastructure in place															

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2.1 New land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	0	0	0						On-track	N/A	N/A
2.2 Improved land-based stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (2.2.1)	0		2	0	0						On-track	No land-based stations improved in this period	None to report
2.3 New upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of new stations installed as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (2.3.1)	0	0	0	1	0						On-track	No upper air station installed in this period	None to report
2.4 Improved upper air stations and related equipment, ICT systems, data management systems and standard operating practices in place	# of stations improved as per the GBON National Contribution Plan	0	0	0	0	0						On-track	N/A	N/A
3. Sustained compliance with GBON														
3.1 GBON land-based stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established, and data sharing verified by WMO Technical Authority	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (3.1.1)	0	0	0	0	2						On-track	No land-based stations commissioned in this period	None to report
3.2 GBON upper air stations' commissioning period completed , country-specific standard cost for operations and maintenance established,	# of stations commissioned as per the GBON National Contribution Plan (3.2.1)	0	0	0	0	1						On-track	No upper-air station commissioned in this period	None to report

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