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PUBLIC BODIES PERFORMANCE

Financial Year 2021/2022

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ACRONYMS

AR	-	Annual Report
CSO	-	Community Service Obligations
FY	-	Financial Year
KPI	-	Key Performance Indicators
MPE	-	Ministry for Public Enterprises
N/A	-	Not Available
NPAT	-	Net Profit After Tax
NPBT	-	Net Profit Before Tax
PBA 2001	-	Public Bodies (Performance & Accountability) Act 2001
PB	-	Public Bodies
PBR 2002		Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Regulations 2002
PBB	-	Public Beneficial Bodies
MS	-	Public Mutual Bodies
PTB	-	Public Trading Bodies
ROA	-	Return on Assets
ROE	-	Return on Equity

BACKGROUND

The Ministry in line with the Public Bodies (Performance and Accountability) Act 2001 and its Communication Strategy provides an overview report of the performance of all PBs for the financial year ending 30th June 2022.


There are 27 Public Bodies providing various services for the benefit of the people of Samoa. Only 25 Public Bodies submitted their Annual Reports 2022 and is included in this Annual Overall report for FY 2022.

The performance of PB has a significant impact on the public and the economy in general through the goods and services PB provide. The government has its policy for PTB to earn at least a 7% return on equity (ROE). PTB are also required to pay 35% NPAT dividend to Government. Mutual Societies are required to be profitable however they are not required to pay dividend to Government but to its contributors and policy owners. For Public Beneficial Bodies, they are mandated to provide quality services to the public while at the same time, manage finances to ensure sustainability and less reliance on Government budget.

PUBLIC TRADING BODIES' PERFORMANCE (FY2021/2022)

	Revenue		Expenses		NPAT		Total Assets		Total Liabilities		Total Equity		ROE	
Public Trading Bodies	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
DBS	5.55	5.61	9.08	8.25	-3.39	-2.64	165.84	159.47	104.22	94.53	61.63	64.94	-6%	-4%
EPC	111.19	116.88	112.67	143.18	-1.48	-26.30	537.27	516.78	205.37	208.68	331.90	308.10	0%	-9%
PAL Ltd.														
PTO	1.28	1.43	1.05	1.11	0.39	0.32	11.87	13.94	6.45	8.31	5.42	5.63	7%	6%
SAA	7.71	13.41	19.59	34.51	-11.87	-21.11	161.22	254.21	115.83	229.68	45.39	24.52	-26%	-86%
SHC	8.73	9.31	6.39	6.71	2.34	2.61	66.28	68.50	29.38	29.91	36.90	38.59	6%	7%
SIFA	28.04	26.59	7.38	8.98	21.45	17.61	99.23	94.34	3.32	2.44	95.91	91.90	22%	19%
SLC	7.19	9.35	8.97	7.66	-1.30	1.23	117.06	114.24	49.96	46.34	67.10	67.90	-2%	2%
SPA	24.09	23.02	15.00	12.33	9.09	10.68	282.87	284.71	128.48	123.39	154.39	161.32	6%	7%
SPL	2.18	4.51	1.89	3.02	0.06	1.14	5.45	7.64	1.48	2.91	3.97	4.74	1%	24%
SSC	20.88	20.94	20.52	22.21	0.35	-1.27	85.53	78.74	42.80	36.90	42.73	41.84	1%	-3%
SSS	1.66	2.32	2.35	2.28	-0.68	0.04	1.98	2.04	1.55	1.58	0.45	0.46	-151%	8%
STEC														
SWA	32.08	29.30	31.32	30.43	0.75	-1.13	205.66	211.35	139.20	146.03	66.46	65.32	1%	-2%
UTOS	2.18	2.35	1.60	1.86	0.58	0.50	3.96	5.12	0.95	1.78	3.02	3.34	19%	15%
Total	252.74	265.02	237.81	282.54	16.27	-18.33	1,744.21	1,811.09	828.99	932.49	915.25	878.60	2%	-2%

Key:

 Outstanding AR 2022

NPAT = Net Profit after tax (Calculated on Revenue less Expenses less any tax and dividend paid).

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC TRADING BODIES PERFORMANCES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

1. Development Bank of Samoa (DBS)

- Lending operation recorded a total approval of 339 applications valued at \$4.9million. Of the total value approved, 77% relates to agriculture sector, 8.6% to other industry, 10% relates to inclusive industry.
- Total loan collection was recorded at \$18.6million, an increase of 9% compared to budget. Included in this collection is the Government's Covid-19 interest relief stimulus package of \$1.7million which benefits 2290 clients in the last quarter of the financial year under review.
- MSMEs contributed 62% of total collection from a portfolio of \$23million compared to large businesses.
- DBS recorded a net loss after tax (NLAT) of \$2.6million for the Financial Year 2022, an improvement of 22% compared to last year's net loss of \$3.4million. Cash flow has increased from \$4.57m in FY 2021 to \$5.2m this year following additional capital injection of \$1m. Current ratio of 1.5:1 fell below the acceptable range of 2:1, but has improved from 1.3:1 in the previous year due to the reduction in current porting of term borrowings to \$12m (2021: \$15m)
- Following the losses incurred, DBS is not subject to dividend payment.

2. Electric Power Corporation (EPC)

- The fuluasou Dam reinforcement was completed in August 2021. All reinforcement works mandated were successfully completed including i) construction of shear key to the bed rock, ii) drilling of 66x3.5 meters into the bedrock and grout DN32 rebar for shear key into the bedrock, iii) joinery of the existing structure to the new shear key and iv) construction of three Arch Buttress downstream of the Dam.
- Fiaga power station was struck by lightning on the 27th January 2020 resulting to extensive damages to electrical equipments. EPC had requested the Milton ElectroNet to review the existing Lightning protection system and surge protection for Fiaga. Specific items were addressed including recommendation to install 5x15m lightning masts inside the Fiaga compound to provide shield of the Power Station from lightning strikes. Evaluation was conducted by EPC and the concrete paramount was awarded to the Ulia Construction Ltd. The construction commenced in July 2021 and was successfully completed and transferred to operations in August 2021.
- Due to severe rain and flash flooding in December 2020, the Fuluasou generator went offline. The pipe burst approximately 80 meters downstream of the Dam. The technical team conducted necessary works including i) salvaging pipe burst damage lengths, ii) flushing the head pond to make it easier to remove sand, silt and logs that filled it iii) Pipe reinstatement and redirection near the station for penstock flush iv) re-commissioning. The reinstatement was conducted for a year and two months and was completed in February 2022.
- Two electric vehicles were received in Dec 2021 and two charging stations were successfully installed at Tanugamanono and Vaitele. This project was officially launched in Savaii as part of the Energy Sector's awareness program on Sustainable Energy & Electric Mobility on the 21st and 22nd of October.
- In House trainings with the intention of improving staff capacity was conducted this year. Two parts of the 10-day linemen training was held from the 23rd May to June 3rd and Fault Service training from June 6th to June 17th.
- EPC recorded a Net Loss of \$26.2m for FY 2022 following the increase in expenditure by 27% compared to last FY. Liquidity position is sufficient as represented by the adequate current ratio of 2.5:1 and cash flow of \$58.2m recorded as at 30th June 2022.

- Following the incurred losses during the year, the Corporation is not obligated to any dividend payment.

3. Public Trust Office (PTO)

- There were 487 estate files administration at the beginning of the financial year. Instructions for the administration of 18 new estates were received whilst a total of 20 estates were finalized and closed during the financial year. The total number of estates under administration as at 30 June 2022 was 485.
- Estates value was approximately \$2,163,518 at the beginning of FY 2022. The income earned by the Estate and Trust Section during the year was \$586,555. Total value of funds belonging to estates recorded at the end of FY2022 amounted to \$3,855,046.
- At the beginning of FY2022, 93 trust accounts with corresponding monetary value of \$314,707 were held under trust management. During the year, 5 trust accounts at the end of financial year were 98 with a corresponding monetary value of \$288,948.
- 1,309 wills were recorded the Office at the beginning of the financial year. 33 new wills were prepared and registered during the year, leading to a total of 1,342 wills as at 30th June 2022. A total of 13 wills were amended during the year.
- PTO recorded a NPAT of \$318,973 in FY 2022, a decrease of 17% from prior year's net profit of \$387,491 mainly due to the reduction in gains on UTOS investments by 83%. Current ratio of 13:1 is high, an increase from 12:1 in the previous financial year caused by the increase in cash and cash equivalents by 114%. Cash flow balance has also increased to \$11.5m from \$9.5m in FY2021 mainly caused by the increase in cash received from estates. 71% of this amount is invested in UTOS.
- The Office has made dividend payments of \$152,905.90 relating to FY2020 during the year.

4. Samoa Airport Authority (SAA)

- The Authority underwent the following maintenance projects during the FY despite global challenges by Covid19 on the airport operations; **i)** Asset registration and maintenance, **ii)** replacement of airfield lightning and cabling **iii)** replacement of Air traffic control communication **iv)** delivery of new 5 meter wide grass slashers **v)** wildlife management & monitoring **vi)** replacement of weed eaters.
- SAA recorded another Net Loss during the FY of \$21.1m due to a significant increase in expenditure despite the increase in revenue. The Authority's liquidity position is very low as reflected by its current ratio of 0:1. This is a result of the increase in current liabilities against current assets particularly the current liabilities. Cash and other financial assets of \$7m comprise cash at bank & on hand and investment of \$3.9m and \$3m respectively.
- SAA is not subject to paying dividend following the incurred loss during the financial year.

5. Samoa Housing Corporation (SHC)

- The Corporation approved 875 new loans valued at \$23.5m during the year; leading to an increase in the value of total loan portfolio of \$68.7m compared to FY2021 of \$65m.
- The rental portfolio has also increased from \$5.3m in FY 2021 to \$5.6m in FY 2022.
- SHC has started the construction of five rental units consisting of three bedroom and two bedroom houses on the property at Motootua.
- The Corporation purchased a new office building in December 2021 directly opposite their current premises for SAT \$2.65m
- The Corporation recorded a NPAT of \$2.6m during the year following increase in revenue by 7%. Liquidity position as represented by its current ratio of 0.5:1 is very

poor and below acceptable benchmark of 2:1, as a result of increase in current liabilities in particular dividend payable by 59% and overdraft at SCB of \$1.2m during the year. Cash and other financial assets stand at \$1.4million at year end.

- SHC did not pay any dividend in the financial year. However, to date, the Corporation has agreed to pay in instalment their dividend balance.

6. Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA)

- The Board of Directors approved \$21,807,795 to be paid from the General Fund of the Government of which \$15m was for contribution to the government budget and \$6.8m of dividend payment to government based on Audited net profit for FY 2022.
- The e-renewal project has completed which means that the Company renewal process and documented that was usually a lengthy process and involved lot of paper is now fully operated online.
- The Authority recorded a net profit of \$17.7m in FY 2022, a 17% decrease from prior year's net profit. The reduction is mainly due to the decreased interest income by 38% and the increase in promotional costs by 136%. Current ratio of 26:1 is high, an increase from 21:1 in the previous financial year. Cash flow balance has decreased to \$57.6million from \$64million with 88% of this amount are fixed deposits with commercial banks.
- SIFA has made dividend payments to Government of \$6,807,795.47 being final dividend for FY 2021 (211,178.39) and interim dividend for FY 2022 (6,596,617.08).

7. Samoa Land Corporation (SLC)

- The Cabinet approved the 'Concept design' for the Savalalo New Flea Market Project and has secured funding assistance from the New Zealand Government of NZD\$12m equivalent to SAT \$20m for the project.
- Procured 10 new petrol golf carts that arrived in June 2022.
- Land lease debtors recorded for this financial year is 104 compared to 39 in the previous year. It reflects the impact of change in accounting policies in the corporation's land sales and lease collections.
- The Corporation achieved a NPAT of \$1,231,149 for FY 2022. The Corporation's liquidity position represented by its current ratio of 1:1 is insufficient and below the acceptable range of 2:1. Cash and cash equivalents balance has decreased to \$1.6million from \$4.9million in the previous year while fixed deposits with commercial banks stands at \$14.5million.
- SLC paid \$1,134,597.40 to Government, being dividend from previous FYs and interim dividend for FY2022.

8. Samoa Ports Authority(SPA)

- A milestone for the Authority during the FY was the ground breaking ceremony to mark the start of the construction phase of the Enhancing Safety Security and Sustainability of the Apia Port (ESSSAP) that was officiated in Apia by the ADB regional director and Samoa's Prime Minister.
- The Authority continued to sustain profitable results of \$10.6m during the FY. A 17% increase compared to the last FY; leading to a positive ROE of 7% despite being one of the most heavily capitalized SOEs. A current ratio 2.27:1 is above the acceptable range of 2:1. This is directly attributed from the increase in cash and csh equivalents by 4% and term deposits by 40%. Both cash equivalents and term deposits holds 80% of total current assets of \$16.6m
- SPA made dividend payments to Government of \$3,682,748.45 relating to FY2022.

9. Samoa Post Limited (SPL)

- After 13 years of operating in low rates despite the cost increase of services, SPL's request to revise its tariff has been approved by the Office of the Regulator during the FY. The change in price will be effective commencing in FY 2023 to accommodate the implementation of cost recovery price structures by UPU
- UPU funded 2 new cargo mail vans for SPL delivery services. The assistance has assisted SPL financially from hiring additional vans for mail delivery.
- UPU fully funded postal administration developments including new computers and related software to assist the Company to cope with the challenges from pandemic.
- The business partnership with Eurogiro commenced in June 2022 and was fully funded by Eurogiro. The purpose of this partnership is to expand the accessibility of remittance service to Samoans residing in Europe.
- Following a strong revenue collection during the FY, SPL recorded a positive NPBT of \$1.4m; leading to a positive NPAT of \$1.1m. Current ratio of 2.85:1 is higher than the acceptable range of 2:1 and is sufficient to settle the Company's short term obligations when fall due. This is further supported by its cash and cash equivalents of \$6.3million as at 30th June 2022.
- SPL has paid dividend of \$188,150.30 to the Government for the current financial year.

10. Samoa Shipping Corporation (SSC)

- MV Lady Naomi successfully underwent its intermediate survey in July extending to August 2021. A lot of work and onboard maintenance was carried out until the MV Lady Naomi was lowered back to sea and arrived back to Upolu on the 18th August after satisfying statutory health checks for the crew.
- The maintenance of buoys and small aids was carefully carried out and was completed successfully to ensure safety of vessels using the passage.
- MV SSC 40 engine maintenance was carried out during the reporting period and as mandatory, a sea trial was carried out upon completion of repair work and MV SSC 40 was once again fit to transport cargoes and fuel between the islands.
- MV Lady Naomi was issued certificate of compliance to validate her inter island trips and is now back again to her normal schedule serving the travelling public between Upolu and Pagopago.
- The MV Fotu o Samoa II underwent dry docking work at the American Samoa Shipyard service in December 2021. A full overhaul work was carried out to ensure compliance with IMO regulations including SOLAS, MARPOL, STCW and US Coast Guard requirements when navigating US territorial waters. The MV Fotu o Samoa II is back in operation after is satisfied all international voyage requirements.
- SSC recorded a Net loss of \$909,282 this FY following the revenue and expenditure movement. Liquidity position as represented by current ratio of 2.3:1 is below the acceptable range of 2:1. Cash and financial assets stands at \$5.7m as at 30th June 2022.
- The Corporation made dividend payments to Government of \$123,830 during the FY.

11. Samoa Shipping Services (SSS)

- The total number of seafarers has increased this year by 70% compared to last FY due to resumption of employment opportunities provided by Mediterranean Shipping Company for our local seafarers.
- SSS achieved a NPAT of \$38,670 for the year ended 30th June 2022, compared to a Net loss of \$684,755 recorded in the previous FY. Liquidity position as represented by current ratio of 6:1 is above the acceptable range of 2:1 reflecting financial

sustainability of the Company in the future as further supported by its cash flow of \$1million as at 30th June 2022.

- The Company made dividend payment to the Government of \$2,813.65 throughout the financial year.

12. Samoa Water Authority (SWA)

- The Authority was able to implement/complete the following projects during the Financial Year 2021.
 - Two new wastewater pumps stations for the new Worship Centre Building at Sogi as well as the newly established Apia Supermarket in town
 - The Authority's new capital infrastructure for the review period covers a total of 20.5km new pipelines for Upolu and Savaii
 - The drilling works for Moamoa borehole was completed in September 2021 and the Palauli borehole works was completed in June 2022. Networks are to be completed for the Moamoa borehole while the Palauli is a supplementary borehole to supply water as the Palauli catchment area experiences low water levels.
 - Infrastructure upgrade was completed for pipelines and fixtures at a total of 15.1km. These upgrades were necessary as most run within private properties or under tar sealed roads and also due to high recorded leakages.
- SWA recorded a net loss for FY 2022 of \$1.1m due to low revenue collections as a result of the 20% reduction in tariff. Along with the rise in fuel and Covid19 lockdown during the reporting year, the operations of SWA significantly impacted; leading to a negative ROE of (1.74%). However, its strong liquidity position indicated by a current ratio of 9.7:1 is above the acceptable range of 2:1 as a result of the increase in current assets in particular the \$24.4m cash and other financial assets that holds 69% of total current assets.
- Following the incurred net loss, SWA is not subject to paying dividend.

13. Unit Trust Of Samoa Ltd (UTOS Management)

- Total number of unit holders active at the end of June 2022 is 4,286 which have increased compared to 3,828 of the previous FY.
- A total of 7.3m units were issued valued at \$29m; representative of a 38% increase compared to the prior year
- UTOSM online and digital communication services were successfully implemented during the lockdown periods and were able to be used throughout several levels of State of Emergency orders.
- The Company recorded a NPAT of \$497,175 during the year. It is a 14% decrease compared to its corresponding year due to the increase in expenditure recorded by 15%. Liquidity position as represented by its current ratio of 2.5:1 is above the acceptable benchmark of 2:1. This is further supported by its cash and other financial assets of \$4million; 44% (1.5m) of these financial assets constitutes of term deposits.
- UTOS paid dividend of \$197,402.55 to Government. Of this amount, \$106,682.90 is the final dividend of FY2021 and \$90,719.65 is the interim dividend for FY2022.

MUTUAL AND BENEFICIAL BODIES PERFORMANCE (FY2021/2022)

	Revenue		Expenses		NPAT		Total Assets		Total Liabilities		Total Equity	
Mutual Societies	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
SLAC	12.86	14.53	11.48	10.81	1.10	3.45	53.38	61.83	3.66	3.86	49.73	57.97
SNPF	97.95	102.28	12.30	11.00	85.65	91.28	934.00	1009.94	5.64	6.07	928.36	1003.88
Total	110.81	116.81	23.78	21.81	86.75	94.73	987.38	1071.77	9.29	9.93	978.09	1061.85
Public Beneficial Bodies												
NKFS	8.21	8.87	8.13	9.26	0.09	-0.39	6.84	6.45	2.19	2.19	4.65	4.26
NUS	30.31	34.52	28.12	29.65	2.19	4.87	84.88	88.70	41.24	40.07	43.64	48.63
SFESA	9.63	11.56	8.60	9.84	1.02	1.72	9.70	10.94	2.89	2.41	6.81	8.53
SQA	5.08	5.46	4.96	5.44	0.12	0.02	3.72	4.83	0.86	1.95	2.86	2.87
SROS	8.13	6.76	6.74	6.23	1.39	0.53	6.30	6.45	1.75	1.37	4.55	5.08
SSFA	5.78	5.81	5.37	5.31	0.41	0.50	97.50	94.74	91.18	87.93	6.32	6.82
STA	14.42	15.49	8.63	8.96	5.78	6.54	7.18	12.34	0.54	0.28	6.64	12.06
ACC	22.25	21.68	6.12	5.48	16.13	16.20	210.22	220.72	2.50	2.00	207.72	218.72
GCA	10.62	7.81	10.12	8.71	0.49	-0.90	7.18	6.18	2.20	2.10	4.97	4.08
LTA	50.89	47.40	53.55	45.61	-2.66	1.79	18.42	20.34	15.18	15.34	3.24	5.00
Total	165.31	165.37	140.35	134.50	24.96	30.86	451.93	471.69	160.53	155.64	291.40	316.06

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SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF MUTUAL AND BENEFICIAL BODIES PERFORMANCES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/2022

MUTUAL SOCIETIES

1. Samoa Life Assurance Corporation

- The impacts of COVID19 on businesses of Samoa Life continued throughout the FY especially during the last 2 quarters when lockdown was declared. However, the Corporation stayed strong especially in carrying out their marketing strategies in search of new business and to maintain existing business.
- SLAC managed to convince policy holders to maintain their policies as shown by the drop in surrender claims by 23%. Overall total claims dropped by 7% despite the increase in maturity claims.
- Financially, 2022 was a success compared to last year with a NPAT of \$3.5m (2021:\$1.9m) and net surplus of \$10.6m (2021: \$9.2) as per the Actuarial Valuation of Liabilities Report.

2. Samoa National Provident Fund

- 8.2% dividend declared at the value of \$69.2million (first time in the history of the Fund for a full dividend paid out in cash).
- Total of \$1billion net assets recorded for the year, a milestone achievement making SNPF Samoa first and only billion tala institution.
- Celebrated the Fund's 50th Anniversary since establishment in 1972.
- Grand opening of the Fund's first ever wholly owned building in Savaii.
- SNPF recorded a Net Profit of \$65m in FY 2022. A 29% decrease compared to FY 2021.

PUBLIC BENEFICIAL BODIES

1. Accident Compensation Corporation

- There were five injured victims referred overseas and they have all returned home after successfully completing treatments.
- In response to their mandate of being responsive to the scheme beneficiaries they purchased a second CT scan for the Ministry of Health which is now operational.
- Started a Joint Community Safety Awareness Program with the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL), Fire and Emergency Services Association (FESA) and the Ministry of Women Community and Social Development (MWCSD) to promote safety in businesses, non-governmental organizations, village communities and district councils.
- Conversations with the Land Transport Authority (LTA) and the Ministry of Police (MOP) on funding speed camera to alleviate deaths on roads are underway.
- The Corporation recorded a Net Profit of \$16.1m during the reporting period (FY 2022).

2. Gambling Control Authority (GCA)

- MPE conducted refresher training for GCA regarding reporting requirements, thus they will be providing these information in their future reports.
- Decreases in revenues from Licenses by 19%, Casino by 61% and Ticket sales by 22% as a result of the COVID19 lockdown were also visible in the decreases in Payouts and Donations by 12% and 48% respectively.
- Investment with UTOS decreased by 22% in FY2022 whilst the return yielded increased significantly in comparison.
- A loss of \$889,177 was recorded in the reporting year (FY 2022); a \$1.4m decrease compared to last FY. The 26% reduction of revenue as direct impact of COVID19 has attributed to this significant variance.

3. Land Transport Authority (LTA)

- Completed a facelift of the Falealili Street with upgrading works and construction works for drainage. This is from the John William Building at Tamaligi towards the four-corner intersection at Vodafone headquarters.
- LTA staff assisted the Ministry of Health with the Covid19 Mass Vaccination.
- The Procurement and Programming Division of the Authority received an award at the Environment Awards 2021 recognizing its effort for flood mitigation works especially in ongoing drainage improvement and maintenance works to mitigate flooding in the CBD.
- LTA completed 20.52km of road surfacing program for Upolu and 9.5km for Savaii. This includes the Road Routine Maintenance and Capital Works. 42.12km completed of road rehabilitation/reconstruction program for Upolu and 11.6km for Savaii. These are the drainage sites at the RSA road, ASCO motors Intersection, bust depot, etc. It also include the construction of the West Coast Road Package.
- The Nuusuatia Bridge and Aia Bridge were officially opened during the reviewed FY. Access roads were also opened for Nuualofa Vailoa Palauli-Savaii, Sagone, Utulua Asau, Fogatuli and Safa'i.
- 18 road maintenance zones and 24 lawn mowing contractors were recorded for both 2022 and 2021.

4. National Kidney Foundation of Samoa

- The Ministry launched in March 2022 a Management of Chronic Diseases publication as well as a drafted Management of Non Communicable Diseases guideline in order to help assist doctors and nurses in not only treating people with kidney problems but with tools on primary health care.
- The Foundation reported that it has hit a new high of 64 new dialysis patients, as well as Covid19 reaching out shores.
- Currently the Foundation has approximately 100 patients being administered dialysis via temporary femoral and tunneled lined due to the strain that was put on their services by the three year lockdown which resulted in the usual Vascular Surgeons from Australia not being able to travel over to operate for the more permanent fistulaes.
- The Ministry has yet to shift premises due to border lockdown and as a result they are currently operating for 24 hours a day for 3 days a week.
- It has been reported that the increase in the number of patients together with the increase in the use of protective gears during the lockdown has contributed greatly to an increase in the cost for Medical supplies.
- Due to increase in expenses by 14%, NKF recorded a significant loss of \$392,196.

5. National University of Samoa

- Members of the Vice Chancellor's Committee, the Pro Chancellor and Vice Chancellor took part at the Ava Ceremony to welcome the new Minister and Associate Minister of MESC on 3rd August, 2021.
- Late enrolment fees for Semester 2 of Academic year 2021 (i.e. first half of FY2022) was waived for all students as a COVID19 resilience measure.
- The University appointed Mulipola Ioane Lafaele, the NUS Television Assistant Head of Production, as the Savaii Office Campus Manager.
- On behalf of the Government and people of Samoa, Prime Minister Fiame Naomi Mata'afa officially accepted the Centre for Excellence for Information Technology (C.E.I.T.) which was officially transferred from the Indian to the Samoan Government in a ceremony on 17th August 2021.
- Challenges resurfaced with conducting enrolment completely online during complete lockdown in operations. Simplification of process was fairly ineffective due to poor access to computers and enabling devices.

- The University installed CCTV surveillance across the entire Le Papaigalagala campus to assist in safeguarding its facility assets while providing a safe space for all students, staff and visitors on campus.
- The University opened a Health Clinic on-campus with a full-time nurse and rostered doctor for students and staff on weekdays. This was a much needed initiative considering the impact of COVID19 on health and academic status of NUS staff & students.
- The Executive Committee of Council travelled to witness the launch of the Savaii Campus which is now located on the 2nd floor of the Savaii market and can accommodate 10 to 30 students max.
- NUS Vice Chancellor and the USP Vice Chancellor established a partnership to discuss the universities' collaboration on agricultural programmes with the aim to build the local workforce capacity and wealth in the agricultural sector.
- The University conducted a number of Researches during this FY where additional achievements included a total of 10 Research Workshops implemented by various faculties/schools/centre. A total of 6 Research proposals were submitted by Non-UREC/External Institutions within the reporting period.

6. Samoa Fire and Emergency Service Authority

- SFESA and the Ministry of Police welcomed newly appointed Minister, Hon. Faualo Tuiliili Harry Schuster and Associate Minister, Fepuleai Faasavalu Faimata Su'a earlier in the year.
- The Authority was actively involved in the COVID19 Operation through the coordination of its VERTS members and staff during repatriation flight operations. Drivers provided transport for medical staff from hospital and for passengers from the airport to quarantine sites.
- Under the Grant Assistance for Grass-Root Human Security Projects (GGP), SFESA's funding proposal to the Embassy of Japan in Samoa was approved; ensuring the Authority will receive 3 new floodlights, and 4 refurbished trucks (2 tank trucks, 1 chemical pumper and 1 pumper with tank) to assist with daily operations.
- ACC through its annual levy of \$200k funded for Fire Warden Trainings for a number of villages and the purchase of the Drone to assist with the Search & Rescue operations to deliver community awareness in partnership with SFESA. The ILO was also generous enough to entrust a total of USD\$5,000 to deliver Fire Warden Trainings for the community.
- MESC suspended majority of SFESA's awareness programs targeting government schools during the reporting FY to eliminate further disruption to students' syllabus due to the COVID19 pandemic.
- Although overseas trainings were strictly on hold during COVID19 lockdowns, the Authority is reported to have attended Zoom trainings to continue to build capacity of its employees.

7. Samoa Qualifications Authority

- There were no new providers registered in the reviewed period, maintaining the number of Providers at 25 all of which annual registrations were renewed as formal PSET Providers.
- Conducted the SQA Annual Strategic Planning Seminar in December 2021.
- SQA also approved the following;
 - o Revised SQA Quality Assurance Standards and Policies 2022,
 - o Educational Learning Pathway: Development Guidelines
 - o PSET Statistical Bulletin 2021.
- SQA registered 12 new qualifications for 2022, an increase of 9% compared to registration in 2021, increasing its total to date by 11% (126).
- A total of 12 programmes were accredited in the reporting period, a 71% increase from last year which brings total accreditations to 68.
- 8 non-formal activities from 6 NFEPs were recognized and increased the number of activities to 116 by 6%.

8. Scientific Research Organization of Samoa

- SROS has become the first national research organization from the Pacific Island Countries to be appointed a commissioned organization to coordinate an Australian Centre for International Agriculture Research (ACIAR) Project.
- The establishment of the Agriculture Research Division in the Organization has seen an increase of support from local farmers for a combined effort in addressing challenges of producing sufficient crops to meet growing consumer demand.
- Cabinet has approved a new compound at Vailima for the establishment of the drug and molecular analysis laboratory.
- The COVID19 had significantly affected the supply of imported consumables for research purposes and the availability of overseas trainings to build the capacity of the staff.
- Staff turnover remains as one of the ongoing risks faced by SROS as scientists are targeted by other Government Ministries as well as Regional Officer with better salary benefits and attractive remuneration packages.

9. Samoa Sports Facilities Authority

- 19% increase in Maintenance costs compared to FY2021 is largely due to substantial increases in spending on repairs & maintenance for Projects and Office space & equipment. Total maintenance cost was comparable to 7% of Govt. grant for the reporting period.
- Some of the spaces in Gym 2 and the Multipurpose gym have been occupied and leased out to a few organizations/companies during the year.
- Due to the COVID19 nationwide lockdowns effective in the third quarter of reporting period, some of the facility bookings were carried forward to await official cancellation of all SOE orders by Cabinet. This was one of the main contributing factors to the significant decreases in collections from Venue Hire and Swimming fees compared to FY2021.

10. Samoa Tourism Authority

- Borders were closed for the whole of the reporting FY due to the pandemic. The absence of international visitors meant that the focus of the Authority was on measures to assist tourism operators survive under the new economic climate and also to improve its resilience to recover and adapt in the long run.
- The Government's \$5m stimulus fund was launched in December 2021 to assist the operators as they continue to navigate through the changing economic environment.
- The Authority conducted a review of the National Tourism Climate Change Adaptations Strategy for Samoa 2012-2017. This has resulted in the development of the Tourism Climate Change Strategy 2021-2026 (TCCS) for Samoa to be a more resilient tourism destination to the growing challenges brought about by climate change on our industry.
- The announcement of the re-opening of borders provided some certainty and great relief for the industry where it was able to develop the 'Samoa Navigational Pathway to Restarting Travel' to guide efforts to safely manage living with COVID19.