

PUBLIC BODIES PERFORMANCE

Financial Year 2022/2023

Ministry for Public Enterprises
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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 2023.

There are 27 Public Bodies providing various services for the benefit of the people of Samoa. Only 24 Public Bodies submitted their Annual Reports 2023 and are included in this Annual Overall report for FY 2023. PAL, STEC and STA are excluded from this report as their annual reports 2023 are still outstanding to date.

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.

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF PUBLIC TRADING BODIES **PERFORMANCES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/2023**

1. Development Bank of Samoa (DBS)

- As at 30 June 2023, lending operation recorded total approval of 558 applications valued at \$15m compared to 339 applications valued at \$4.9 million of FY2022.
- Of the total value approved, 44.7% relates to agriculture sector, 49% to other industry, 4.3% relates to inclusive industry and the balance to fishing.
- Total loan collection was recorded at \$16.1m, an increase of 16% compared to previous year collection of \$13.86million.
- MSMEs contributed 55% of total collection from a portfolio of \$27million compared to large businesses which holds \$79m or 74.5% of total portfolio.
- The level of non-performing loans has reduced to 5% of total loan portfolio from 11% in FY2022. Arrears level of 2% remains within benchmark of 3%.
- A total net loss of \$2,883,196 is recorded at year end, following the revenue and expenditure movement. DBS is not subject to dividend payment, due to this effect.

2. Electric Power Corporation (EPC)

- ***Mt, Lepue Wind Mast:***
EPC completed the installation of 60meters high wind mast on the top of Mt Lepue for wind data collection
- ***50th Silver Jubilee***
The Corporation conducted and award ceremony on the 20th December 2022 to celebrate its 50th Silver Jubilee and to recognized staff members for their accomplishments in achieving EPC goals
- ***Replacement of Fale o le Fee (FOF) Hydro Plant Power Transformer***
Fale o le fee hydro transformer had completed installation in January 2023. The hydro plant transformer was replaced due to faulty power issues.
- ***Relocation of the 33k line along the East Coast Side***
Distribution 33k line were successfully relocated from mountain areas to east-coast side. The intention of the relocation was to ensure better access for maintenance and repairs during faulty situation and for routine preventive maintenance.
- ***MOA with Australia Pacific Training Coalition Signed***
EPC have entered into a MOA with Australia Pacific Training Coalition to engage and develop partnership. The APTC will contribute to EPC staff development to upgrade skills and knowledge for the workforce and to assist with EPC goals achievement.
- ***Strategic Direction***
EPC had submitted all its quarter reports to MPE as well as its Annual report for FY2023 to the legislative assembly.
- Total net loss of \$54.8m is recorded for the current FY following the revenue and expenditure movement. Net losses continued to incur and deteriorated compared to last year.
- Following the incurred losses during the year, the Corporation is not obligated to any dividend payment.

3. Public Trust Office (PTO)

- **Estate Administration**
 - There were 485 estate files under administration at the beginning of the financial year. Instructions for the administration of 28 new estates were received whilst a total of 68 estates were finalized and closed during the financial year. 149 estates were reclassified/numbered during the financial year. The total number of estates under administration as at 30 June 2023 was 296.

- Estates value was approximately \$3,855,046 at the beginning of FY 2023. The income earned by the Estate and Trust Section during the year was \$590,690. Total value of funds belonging to estates recorded at the end of FY 2023 amounted to \$3,814,150.
- The Office continues to focus on its core function being estates administration. At the same time, significant progress has been made in addressing several issues that have delayed the completion of old estates in past years. These issues include the failure of estate beneficiaries to provide relevant estate administration requirements and estates that are involved in legal.
- **Trust Management**
 - At the beginning of the financial year, 98 trust accounts with a corresponding monetary value of \$299,948 were held under trust management. During the year, no new accounts were opened whilst four (4) were closed. The total number of trust accounts at the end of financial year was 94 with a corresponding monetary value of \$282,498.
- **Wills**
 - 1,342 Wills were recorded with the Office at the beginning of the financial year. 63 new Wills were prepared and registered during the year, leading to a total of 1,405 wills as at 30 June 2023. A total of 17 wills were amended during the year.
- The Office recorded a net profit of \$418,279 in FY 2023 following the excess revenue over controlled expenditure level, an increase of 31% when compared to FY 2022.
- PTO made dividend payments of \$247,262.71 to Government during the reporting period.

4. Samoa Airport Authority (SAA)

- The Authority completed the following maintenance projects during the FY;
 - Security upgrade identification card system
 - TSA security requirement for US flights
 - Fagalii Airport rehabilitation
 - Supply of RFS equipment
 - Maota and Asau airport maintenance
- As a result of the substantial rise in revenue and a decrease in expenses, the Authority achieved a notable Net Profit of \$6.6 million during the FY, in contrast to the net loss of \$21.1m in the previous FY.
- SAA made dividend payments of \$1,424,843 to the Government during the reporting year.

5. Samoa Housing Corporation (SHC)

- **Lending**

In FY22/23, SHC approved 786 new loans worth \$26.96million, catering to various housing needs; building new houses, completing constructions, home extensions, renovations, and land procurements. Majority of loans projects (623) were on customary lands. Loan disbursements increased by \$5.7million, reflecting SHC's commitment to meeting high demand. Loan collection rose to \$25.6m, up by 8.9% from FY2021/2022, attributed to portfolio growth and enhanced debt recovery strategies.
- **Rental Units**

SHC has expanded its rental properties by constructing five new units at Moto'otua, aiming to boost rental income to \$86,400 annually. Additionally, the transfer of government rental units in 2013 increased SHC's portfolio. Despite challenges, including demolitions and a directive to transfer one unit, SHC continues to manage

73 units with a high occupancy rate of 95.9%. However, financial records indicate a loss of \$195,448.33 for FY 2022/23.

- The Total Net Profit after Tax (NPAT) for FY2023 stands at \$1,331,846, reflecting a 49% decrease (\$1,277,163) compared to FY2022 NPAT.
- The Corporation made dividend payments of \$700,000 to the Government during the current financial year.

6. Samoa International Finance Authority (SIFA)

- The Board of Directors approved \$25,222,229 to be paid from the General Fund of the Government of which \$20m was for contribution to the government budget and \$5.22m of dividend payment to government based on Audited net profit for FY 2023.
- SIFA through its marketing company Samoa International Business Finance Company (IBFC) sponsored our Manu Samoa 7s team to the value of SAT1million together with bonuses exceeding SAT300,000.
- SIFA assisted our Toa Samoa League team for the World Cup 2022 to the value of SAT900,000.
- The E-renewal project which was completed in FY2022 is now up and running and during the renewal period for the financial year under review, all renewals were submitted and processed online via the SIFA Registration System (SRS) without the need for paper applications, achieving one of the long-term goals of becoming a 'paperless registry'.
- The total number of new incorporations registered with SIFA for this financial year is 1,903.
- The number of live international companies as of June 2023 is 29,870.
- SIFA since inception has registered a total of 91,264 companies.
- The Authority recorded a net profit of \$1,386,255 in FY 2023 following the excess revenue over expenditure level, but has decreased when compared to FY 2022 by 19% due to the increase in expenditures.

7. Samoa Land Corporation (SLC)

These are the major development activities SLC has committed to for this financial year:

• SAVALALO NEW MARKET PROJECT

- Approval of the classic Concept Design by the Cabinet to reflect the contemporary lavishing standards and beautiful iconic view of the Apia city.;
- Appointment of Tinai, Gordon & Associates Limited as the Project Manager for the Savalalo New Market Rebuild Project;
- Signing of the Grant Funding Arrangement in funding the Savalalo Project by New Zealand and Samoa governments of \$12.0 million NZD (\$20 million tala) and \$10 million tala respectively;
- Issued Tender Bidding Documents for the final stage (Detailed Design & Construct) from 12th June 2023 up to the due date on 04th September 2023.

• FINPOWER

- Finpower has replaced the outdated LMS system for the purpose of effectively handling and documenting information pertaining to its land debtors and their transactions;
- Finpower introduces advance modules for land management that were previously absent in the old LMS system;
- Finpower now boasts the automatic creation of reminder letters for overdue payments, the ability to import bank statements, the option for retroactive postings, cloud-based deployment, and accessibility on smartphones and other mobile devices, and much more.

- Due to a significant decline in revenue, the Corporation recorded a Net Profit After Tax (NPAT) of \$640,584 for the fiscal year, as opposed to the \$1.2 million NPAT reported in the prior fiscal year.

8. Samoa Ports Authority (SPA)

Operational Success

Following full opening of borders in August 2022, SPA experienced boost in operations causing an increase in number of vessels handled during the year by 33% compared to previous FY2021-2022 (from 310 to 464). Additionally, revenue tonnage (Vessels GRT) increased by 45% compared to previous financial year; increased from 2.0 million tons in FY2022 to 3.6 million tons in FY2023.

Containers dropped in numbers from 44,676 FY2022 to 45,680 FY2023, reflecting decrease in transshipments for the year.

Major Developments

ESSSAP project

The Authority's Enhancing Safety, Security, and Sustainability of Apia Port (*ESSSAP*) still in its initial implementation stages, with one of its main components, the Green Port Initiative¹ completing its second phase during the FY2023.

Sa'ula-60

SPA's new Tugboat Sa'ula-60 launched in August 2022 to assist with marine operations. Additionally, the new tugboat will replace two other aging tugboats with a collective age of 50 years' operating well below acceptable efficiency.

Transfer of Ports back to SPA

- The official transfer of the Mulifanua and Salelologa domestic ports from the Samoa Shipping Corporation back to SPA occurred in October 2022. Following this significant event, SPA organizational restructure incorporated the addition of SPA's new Domestic Ports division and its new Assistant General Manager in February 2023. Furthermore, a total of twenty-two (22) employees were transferred to the new division with eleven (11) at Mulifanua, and eleven (11) at Salelologa.

NPAT & Dividend

- Following boost in operations, the Authority recorded a NPAT of \$11.4m for the year (compared to \$10.7m in FY2022) from which the Authority declared and paid dividend to government of \$3.9m; an excellent reflection of adequate returns to government investments.

9. Samoa Post Limited (SPL)

- End of year results fluctuated enormously but exceeded economic forecasts at yearend, though experiencing financial impacts of the international border reopening in August 2022.
- A new postal tariff came into effect at the beginning of the period and understandably contributed to declining posted volumes to some extent. nevertheless, the price increase was unavoidable as operational costs increased each year, while prices remained since 2008.
- Staff capacity building remains a priority and SPL are very fortunate in securing training fellowships from international postal family for SPL employees.
- Total NPAT recorded during the year is \$252,648. The Company made dividend payments to the Government of \$336,626.05 at year end.

¹ ESSSAP main components: i). *X-ray building & customs*. ii). *Port Civil Works*. iii). *Reconstruction of breakwater*. iv). *Green Port Initiative*.

10. Samoa Shipping Corporation (SSC)

- The MV Lady Samoa IV arrived in Apia harbor on 27th October 2022, accompanied by the Honorable Minister of Works, Transport and Infrastructure and six SSC local crew members, fostering knowledge exchange and skill development.
- Seafarers must complete Certification of Competency or STCW Basic Training to perform functions on passenger and cargo ships. The training was conducted by the local Flag State, which aims to upgrade seafarers with proven capabilities.
- MV SSC40 underwent an engine overhaul after its generator failed during a return trip from Tokelau. The work was completed within a week, highlighting the importance of routine maintenance.
- MV Samoa Express II experienced a sudden engine stop during a 1400-hour sailing from Mulifanua to Salelologa port on September 8, 2022. The problem was identified as a wedge caused by cylinder number 1 and conrod bearing. New parts were procured from a Cummins manufacturer in the USA.
- The maintenance of MV Samoa Express II has been completed, ensuring safety and seaworthiness for crew and passengers. The work included polishing, painting, replacing broken hinges, replacing bridge deck lights, fixing standby locker gates, and repairing corroded vent covers.
- Surveyors from the United States Coast Guard visited Samoa to inspect the newly built MV Lady Samoa IV and ensure compliance with maritime regulations. A Japan International Cooperation System (JICS) team also visited the MV Lady Samoa IV to finalize specifications and perform a post-inspection inspection.
- In January, MV SSC Fasefulu successfully underwent major maintenance, including ramp repairs and other additional work.
- SSC recorded a NPAT of \$1,011,990 compared to the net loss recorded in FY2022, yielding a positive ROE of 4% and ROA of 1% for the reporting FY2023.
- The Corporation made dividend payments to Government of \$13,850.20 during the FY.

11. Samoa Shipping Services (SSS)

- **Profitability**
Samoa Shipping Services (SSS) recorded NPAT of \$676,161 for FY2023, a major increase compared to FY2022 of \$38,669.
- **Crewing**
Samoa seafarers employed through SSS for FY2023 totaled at 485 which is an increase of 14% compared to previous FY2022 (423). Of that number, 477 are currently employed at MSC, and eight (8) are currently employed by the New Zealand Interisland Ferry, through a new business partnership by SSS and Kiwirail New Zealand.

However, despite growth in employment, Dismissals and Terminations also show a sharp increase (of 93%) indicating poor seafarer attitude and poor management by SSS.

- The Company made dividend payments to the Government of \$85,512.85 throughout the financial year.

12. Samoa Water Authority (SWA)

- **Infrastructure Works**
The Authority completed several infrastructures works within the reporting year FY2023, ranging from installation of new pipelines, to replacing old aging pipelines, in both Upolu and Savaii. New pipeline installations covered up to a total

of 21.4km, and replacements (upgrades) of existing aging pipelines covered up to a total of 12.1km.

- ***Renewable Energy for Water Sources***

In its efforts to transition to a renewable energy source, the Authority installed its first Solar Pump System (13.5-kilowatt photovoltaic PV) at the Nofaalii EU Borehole. The works is part of an initiative by the Authority to build more climate resilient infrastructure and attain renewable energy sources due to high energy demand that follow increasing number of Boreholes installed.

- ***Digital Transformation & Technology***

The Authority completed several digital upgrades within the FY2023, including the shift to Cloud based technologies such as Office 365, SharePoint and Teams. These changes have allowed improved communication, collaboration, data organisation and info sharing, as well as data security. Other technological changes include the integration and implementation of the Daffron e-bill, which is a module that enables users to access and view their bills online, and make payments using Visa, Mastercard, Digicel's MyCash, and Vodafone's M-Tala.

- ***Other key achievements for the Year***

- The Authority achieved 100% compliance with National Drinking Water Standards for all treated water systems for Upolu and Savaii.
- Non-revenue water reduction improved with the Rural and Savaii divisions achieving their respective targets for the year of 42% and 38%. The Urban division faced challenges mainly due to persistent leakages arising from aging infrastructure.
- SWA recorded a Net Loss of \$6.67m. A further decrease compared to net loss recorded in FY2022 of (\$1.13m).
- Following the incurred net loss, SWA is not subject to paying dividend.

13. Unit Trust of Samoa Ltd (UTOS Management)

- ***Marketing Activities***

As of June 2023, the total count of unitholders stands at 5,141, demonstrating a notable 20% surge from the corresponding period in the previous year. This increase is a direct outcome of successful awareness initiatives, including community road shows, pre-departure briefings for RSE workers, mainstream media advertisements, and the effective utilization of digital media. Furthermore, the total units sold during the FY2023 exhibited an 18.79% rise, reaching 20.56 million units in comparison to FY22. In tandem, the total units repurchased during the period experienced a substantial 27.9% increase, reaching 7.81 million units compared to the previous year.

- ***Information Technology***

The positive outcomes in FY2023 are a direct result of UTOS's successful digital transformation. The enhanced digital platforms have significantly boosted efficiency, providing unitholders with greater convenience in managing their UTOS accounts. The introduction of a redesigned website and an online application form allows unitholders to effortlessly open accounts from any device. Streamlining the process, funds transfers are facilitated through various digital platforms like MTala, ANZ Billpay, KlickEx, Talofa Voucher, and Internet Banking. Amidst this digitization, UTOS prioritizes cyber security, implementing robust measures to protect unitholder data and proactively addressing any system vulnerabilities.

- UTOS's NPAT for FY2023 is recorded at \$640,405. A significantly large increase compared to NPAT FY2023 of \$497,175.
- UTOS made dividend payments to Government of \$218,120.50 during the financial period.

SUMMARY OF ANALYSIS OF MUTUAL AND BENEFICIAL BODIES **PERFORMANCES FOR FINANCIAL YEAR 2022/ 2023**

MUTUAL SOCIETIES

1. Samoa Life Assurance Corporation

- Despite a decline, a net profit after tax of 1.1 million was made. This was due to the sale of Samoa Life shares in NPI and a 17% increase in claims payout of 7.7 million, which increased economic spending.
- Sales Agents and the Corporation successfully increased net new business from life policies by 58% compared to the previous year. This was achieved through continuous rollout of visibility and awareness programs, as well as new communication methods like social media.
- Despite the negative impact of interest ceiling for fixed deposits as a result of Covid19, term deposits increased by 2% compared to the previous FY22.

2. Samoa National Provident Fund

- Increase of online users recorded to 38,741 compared to 31,046 in 2022.
- 8.3% interest declared at the value of \$73.2million. 2% of the 8.3% was paid in cash and 6.3% credited to members accounts.
- The SNPF mobile app was launched in March 2023 for members to access online services.

PUBLIC BENEFICIAL BODIES

1. Accident Compensation Corporation

- A reduction in motor vehicle accidents causing injuries and deaths involving workers have decreased by approximately 43 percent.
- A Joint Community Safety Awareness Program led by the Samoa Fire and Emergency Services Authority (FESA) and joined by the Ministry of Police, Prisons and Correction Services (MOPP”), Meteorology Office (MNRE) and the Accident Compensation Corporation was carried out in Sauano, Saletele, Faleū, Leuia’i, Salua, Apai, Fagafau, Falealupo, Faletagaloa and Matavai Safune from April to September 2022
- The 256-slice Neusoft Computerized tomography CT scan purchased by the Corporation for the Ministry of Health was launched in November 2022 with the Memorandum of Understanding signed on the 16th May 2023. The CT scan can be used to identify diseases or injuries within various regions of the body and it has become a useful screening tool for the medical profession. This is the start of an ongoing partnership with the Ministry of Health.

2. Gambling Control Authority (GCA)

- Tuala Tamaalelagi Siaki Tuala was reappointed as GCA’s CEO and was back in office in May of 2023.
- A new sales outlet was opened at Frankie’s supermarket in Lauili.

3. Land Transport Authority (LTA)

- A collaborative effort between LTA and the University of the South Pacific Alafua Campus has facilitated LTA staff to pursue studies towards a bachelor of Engineering degree. This initiative aims to enrich the knowledge base of employees while enabling them to balance their academic pursuits with work and family commitments, eliminating the need to study abroad.

- The transferred back of the Road Use Management Division from the Ministry of the Police was effective on the 1st July 2022.
- The Reconstruction Project for the Vaisigano Bridge won the award of the Construction Project Category at the Japan Construction International Award.
- The Vaisigano Bridge Reconstruction Project won the Construction Project Category award at the esteemed Japan Construction International Award ceremony.

4. National Kidney Foundation of Samoa

- With the reopening of borders, the Foundation was most fortunate for the recommencement of the kind assistance from the Orchid Vascular Surgery Team from Australia, and also Dr. Mark Hamilton.
- For the Financial Year, the volunteer surgeons were able to operate on 88 local patients, saving in excess of SAT\$1,000,000 if the operations were done overseas.
- Before the border reopening and in between the trips by the vascular surgeons, the NKFS Medical Consultant, Leituala Dr. Ben Matalavea, with the assistance from our Tuasivi physician, Dr Nola Gidlow, inserted 126 temporary and tunneled lines, so that patients could be given the needed Haemo-Dialysis treatment.
- Nephrologist, Dr David Voss made 4 trips during the Financial Year to work with our local consultants. In addition, Dr Hla from Middlemore hospital also made a trip to discuss possible alternative to Haemo-Dialysis, which is Peritoneal Dialysis (PD).
- Due to COVID, there were no outreach initiatives during the first 6 months of the Financial Year. There were 7 outreach events in the second half of the year, January to June 2023. During these programs and weekly clinics, 781 people undertook medical screenings.
- There were also 36 TV and radio awareness talks performed during the year. The foundation also continued its partnership with TV1 for its annual Fika Fou program.
- During the year, 450 people attended the clinics. During these consultations, 446 of them were given 2267 doses of the Recormon (Epo) Therapy.
- Also during the reporting Financial Year, 41 people were referred from pre-dialysis clinic to commence dialysis, whilst 59 people commenced management within the Pre-Dialysis clinics.
- Five new dialysis Technicians graduated from the Dialysis Technician course and became permanent employees, whilst 4 trainees began the course.
- In May of the reporting FY, the Foundation employed a Bio-Medical engineer from Singapore to provide trainings for our local technicians.
- Technicians from B.Braun Company in Germany were able to travel to Samoa in October 2022 to install and commission the water treatment plant, and with the treatment plant installed the Foundation was able to relocate its Renal Operations to the new bigger premises in December of 2022.

5. National University of Samoa

- On the 8th of July 2022 the University through Oloamanu Centre signed a contract with NZ MFAT to establish an in country scholarship programme for short term trainings.
- At the beginning of the reviewed FY, the University made some internal changes as part of the organizational restructure. This included the disestablishment of GPP, while Planning team merged with the Property and Maintenance to create a new division called Planning, Safety and Maintenance.

- The University welcomed their first woman Vice Chancellor and President (Associate Professor Tuifuisa'a Patila Malua Amosa) on the 17th March 2023.

6. Samoa Fire and Emergency Service Authority

- The Authority acknowledged its partnership with the Australia Pacific Training Coalition (APTC), in offering numerous trainings and short courses to build staff capacity, to help improve skill sets and general knowledge of the Samoa Fire and Emergency services staff in various areas. The Authority also acknowledges its ongoing partnership with JICA.
- A request for a volunteer with a civil engineering background was made to RedR Australia to work for the Authority in a short period of time with a focus on the Authority's projects in particular and other proposed fire stations in rural areas has been approved. The volunteer will arrive and start work in the next FY 2023/2024.
- An annual event for the commemoration of the International Fire Fighters Day was celebrated by the Authority on the 4th May 2023 with the theme "Desire, Courage and Ability to Serve"
- The ambulance services are now extended to all four stations inclusive of Asau Fire station for the first time since the Authority took over the service from MOH.
- The Commissioner attended a meeting for the Pacific Islands Emergency Management Alliance (PIEMA) and Building Safety and Resilience in the Pacific II Projects (BSRP) in Fiji where he was appointed the Chair for the Pacific Islands Fire and Emergency Services Authority (PIFESA)
- Thirty new recruited staff graduated and were allocated to the Operation Department.
- There were three refurbished ambulances, one refurbished rescue truck and two new rescue boats funded by the Embassy of Japan under the Grassroots Assistance Projects. Handover ceremony of these items was conducted on the 15th September 2022.
- The Authority received donated safety items from one of its donor, the Fire Rescue Victoria Melbourne Australia. The donated items were helmets, face shields, eye protectors and neck protectors.
- The Authority had its first audit committee established to govern internal audit function of the Authority. This Audit committee is chaired by one of the Board of Directors; Mr Tufuga Gafualeata Faitua.
- A Project Coordinator Division was approved by the Board with the main intension of getting the Authority's long term projects moving. The Division commenced work on May 2023.
- New services offered was established and approved by the Board to assist staff members who have been exposed and traumatized by incidents and special operations they are directly involved in. Two staff underwent training and graduated with a Certificate in Counseling from APTC and will be called on when there are employees requiring counseling.

7. Samoa Qualifications Authority

- Twenty-four (24) Formal PSET Providers Annual Registration Renewed.
- Three (3) Provider Programmes Accredited and Registered on the Samoa Qualifications Framework from one PSET Provider
- Seven (7) Samoa Qualifications delivered by three PSET Providers
- Thirty-seven (37) Non-Formal Learning Activities recognized from seven (7) Non-Formal PSET Providers
- A Virtual National Career Week for 2022 was held from the 26 – 30 September 2022
- Conducted an Annual Strategic Planning Seminar 2023 from 16 – 17 February 2023

- Courtesy Visits to all formal PSET Providers in June 2023 completed by the SQA Board of Directors and Executive Management Team
- PSET Statistical Bulletin 2022 approved and published on the SQA Website
- Produced SQA inputs for Quarterly Review reports and Annual Review reports of the Education Sector Plan
- Annual Review of AMP 2021-2022 and three (3) Quarterly Reviews of AMP 2022-2023 approved by the Board
- SQA Budget Bid FY2023-2024 and Outcomes Performance Framework approved by the Board and submitted to the Ministry of Finance
- SQA Annual Report FY2021-2022 approved by the Board and submitted to the Ministry of Public Enterprises and Cabinet for approval
- SQA Quarterly Progress Reports FY2022-2023 approved by the Board and submitted to the Ministry of Public Enterprises

8. Scientific Research Organization of Samoa

- SROS has ventured into researching cures for non-communicable diseases and has intensified efforts towards increasing the production of nutritious foods, alongside advocating for the rational use of natural resources.
- SROS has also strategically aligned itself with numerous global research institutes to meet the inherent human quest for knowledge and to safeguard and enrich cultural heritage. With an increasing number of its published materials, the organization is actively promoting the dissemination of scientific knowledge to its stakeholders, including the education system and the broader public, serving as a pivotal mechanism for advancing science in Samoa.

9. Samoa Sports Facilities Authority

- Based on our Risk Assessment, although the Authority closed off ending period with positive Cash Flow Balance of \$288,828, there is a high-level risk on its liquidity position which has been a growing concern over the years. Non-Current Asset Turnover remains at 0.03:1 indicates less than 1% of the Authority's Fixed Assets contributes to its revenue generation. This further emphasized by a negative NPAT \$102,979 and 0.06:1 current ratio which seen to be exceptionally low.