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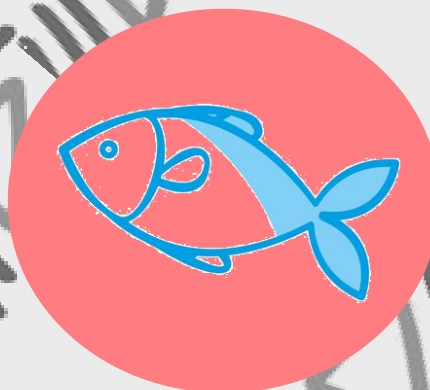
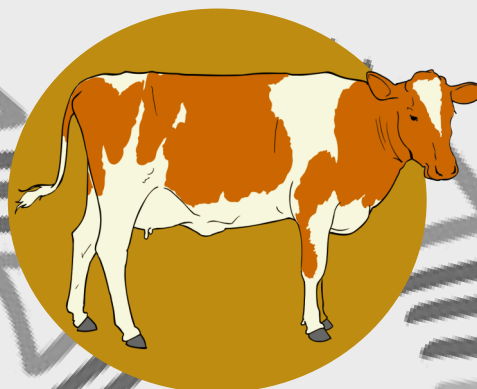
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INCREASING CAPACITY TO REACH TARGETS



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Figure 1 Workshop Participants

February 6th, 2019

The Ministry and Agriculture and Fisheries in collaboration with the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) to carry out and agriculture sector self assessment workshop (Ag Scan).

This workshop was held at Tanoa Tusitala Hotel. The plenary sessions was facilitated by HELVETAS Swiss Inter Cooperation and ITAD. This workshop is a part of the global capacity development initiative known as AVANTI (Advancing Knowledge for Agricultural Impact) and the participants are so fortunate to be able to contribute and reflect during the discussions.

It focuses on enhancing the Samoan government's ability to measure progress and report against the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and Government priority targets in the Agriculture Sector. The workshop will lead to the development of an action plan to enhance national capacities for results based management in the agriculture sector.

Other government Ministries participated including the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Women Community and Social Development, Public Service Commission, Samoa Bureau of Statistics, as well as UN partners, particularly IFAD's sister food agencies FAO and World Food Program WFP.

There were also representatives from the private sector including members from some of the farmers associations in Samoa.

“These boots are for the farmers only and not the Ministry staff.”

Prime Minister made specific rules for donation.



Hon. Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Lufesoliai Malielegaoi accepting kind donation from Ms. Jo Mikarna.

12th February 2019

In addition to the other services offered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, a police-woman from Australia named Jo Mikarna, donated 4000 boots and 500 trousers to be distributed to the farmers in Samoa. This donation will be monitored and distributed by the Ministry for those villages and farmers that received the chainsaws last year. “The ministry gave chainsaws to village mayors and until now, I have not heard back from those chainsaws or maybe they are still under their beds.”



Other guests present:- MAF Assoc. Minister Faasootauloa Pati and her Excellency Sarah Moriarty

The Prime Minister also advised the boots to be fairly distributed and shared to the farmers to avoid public complaints. He hopes that these donations be treated with care and expects that a list of the recipients be submitted for the 13 eyes of the cabinet.

In Jo Mikarna’s speech she spoke of how Samoa is like her second home and she has always wanted to donate to the community. “This time is my eighteenth visit to Samoa, and I have been here so many times that my friends don’t consider me a tourist anymore.”, she also spoke of how the donation was a collective effort of some farmers, adults and also children that were willingly donating and contributing for Samoa. Assistant Chief Executive Officer for Crops Division stated that their Division will be responsible for disseminating this donation for the farmers around Samoa. In the meantime the farmers and village representatives that participated are awaiting their share of the donation for further assisting them on their farms.



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