



Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour
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POST-PROGRAM REVIEW OF THE INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT CREDIT FACILITY FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH PILOT PROGRAM, DEVELOPMENT BANK OF SAMOA (DBS)

PROJECT OVERVIEW AND ROLE

The objective of this consultancy assignment is to conduct a post program review of the Development Bank of Samoa's (DBS) pilot program – Inclusive Development Credit Facility for Women and Youth. The mandate of the DBS is to provide credit financing to viable and sustainable projects to stimulate economic growth and social enhancement. The Inclusive Development Credit Facility for Women and Youth ("the Program") was initiated by DBS to extend credit financing to the community, targeting unemployed women and youth who hadn't previously received any funding assistance from financial institutions or government.

The Program pilot was conducted across the whole of Savaii. The objectives of the Program included:

- Enabling access to credit finance for women and youth;
- Empowering women and youth in micro business development that will contribute to self-sustainability and economic growth;
- Increasing the number of women and youth supported by the banking sector and promote their usage of other financial services such as commercial banking, insurance, SNPF etc.,
- Enhancing inclusive engagement for business development support, entrepreneurship, self- sustainability, livelihood and harmony within communities.
- Support and contribute to the achievement of the Samoan Development Strategy's (SDS) overarching objectives.

The Consultant will determine the appropriate methodology to meet the purpose and objectives of the assignment. Recommendations must be based on sound quantitative (and qualitative) evidence and presented in a balanced and transparent way. The Consultant will work closely with DBS, specifically its Lending Division in Savaii, where the Program pilot was implemented. The Consultant is expected to spend up to one week in Savaii, conducting field work and meeting with groups of beneficiaries, who took out loans, to gather data on the impact of the financing on wealth and livelihoods. The total input time is 30 days.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

This Technical Assistance (TA) assignment is being funded by New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade through Component 1 of the Samoa Private Sector Development Programme (PSDP). This component is implemented by Samoa's Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour with support from Palladium, the Programme Implementation Contractor. Decisions on TA assignments including approval of final deliverables are made by a Project Approval Committee.

Home & Field Based: Apia, Samoa

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