



In the first instance, Beca's aim was to identify a vision and highlight objectives, establishing policies and methods for integrated and sustainable management. A long-term vision for enhancing hazard resilience was also considered, providing a sound basis for the future use, development and protection of Samoa's land and vulnerable coastal resources.

Management of land and resources in Samoa is very complex, and there is a delicate balance between the jurisdiction of central government and the autonomous rights of local villages which are protected in the national Constitution.

Beca's strategy focused on consultation and raising awareness in village communities. The team presented an easy-to-read strategy that showed the importance of managing infrastructure and resources to improve coastal hazard resilience; the emphasis was on support, education and a common vision.

The second stage of the strategy involved Beca helping local village leaders and government representatives to prepare local Coastal Infrastructure Management Plans. These guided the implementation of the strategy at the local level with an emphasis upon a partnership arrangement between Government and the local village.

Project Description

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Associated Consultants: None

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