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## American Samoa Government Announces FEMA Reimbursement Approval for COVID-19 DOH Vaccination Project

**PAGO PAGO, American Samoa** – The American Samoa Government is pleased to announce the official approval of the FEMA reimbursement for the COVID-19 Department of Health (DOH) Vaccination Project. This confirmation was issued by the Office of Disaster Assistance and Petroleum Management (ODAPM) Director, Lologa Olo.

This project was overseen by the State Public Assistance Officer, Mrs. Tracie Sataraka, who has diligently managed coordination efforts with FEMA.

ODAPM Director Lologa Olo also expressed appreciation for the collaborative effort that led to this approval:

“This has been a long and detailed process, and we are grateful to FEMA for their partnership and final approval. I want to acknowledge the hard work of our Public Assistance team, especially Mrs. Tracie Sataraka, who has been steadfast in managing the coordination and documentation required for this project. This reimbursement reflects the commitment of our agencies to ensure that American Samoa receives every dollar it is entitled to under federal disaster programs.”

We extend our sincere appreciation to Governor Pula’alii Nikolao Pula and Lt. Governor Pulumataala Ae Ae Jr. for consistently advocating for this reimbursement during their meetings in Washington, D.C. Their leadership and persistence were instrumental in moving this long-pending request forward.

The reimbursement request had been under FEMA review for nearly two years before receiving final approval. All projects under Disaster DR4537 COVID-19 are funded at a 100% federal cost share, and the approved reimbursement will be deposited directly into the Treasury under the General Fund.



## Project Information

- **Project Number:** 170436
- **PW Number:** 4
- **Category:** B – Emergency Protective Measures
- **Project Title:** American Samoa DOH Vaccine Distribution

This closeout version obligates \$1,290,403.07 in additional funding. ODAPM submitted the Department of Health's request for approval of this cost overrun, along with American Samoa's formal support for the increase in the overall project amount.

The cost overrun resulted from additional contract expenses associated with a change in the Scope of Work (SOW), which expanded vaccination services to additional villages and individuals across the territory.

With this closeout action, the final eligible project cost totals \$8,048,153.57.

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