

WESTERN SAMOA

NATIONAL SUMMARY REPORT

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SECTION A: PROFILE

Composition of National Committee (National Disaster Council: NDC)

Government Departments

Prime Minister's Department	(2)
Police and Prison Service	(1)
Treasury Department	(1)
Department of Health	(1)
Public Works Department	(1)
Department of Posts and Telecommunication	
Department of Lands, Survey and Environment	(1)
Department of Agriculture, Forests & Fisheries	(1)
Ministry of Transport	(1)
Ministry of Foreign Affairs	(1)

NGO's

DSO of Western Samoa	1)
Red Cross Society of Western Samoa	1)

Media

Department of Broadcasting	(1)
Office of Information and Public Relations	(1)

Public Services

Electric Power Corporation	(1)
Meteorological Office	(1)
Division of Internal Affairs and Village Puler	(2)

Others

Representatives of Foreign Governments as international organisations accredited to Samoa	all as regional and Western Samoa.
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2. Internal Organisation of the Committee

The Prime Minister and Cabinet have overall control over disaster management. However, in the reconstituted (December 1991 during Cyclone Val) NDC, the four most senior Cabinet Ministers joined the NDC with the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance assuming the chairmanship of the Council, and the Secretary of Government becoming the Deputy Chairman. The rest of the NDC was made up of the heads of most of the Government Departments, members of the Diplomatic Corps and representatives of the NDC. The reconstituted NDC was able to make decisions quickly and have them implemented immediately, in contrast with the cumbersome and time-wasting arrangements in place prior to Cyclone Val.