

DR-1859-AS

Background: An earthquake (MAG 8.3) occurred about 140 miles southwest of Pago Pago, American Samoa (AS) at 29 September 0648 SST. Multiple tsunamis impacted American Samoa beginning 0730 SST (1830 GMT).

Declaration: The President approved a request for Federal Assistance FEMA-1859-DR-AS which included Individual Assistance, assistance for debris removal and emergency protective measures (Category A and B) under the Public Assistance Program and Mitigation. Amendments added Public Assistance Program Categories C-G, 90% Federal Cost Share, and 100% of total eligible costs for 30 consecutive days for Public Assistance Categories A and B.

Data Summary:

Total Registrations: 8,449

Housing Assistance: \$17,752,819.40

Other Needs Assistance: \$4,087,979.07

U.S. Small Business Administration:

Home Loans: 489 for \$6,381,100.00

Business Loans: 57 for \$10,323,500.00

Disaster Recovery Center Visits: 25,598

Present Status:

Permanent Housing Construction: 57 homes planned; eight underway.

Mitigation: Completed National Flood Insurance Program training for American Samoan Government officials. Completed "NFIP Quick Guide" book for American Samoan Departments of Commerce and Public Works.

Public Assistance has funded 64 of 181 eligible projects for \$10.3 Million, Federal Share.

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