

## **The Application of EM within Integrated Agricultural Village Development in Samoa**

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**Abstract** : *A resource centre, O Le Puna Atamai - Samusu Conservation and Development Centre, in Samusu village, Samoa is to become the distributor of EM to Samoa. The centre has been set up in a co-management arrangement to facilitate interaction between Samusu village and Government Ministries and Departments. The centre will run workshops run by Government Ministries and Departments as well as NGOs. It will shortly also become a community Trust to run the provision of 'Effective Microorganisms' (EM) for the village and Samoa as a whole, as well as a compost toilet industry based in the village. Samusu village is planned to become a model village in Samoa for how EM can be incorporated within organic and high yielding mixed cropping and agro-forestry development, and appropriate waste management. The application of EM is to be integrated into leading edge agricultural research and development in Samoa. This includes the recovery and development of traditional mixed cropping regimes.*

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