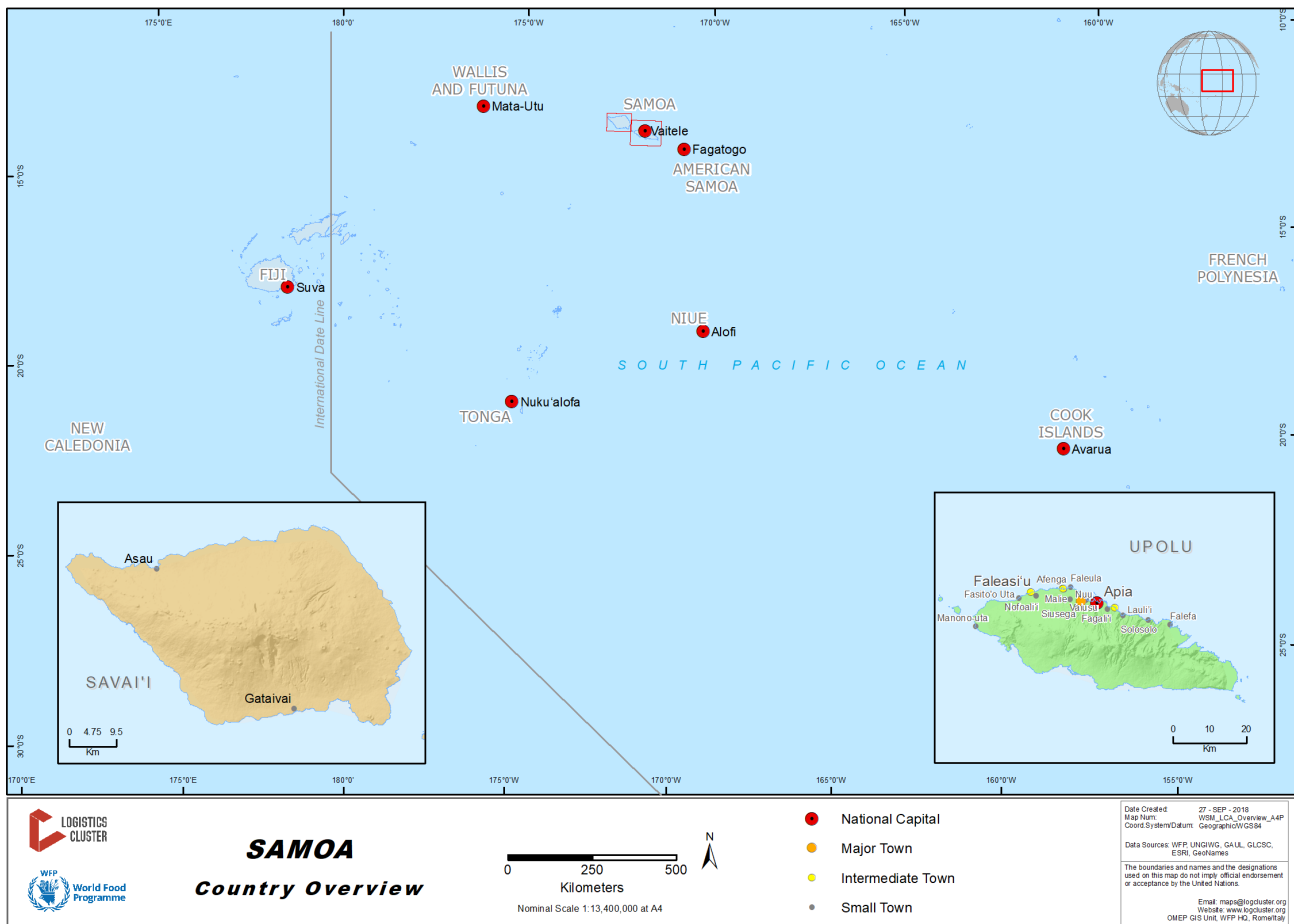


# 1 Samoa Country Profile



## Generic Information

Samoa, officially the Independent State of Samoa and, until 4 July 1997, known as Western Samoa, is a unitary parliamentary democracy with eleven administrative divisions. The two main islands are Savai'i and Upolu with four smaller islands surrounding the landmasses. The capital city is Apia. The Lapita people discovered and settled the Samoan Islands around 3,500 years ago. They developed a unique Samoan language and Samoan cultural identity.

Samoa is a member of the Commonwealth of Nations. Western Samoa was admitted to the United Nations on 15 December 1976.

Generic country information can be located from sources, which are regularly maintained and reflect current facts and figures. For a generic country overview, please consult the following sources:

[Samoa Wikipedia Country Information](#)

[Samoa IMF Country Information](#)

[Samoa Economist Intelligence Unit Information\\*](#)

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## Humanitarian Information

[Samoa UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs](#)

## Facts and Figures

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