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Relationships and health impact assessment: the Samoan initiative

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This paper:

- ✿ Describes some of the challenges and how they were overcome in the delivery of the training;
- ✿ describes the model of health used in the initiative; and
- ✿ elaborates on the evaluation.....

About the initiative

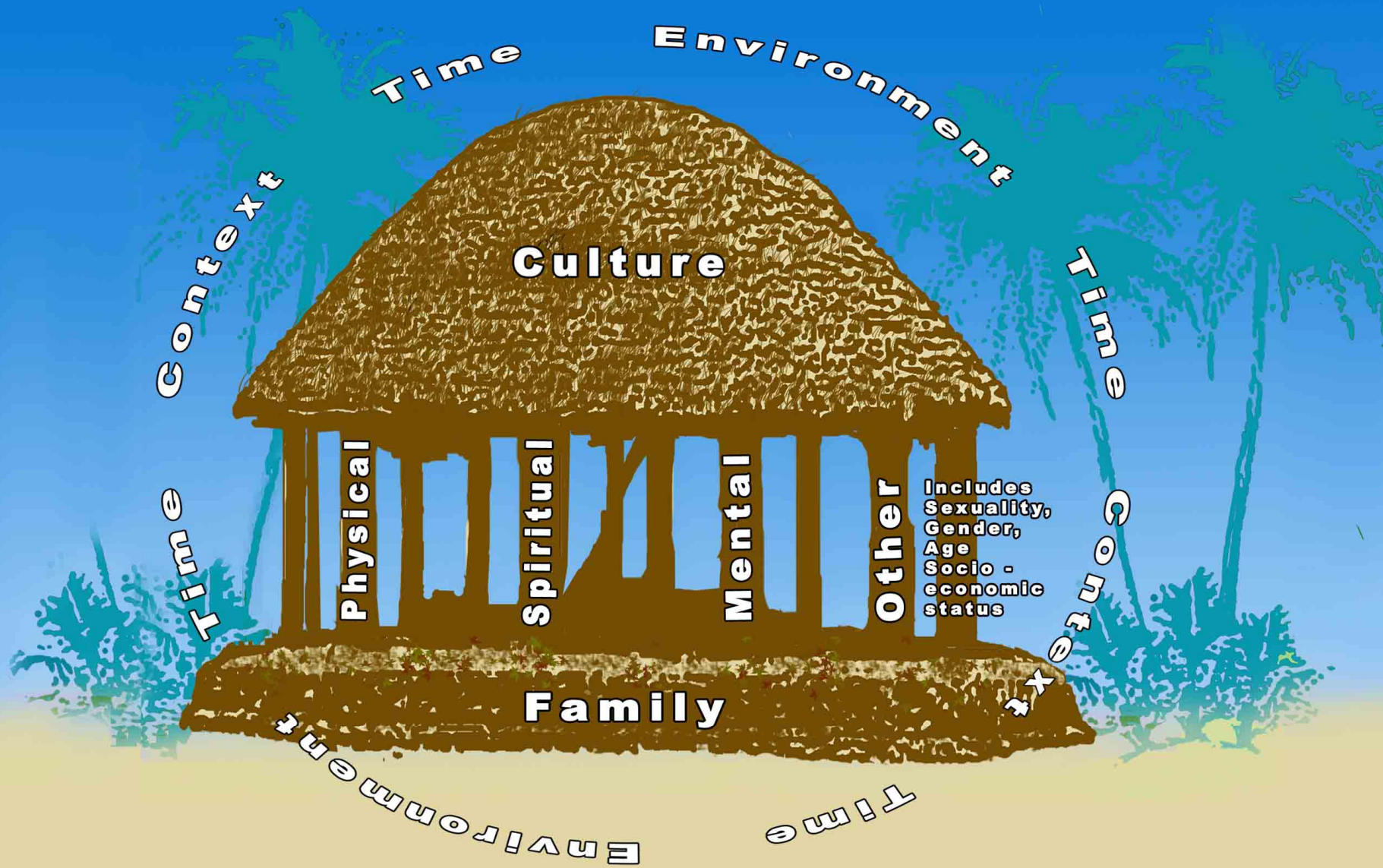
- 🌺 Funded through NZAID's Government Agency Fund; led by the New Zealand Ministry of Health
- 🌺 to raise awareness of HIA and build capacity
- 🌺 Working with the Samoan Ministry of Health and Ministry of Finance
- 🌺 Training partnership with the University of Otago HIA Research Unit

Challenges

- ✿ Incorporating cultural elements
- ✿ Ensuring relevance to the Samoan context
- ✿ Involving other sectors

And solutions...

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the scenarios

Two scenarios used:

- 🌺 Tourist Development in Palauli Bay, Savai'i
- 🌺 Reconstruction of District Hospital in Poutasi

the relationships



The next steps

four areas for further action to strengthen HIA methods and approaches in Samoa:

- ✿ strengthening the policy framework for HIA
- ✿ developing guidance on how to apply HIA
- ✿ building HIA capacity
- ✿ increasing the evidence base about the benefits of applying HIA methods and approaches.

The lessons learnt

Three lessons from the project:

- 🌺 Importance of Government to Government partnership
- 🌺 Importance of on-the-ground capacity and leadership
- 🌺 Importance of ensuring the training was fit-for-purpose

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