



REPAIR & MAINTENANCE

UPDATE



A new preformed metal roof is installed at Tafuna Elementary

ABCs Implementation Progress

Having boots-on-the-ground, local involvement is critical to ABCs success. Monty Chin, ABCs Program Manager with HHF Planners, actively manages all ABCs activities and projects jointly with the Department of Public Works (DPW). The ABCs work is executed based on local market conditions (e.g., material and contractor availability) and DPW's prioritized needs. ABCs primary focus has been on health and safety needs such as rest room, electrical, and exterior railing repairs.

Completed Projects

Approximately 50 projects, costing over \$400,000 utilizing local contractors have been completed to date at American Samoa Public Schools under the ABC program. Completed projects include:

- Rest room Restoration
- Electrical Upgrades
- Exterior Railing repair/replacement



Workers from local contractor Global Tech Limited install new roofing on the cafeteria of Tafuna Elementary School

Insular ABCs

The Assessment of Buildings and Classrooms (ABCs) initiative is a partnership between the US Department of Interior's Office of Insular Affairs (OIA) and American Samoa. The US Army Corps of Engineers manages the ABCs program through its Contractor, HHF Planners.

ABCs is focused on (1) improving the physical condition of American Samoa Public Schools and (2) supporting capacity building initiatives to manage school facilities. Status reports are available at hhfplanners.com.

This effort would not be possible without the dedication and support of DPW led by Director Faleosina Voigt, School Maintenance General Manager Kenape Aumavae, and School Maintenance Assistant Manager: Don McMullin.

Current Projects

Contracts worth over \$175,000 have recently been awarded for seven different projects at six schools. Repairs include air condition unit installation, exterior railing replacement, exterior stair repairs, and roof repairs.

Projected Projects

The ABC program expects to have an additional \$1.5M in projects awarded to local contractors by the end of 2017. Projects will continue to focus on health and safety systems and will include the following types of work:

- Fire Alarm Systems
- Roof and Ceiling Repairs
- Site Drainage Issues
- Structural Repairs



Railing repairs are underway at Aua & Tafuna Elementary

Maintenance Requests

Effective January 2017, School Principals should direct all trouble calls and maintenance requests to:

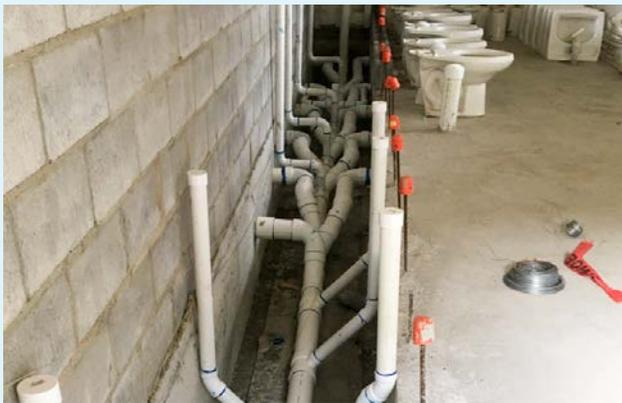
Marlynn Logoi at the DPW School Maintenance Office
Phone: 684-669-9921 ext. 226
Email: marlynnlogoi02@gmail.com

Restroom Renovation

Projects have been completed at nine different schools to renovate restrooms with new fixtures, plumbing and flooring. Work at Matatula Elementary is in progress with work at more schools planned for the future.



A new foundation and flooring is prepped at Matafao Elementary



New concrete wall, plumbing and fixtures are being installed at Matafao Elementary

Monty's Remarks

Since arriving in American Samoa almost two years ago, Monty Chin has seen improvements in procurement processes, including tracking and accounting.



Monty Chin, ABCs Program Manager with HHF Planners

The Procurement Office increased the Purchase Order limit, from \$2,500 to \$10,000, and is also allowing DPW to procure work in-house if estimated to be under \$10,000, which saves a lot of time for small scope repairs. This has helped him to get dozens of work items awarded through the ASG procurement system.

Monty is also engaging DPW procurement staff in regular meetings to keep projects and payments running smoothly. Monty has been fortunate to have support from key staff in ASG agencies. This support and collaboration has been critical in moving the school repair program forward.



DPW Director, Faleosina Voigt is glad to have the extra ABCs Initiative resources and is looking forward to continued support.

With the Governor's support, the program will continue to improve learning conditions for American Samoa's K-12 students and keep school facility management moving in a favorable direction.

Exterior Verandah Repairs

Second story verandah railings are being replaced at Tafuna Elementary School to improve student safety (photos below). The steel anchors in the concrete were rusted beyond repair and needed to be replaced. Work also included replacing the entire walkway with reinforced concrete. The underlying rebar will make the concrete more durable and crack resistant.



Above, left: Rusted railings are being replaced. Second from left: Existing concrete has cracks and spalling. Third from left: New rebar is laid to support new concrete flooring. Top, right: A crew from E&W Construction pours new concrete.