



THE CRAWFORD FUND FOR FOOD SECURITY ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Emerging Voices Shaping Regional Integration for a Food Secure World

10-11 August 2026

Parliament House, Canberra,
Australia, and online



FOOD SECURITY *THROUGH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS: THE PASEFIKA CONTEXT*

I'umalo Clayton Simamao: *GAFSP Asia Pacific Executive
Member*



GAFSP: Global Agriculture and Food Security Program

The Global Agriculture and Food Security Program (GAFSP) is a multilateral financing and partnership platform dedicated to improving food and nutrition security worldwide

- Launched by the G20 in 2008 in wake of the food price crisis
- Pooled over \$2.4B in donor funds to support vulnerable communities- reaching 40M beneficiaries
- Working with Governments, Farmers and Producer organization in project design and implementation.

Main Goal- Improving food and nutrition security worldwide

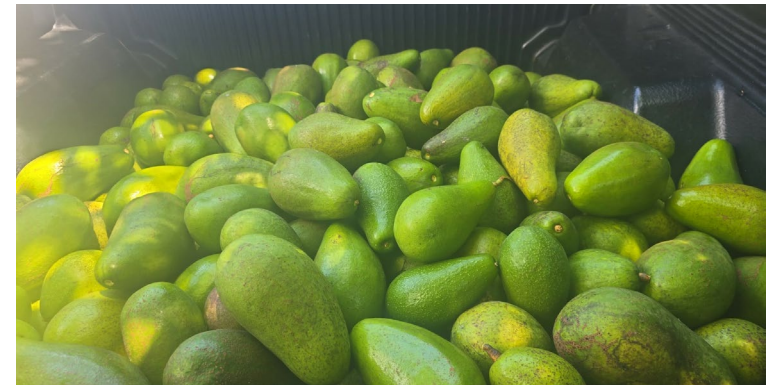
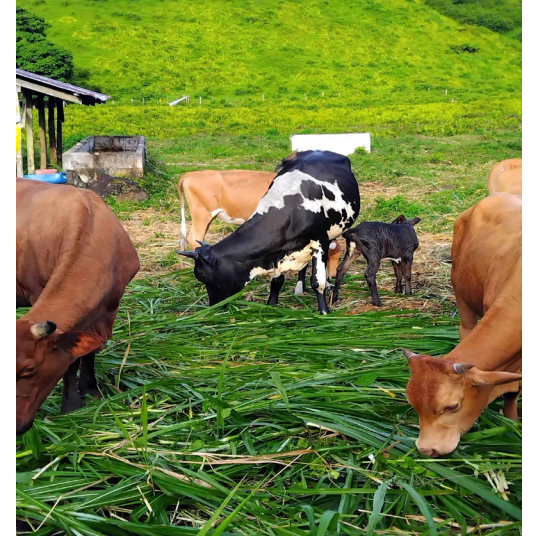


My Journey

- Global Level: GAFSP Executive Member
- Regional Level: Pacific Farmers Organization: *Youth Ambassador*
- National Level: Samoa Farmers Association- Contractor

Business and Farming background- Long term crops (Avocado, Citrus and Kava) and Livestock (Bee Keeping and Cattle Farming): *COVID19 was a wake up call*

Farming knowledge was learnt through experience and knowledge sharing.



The reliance of Pacific Farmers on International Partnership

- Pacific Farmers are grant dependent to survive in the ever changing environment.
- Support needed from international partners includes: grants, technical assistance, capacity building, Concessional loans.

Donors/Partners and monitoring agencies have a strong input on how projects are to be Implemented.



Emerging challenges from Donor Reliance

International donors/partners tend to enforce Agriculture solutions not suitable for the Pacific context- areas for consideration:

- Cultural Context
- Supporting Infrastructure
- Geographical isolation
- The Pacific way

Being Resilient:

- Local Solutions with adapting traditional farming knowledge
- Simple solutions easily understandable by smallholder farmers.
- Building knowledge for Farmers and adapting to new changes.

Farmer Motivation and Positive Morale is Critical



New local innovations- Are supported by International partners if it builds farmers resilience challenges in improving food security.

Some of local innovations in the Pacific is planting of Climate Resilient crops and varieties. *Eg PNG Rice, faster harvest Taro Variety in Samoa*

Rainwater harvesting

Soil regeneration

Building Agroforestry with Native Trees

Access to finance through farmer groups



Pacific Farmers implementing Agri-Climate Solutions must utilize feasible action plans that best suit their circumstances and surrounding environment.

