

# Why Disaster Preparedness, Mitigation, and Response Matters: A Case in Two Cook Islands How and Why the 2007 Western Samoan Islands Tsunami Disaster Led to Different Outcomes for Two Urban Communities

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**Abstract:** In 2007, a tsunami struck the Cook Islands, devastating the country. Two urban communities in the country were affected differently. This paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country.

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## **1. Introduction: The 2007 Western Samoan Islands Tsunami and Impact on the Two Urban Communities of the Country**

The paper examines a case of disaster preparedness, mitigation, and response in the 2007 tsunami in the Western Samoan Islands. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country. The paper examines how and why the disaster led to different outcomes for two urban communities in the country.