

## Health Care Waste Management Training

As part of the current institutional capacity building programs with the Health Care Waste Sector under SWAP Component 1 programme, the Health Care Waste Management (HCWM) Unit of Ministry of Health conducted two training workshops in Savaii on 17<sup>th</sup> March and Upolu on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2011. Participants were mainly health care personnel from the National Health Services and also the HCW partners in the health sector.

The aim of these training workshops is for trainees to learn about the components of the HCWM Plan in terms of processes in the HCW System / Stream and HCW Infrastructure and its relation to their roles and responsibilities as health care providers and/or health care waste generators to ensure safety procedures are well maintained and monitored during handling and management of health care waste. Also, the enhancement of knowledge and skills of participants to ensure effective, efficient and sustainable management of health care waste at their workplaces for occupational health and safety measures.

The objectives of the workshop are for the participants to know about Waste Classification and Segregation based on the International guidelines and health care waste matrix by WHO; to recognize the seven components in the HCWM Plan and its application to the HCWM System and HCWM Infrastructure; and understanding the new incinerator model (Mediburn) used in Savaii for treatment and disposal of health care waste.

