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- 1. To ensure Food security the Ministry of Agriculture offers stimulus package assistance.**
- 2. Crossword: Vegetables and Fruits**

1. COVID19 - Stimulus Package

Strengthening the capacity of local farmers and fishers for sustainable agriculture and fishing initiatives is one of the main focuses for the Ministry. Given the current restrictions and lockdowns due to the pandemic, the government of Samoa has been proactive in finding more effective and efficient ways to assist the locals to ensure the security of food, nutrition and income.

The government has addressed its first supplementary budget estimates for 2020/2021 and an announcement of a Stimulus Package Assistance that is totaled to \$150million. Due to the global lockdowns, there are some major goods and services shortages and a decrease in the global economy urges our people to save our land and sea resources for survival.

The Ministry has offered a Stimulus Package assistance for the farmers and fishers. One million taro cultivars (tiapula) will be distributed to farmers in Upolu and Savaii as part of this package. This assistance also allows the Fisheries Division to assist in the licensing of fishing vessels. The Livestock Division will be monitoring and mobilizing the cattle, sheep and chicken available for the farmers.
