

The background of the entire image is a dense, close-up photograph of green leaves, likely from a tropical plant, with prominent veins and varying shades of green. The leaves are layered, creating a sense of depth and texture.

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**American Samoa Government Resilience
Commission**

Governor's Resilience Office



Mission Statement



American Samoa recognizes the urgency of climate impacts with grave concern and the need to respond quickly and strategically to ensure the protection, adaptive capacity, resilience, and well-being of the islands and residents of American Samoa



Vision

The Governor's Resilience Office's vision is to create a sustainable, thriving, resilient community that dynamically adapt and mitigate climate change impacts, with ready access for American Samoa's generations to come.

Resilience Life Model

Absorption

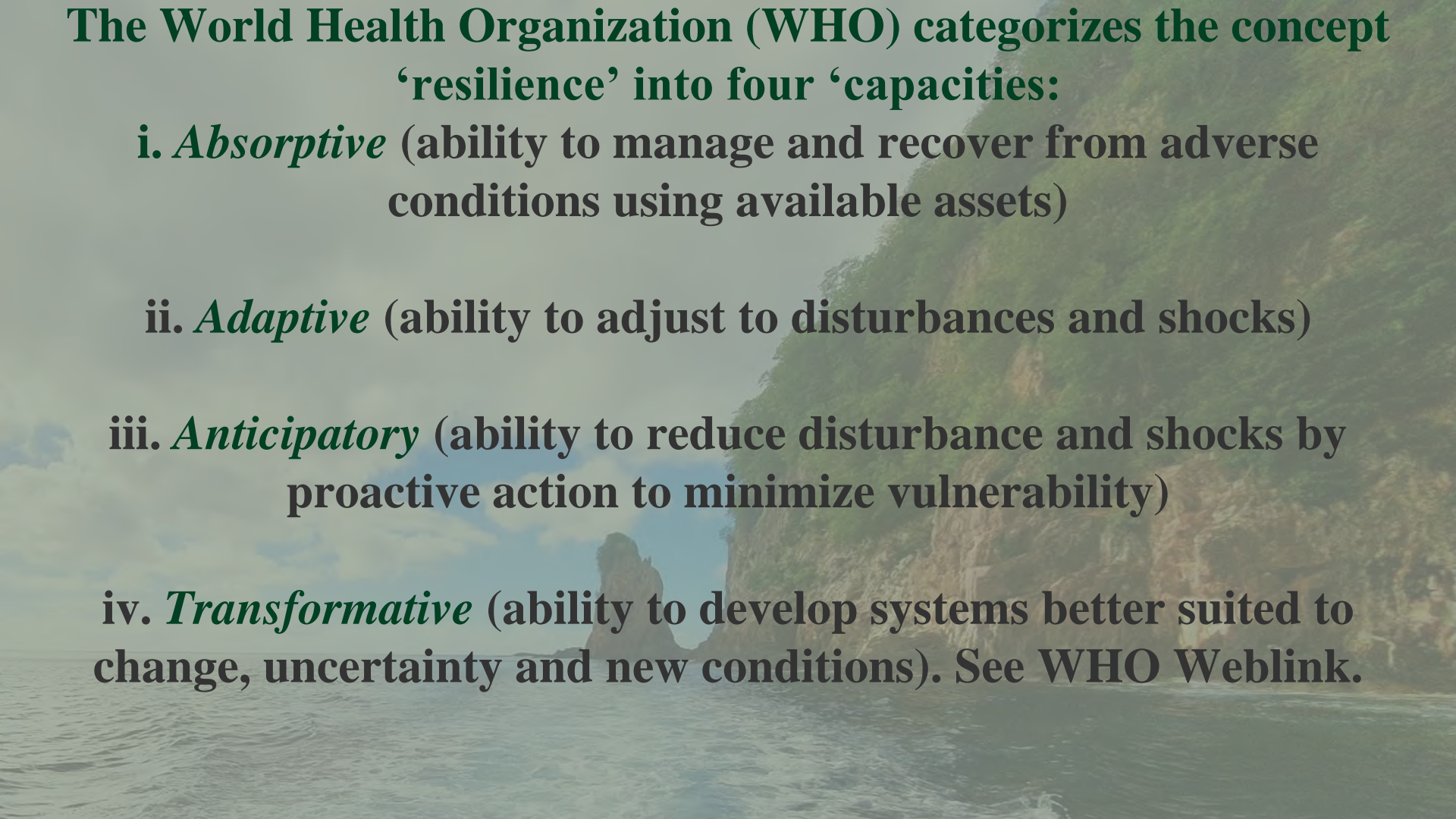
Adaptation

RESILIENCE

Mitigation

Transformation



The background of the slide is a scenic photograph of a rocky coastline. The sky is a clear, bright blue, and the sea is a deep, calm blue. The rocks are dark and jagged, with some green vegetation visible on the upper slopes. The overall atmosphere is serene and natural.

The World Health Organization (WHO) categorizes the concept ‘resilience’ into four ‘capacities:

i. *Absorptive* (ability to manage and recover from adverse conditions using available assets)

ii. *Adaptive* (ability to adjust to disturbances and shocks)

iii. *Anticipatory* (ability to reduce disturbance and shocks by proactive action to minimize vulnerability)

iv. *Transformative* (ability to develop systems better suited to change, uncertainty and new conditions). See WHO Weblink.

Climate Impacts - Matters of Critical Concerns

- Increased Green Gas Emission
- Sea Level Rising
- Islands Sinking
- Coastal Lands Erosion
- Severe Storms & Earthquakes
- Decrease in near-shore fish stocks
- Coral Reef Ecosystem Degradation
- Increased Health Risks from Transmission of Diseases
- Food Scarcity/Increased Dependence on Off-Island Food Sources
- Water Contamination
- Ocean Acidification
- Economic and Environmental Damages
- Other Unforeseen Repercussions arising from Climate Change

Remedial Solutions



- Local Collaborations and Concerted Initiatives
- Intergovernmental Partnership
- Regional and Global Initiatives and Actions
- Climate Change Organizations Collaborations (GRO, EPA, and SPREP etc.)
- Changed Lifestyles

An aerial photograph of a tropical coastline. The foreground shows a dark, pebbly beach with white foam from waves washing onto the shore. The ocean is a deep blue, with white surf breaking further out. In the background, there are lush green hills and mountains under a blue sky with scattered white clouds. A small village with several buildings is visible on the right side of the beach. A dark, semi-transparent banner is overlaid across the middle of the image, containing white text.

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