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Bills Committee met with CSOs and SUNGO members



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VISION

Samoa has a competent and confident civil society sector that promotes sustainable development and quality of life for the people of Samoa

MISSION

The Umbrella Organisation for Samoan NGOs providing information, programmes, opportunities, and advocacy for civil society in Samoa



CSO and SUNGO members with the Parliament Bills Committee on the Constitutional Amendment meeting at Tofilau Eti Alesana hall at Mulinu'u

Two months after the Civil Society Forum discussions of more Women in Parliament, SUNGO met with the Bills Committee to present its submission on the proposed Constitutional Amendments. The unified approach covered overall views of CSO members. SUNGO representative Lemalu Nele Leilua presented the submission. A positive way forward that would save Samoa in the future was the key message the Women in Leadership Group presented with their support behind the constitutional amendment. Secretary of WILG Vaasiliifiti Moe'agi added; "Let us tell the world that we are truly a civilized nation". Traditionally, they believed that the race between brothers and sisters in political leadership could only be opti-

mistic if their roles as advisors are to be considered. There were also some issues raised on possible alternatives to guarantee their positions into parliament. However, this did not mean that they could be written off as free riders, as this would defeat the purpose why amendments were anticipated in the first place.

After the submission was delivered, the chairman, honourable MP Tuisa Tasi Patea gave the opportunity to his committee members to reflect upon the issues raised in the submission. All provided positive feedbacks. They complimented SUNGO on a very comprehensive report and the initiative to collect public opinions on the issue. They agreed that matters regarding women should also be dealt with by women.

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Message from the National President

It is my pleasure to express my sincere appreciation and thanks to all our members and stakeholders for the ongoing support throughout this financial year. As we are at the last quarter of this fiscal year I must congratulate all who have been involved and continue to have faith in ensuring that our mission and vision to support civil society engagement and participation for a better Samoa is continuously successful.

We came across a lot of challenges in our journey but it was how we picked ourselves up and strive forward is most important. The last three months we maintain our efforts to involve with government, development partners and stakeholders through meetings and ensuring that communities are kept in the loop of developments that are effective for the well-being of the people. We have also implicated in many activities and events both regionally and internationally; a clear indication of how we are recognized as an umbrella organisation for civil societies.

Let us continue to serve our purpose at the best of our abilities Fa'afetai and God bless you all. SMC

"SUNGO working to improve the livelihood of the people of Samoa"

Water is LIFE

Source: CSSP

The Civil Society Support Programme launched its first round of funding for 2012 on the 30 April at the Tuutuuileloto Hall, Mulivai. The focus was mainly on the improvements to water security in vulnerable communities. Forty four village organisations in Savaii, Upolu and Manono were successful

with their applications and received their official letters of approval. These village organisations applied for funds through the Civil Society Support Programme as part of the ongoing partnership between the Australian and Samoan governments.

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Members of the CEDAW during their retreat at the Orator Hotel

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Bills Committee met with CSOs and SUNGO



SUNGO members before the meeting with the Bills Committee

However, one suggestion made was that the issue of discrimination against women should have also been included in the submission.

In his closing remarks, the Chairman advised that SUNGO should consider approaching the Electoral Committee. *"The best alternative is to cater for all possible angles to ensure the support is enough when the issue is debated"*, he said.

The committee and he especially congratulated SUNGO once again for hoisting these

issues and acquiesce to the Bills Committee for discussion and consideration. He added that he is fully satisfied and accepted every recommendation as proposed.

Overall, in marked contrast to other submissions made, the SUNGO group adopted a non confrontational approach to this issue based on dialogue and negotiation. The submission was successful.

Now the wait begins.

Civil Societies to advice on Changes

The Planning and Urban Management Agency invited SUNGO and Civil Societies to discuss the first step in the review process of its Act. The Act was passed in January 2004 and came into effect in July 2004 as a response to addressing urban planning and management issues in Samoa. It was asserted on the principle of sustainable development, balancing community well-being, economic development and protection of the natural environment.

According to the PUMA office, this review of the Act was undertaken due to recent criticisms on its performance and administration of the Act. Some of the most fragile issues



SUNGO members at PUMA

raised included the delay in the processing of minor development applications, all development

needs consent under the Act, duplication and overlap between permitting controls under other legislation, ability of third parties to influence the outcome of determinations, notification of affected parties. They believed that there is a wide perception by the general public that the

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"The Power of ONENESS"

Let us first discuss the smallest UNIT of our society.

A family indicates oneness, they live together, they work together, they enjoy together, they share their woes together, and this is the basis strength of the UNIT.

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CBO members on one of the capacity building programmes at Satupaitea Savaii

From front page Water is LIFE

"It will not only help to provide consistent water supplies, improve access to water tanks and other storage facilities but will improve access to natural springs and reservoirs." - Dr Henningham

SAT 5 million was allocated to fund the programme over a period of two years contributed by the Australian government. The first round of funding of SAT 1 million was assigned for distribution to the successful applicants. Grants ranged from SAT 5,000 to SAT 30,000 to ensure assistance to vulnerable communities for access to water harvest support schemes. The remaining WST 4 million was allocated to water security projects developed over the next two years by CSSP in close collaboration with the Samoan Water Authority.

Australian High Commissioner, Dr Stephen Henningham said the program is part of Australia's International Climate Change Adaptation Initiative. This Initiative assists communities that lack reliable sources of water and where the impacts of climate change on water resources are most likely to be felt.

Dr Henningham explained, *"This programme will have positive impact on the people in the communities. It will not only help to provide consistent water supplies, improve access to water tanks and other storage facilities but will improve access to natural springs and reservoirs."* The representative from the Min-

istry of Finance also added that the prolonged droughts of 2011 impacted mainly on rural communities in drought prone areas. Additionally affected are the low income households who found it a costly exercise to get water delivered.

Hence funding for water security projects is a special allocation, which augments the WST 8 million provided to the Civil Society Support Programme for 2012 through 2014 for a broad range of other sectoral projects planned and implemented by community organisations. CSSP was set up by the Government of Samoa, in association with the Australian Government (through AusAID) and the European Union, in recognition of the contribution of civil society to national social and economic development.

CSSP supports community organisation projects in health, education, agriculture, income generation, disaster preparedness, community development, culture, recreation and good governance as well as projects and activities for improved advocacy and dialogue with government and funding partners.

Progress with the NGO Assessment



John Cretney

The NGO Assessment Project is a project being undertaken by SUNGO with CSSP support. The objective is to develop a self assessment process that can be used by NGOs for self improvement.

As well, NGOs which have received or which are applying for Category 2 or above funding are expected by CSSP to go through this process to identify strengths and weaknesses and areas where training or support might be needed.

An important feature of the process is that the Assessment is not being used in the initial CSSP Funding approval process and this aspect is being stressed with those NGOs taking part. What is important is that NGOs involved demonstrate a willingness to take part in an open way and to then work to improve through assistance and training.

Good progress has been made. Research was completed earlier in the year on systems used in other countries including the Pacific. A trial Assessment Tool and process was then developed with the help of a consultative group which included CSSP, NGOs and SUNGO.

A pilot exercise was then undertaken with SUNGO which involved an assessment conducted with the SUNGO CEO,

Board and staff. The Assessment tool was then updated from the feedback and an information meeting for NGOs held in May.

Since then, Assessments with a group of NGOs have commenced involving a small team from SUNGO consisting of SUNGO Technical Advisor John Cretney and SUNGO Trainers Italia Leau and Kattrina Esera.

Each assessment generally involves an introductory meeting with the manager to complete the assessment followed by meetings with staff and the Board. The end result will be a report that both identifies the strengths of the organisation and also areas where improvements can be made through support or training.

NOLA was one of the NGOs which took part on the first face of the process. According to the Office Manager Faatino Utumapu, *"this is a very important process for us. We started with a Self Assessment before the assessors conducted the actual process. It's challenging but it helps identify our strengths and weaknesses."* She added that in order for them to achieve their objectives and as a successful NGO, they must assess what they are lacking and work from there for improvements.

2012 Training Programmes

Civil Societies encouraged of Good Governance

Behind every successful organisation is a good governing board. Poor governance and leadership skills within NGOs or organisations result in poor decision making, and ultimately failure. The purpose of good governance training is to strengthen new and existing governing bodies of organisations to maximise sustainability and maintain transparency within the organisation.

SUNGO recently sponsored a course in Good Governance through the In-Country Programme led by trainer Garth Foreman. This course was specifically directed at Executive Council Members, CEOs, Management of NGOs and Senior Officers. As leaders of organisations, they must be well trained and have all the capacities of good governance. One of the important skills learnt from the training is the ability to identify areas in which concepts of traditional governance may be useful in the current operation of CBOs and NGOs, and be able to merge these concepts into their current systems.

SUNGO motivates usage of technology

Technology is now the modern tool to conduct business. Almost every work is done using computerised systems.



Computers are easy, convenient and an effective tool to use for any purpose. However, not all have the knowledge and skills to use computers.

This training was aimed to build on basic computer

skills of participants by developing further skills in more advanced software as well as upgraded basic applications. There are aspects of commonly used software which can be utilized to enhance office productivity. The course also



covered skills required in simple computer maintenance like virus checking as well as using some of computer optimisation tools.

Often people seemed to ignore the importance of using file management process. These simple tasks are effective in the organi-

sation and management of computer records.

During the one week workshop, participants were given the chance to explore the use of more advanced features of MS Word some features of MS Excel for budgeting as well as setting up a simple database.

This course is specifically directed at staff/participants that have basic familiarity and knowledge with computer systems and applications and are looking to develop these skills.

The trainer was Samoa's own Mr Falanaipupu Daniel Aiafi and was made possible with assistance from the Samoa In-County Training Program (SICTP). The training was conducted at SUNGO office at Vaitele.

Members taught on money

As we draw near the end of this financial year, SUNGO and its capacity building programmes is still on the move. During this week, 11 – 15 June, SUNGO delivered a practical course on Financial Skills for Community Organisations. The



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SUNGO advocates Social Accountability



SUNGO members during group discussions on Social Accountability



"Education"

"Education isn't how much you have committed to memory, or even how much you know. It's being able to differentiate between what you know and what you don't."

Anatole France

2012 Training Programmes continue

"SUNGO Members please send us your stories! We love to hear about activities from member organizations. Please call 24322 or email info@sungo.ws to keep us informed! "

We also have a few copies of the "The Samoa Health and Safety Study" Report to give out.

Just call or visit us at our main office at Vaitele to pick up a copy of the report

UNDP requested this workshop to be coordinated by SUNGO due to its high profile capacity building record both regionally and internationally. Members from both public and private sectors were invited to participate in this workshop.

The three-day workshop was aimed to raise the awareness and understanding among members of civil society organisations and governments, both at the national and sub national levels, of the various tools and practices on social accountability. Parts of the sessions were delivered in the form of lecturing as well as group discussions in order for the participants to obtain deeper understandings on social accountability initiatives, the underlying success factors, and to understand the key factors that needed to be taken into account in assessing and designing social accountability initiatives.

It was expected that upon completion of this workshop, participants should be able to assess dimensions of social accountability mechanisms by examining the various factors that are related to the successful implementation of these mechanisms. In addition is the ability to discuss the basic steps in conducting a social accountability diagnostics as basis for developing a social accountability strategy.

course was conducted at SUNGO's training room at Vaitele.

The one week course aimed to teach participants the principles and practice of sound financial management relevant to the needs of the Samoan community organisations. It covered a wide range of financial skills including financial policy and procedures, budgeting, accounting and financial reporting. The participants included Board members, Managers, Finance Officers, Project Officers, and members who are actively involved in organisation financial management and/or project financial management.

The trainer was Mrs Mary Cretney from New

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Act is only applicable to urban areas of Samoa, primarily the greater urban Apia area. It was an enormous misunderstanding of the extensive powers under the Act over all of Samoa. Hence suggestions were made to amend some sections of the Act for improvement. Such improvements included the simplification of the development consent process as well as giving the communities a bigger say in the planning process. All must be done with much consideration on the environmental impacts of the developments.

Members of the Civil Society Organisations

The workshop was funded by the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) and was held at the Orator Hotel at Tuanaimato.

In many countries civil society and CSOs play an increasing important role in enhancing accountability. Hence CSOs are the front runners in achieving goals of democratisation, participation, good governance, poverty education, peace and development. CSOs also play a vital role in regional, sub regional, national and local processes to strengthen governance to better ensure the achievement of the MDGs by holding governments more responsible to citizens needs and accountable in the delivery of local services through social accountability.

Social accountability refers to a form of accountability that emerges through actions by citizens and civil society organisations (CSOs) aimed at holding the state to account, as well as efforts by government and other actors (media, private sector, donors) to support these actions. Social accountability is an approach towards building accountability that relies on civic engagement, i.e. in which it is ordinary citizens and or civil society organisations who participate directly or indirectly in exacting accountability.

Zealand who has been an inspirational facilitator and a close partner of SUNGO over the years. The course was funded by the Samoa In-Country Training Programme. The SUNGO CEO closed the course by thanking all participants and reminded them that *"the foundation of all good organisations is sound, responsible and ethical financial management."*

SUNGO continues to develop programs to enhance civil society participation and provide skills to develop a stronger, more knowledgeable society. computer systems and applications and are looking to develop these skills.

who attended decided that the best alternative was to give it back to the people. The constitution is very important as long as the communities understand and accept it. As far as the environmental impacts are concerned, the people must clearly inform on all levels to avoid misunderstanding on these changes. Importantly, the PUMA office stated that improvements and proposed amendments to the legislation would be based on further comments raised from these public consultations.



Sui ole SUNGO i lana folasaga ile Komiti o Tulafono

I le tuanai ai ole lua masina talu ona maea fesagai le SUNGO ma faalapopotoga o tagata lautele e velo aso ile mataupu ole Siitia o Tamaitai Faipule ile palemene, ua sauni tapena le folasaga mo le Komiti o Tulafono. Ole tuufaatasiga ole ripoti sa saunia ele SUNGO, a ole afioga ia Lemalu Nele Leilua sa autasi iai le savali e avea ma fofoga momoli, ae le noatia ai sui mamalu ile faaalua o nisi manatu faaopopo e lagolagosua ai ile mataupu.

Na muai momoli laau i fogaa ile sulaina male faasapi ole alofa ole Mataisau ma faatulima itu e lua i aga masani o taeao liugalua a o lei folasia ala ole savali.

Ina ua saunoa le taitaifono e tatala le avanoa e sasaa faauto ai sini ole faamoemoe, sa faapea loa ona alo le SUNGO e momoli le auga ole savali. E tele lagona sa faaalua i lea aso, o manatu i itu uma ina ia le gata ile faamalieina oni teuteuga ile tulafono, a o ni nai fesuaiga ina ia ausia pea le 10 pasene faatapulaaina, ini pefea ole le maua ole fuainumera pe a tauva mai sui i itumalo faafaipule. O nisi o manatu sa taaofia

ile folasaga o itu lelei ma nisi o feteenaiga e ono avea ma lape ile talosaga mo ni fesuaiga ole tulafono.

Ole aotelega o manatu sa fa'aalia, sa laualuga ose laasaga taua lea e ono laveaia Samoa mo le lumanai. Piiama le afioga Vaasiliifiti Moelagi, *"Tatou faaailoa ile lalolagi o Samoa ole atunuu faatemokarasi moni lava."*

Na ta'ua foi, e le taua i o latou manatu le tauva fa'atasi ma o latou tuagane i tulaga o upufai o malo, a ole amanaiaina o o latou tulaga faa-faufautua. Sa o latou folasia foi auala e mafai ai ona mautinoa le ausia ole fuainumera o tamaitai ile palemene; peitai, ia aua nei avea ma a'a oni manatu faatauemu, a ia atagia ai le faamalieina o itu-tino uma ole tulafono, ma le auga na mafua ai ona lafo mai ile atunuu e faaali manatu ile mataupu.

Ina ua maea folasia le savali a tagata lautele, ona tali fuaitau mai lea o sui ole Komiti i mataupu uma sa laga. Sa momoli foi le faamalo ile tofa ma le faautautaga mamao i le-SUNGO ma fa'alapotopotoga o tagata lautele ile tuufaatasiga o manatu ole atunuu i lenei mataupu taua.

E leai ni atugaluga sa o latou folasia ae na ole agaga ole fa'afetai male faagaetia ona ole mafai ona tuufaatasia o lenei ripoti. Ua manatu foi e leai se pa puipua e ono feteenai ai ile taumafaiga e faaofi fautuaga mo le faaleleia atili ole tulafono e pei ona fai ma autu ole feiloaiga i lea aso.

Saunoa le taitaifono ia Tuisa Tasi Patea i lana saunoaga faaii, e taua foi ona savalia le Komiti o Faiga Palota. *"Ole tele o itu e lagolagoa le mataupu pe a talanoaina ole mea sili lena ona taua."* Ae o lona lava ia lagona e pei foi ona faailo i saunoaga a sui ole Komiti, e selau pasene lona lagolagoa o le savali i ona itu uma.

Ua taunuu ai le muagagana, *"E tetele a fisaga ae matua lava ile òò."*

O le Suavai ole OLA.



Taumafaiga e tapu'e le suavai

E 44 faalapopotoga mai nuu ma afioga sa faamanuiaina a latou tusi talosaga sa faaulu ile Polokalame Fesoasoani mo Tagata Lautele (CSSP). O nei talosaga sa matele ile itu ole suavai taumafa, aemaise lava i nuu ma afioaga e naumati punavai e tapu'e mole fofoga taumafa. O afioaga uma mai Savai'i, Upolu

ma Manono sa tusi talosaga sa valaaulia mo le tauaaoina o a latou tusi faamaonia ile taliaina ai o a latou talosaga. O nei faamanuiaga ose faiga-paaga faaauau a le malo o Ausetalia ma Samoa e tauala mai ile Polokalame Fesoasoani mo Tagata Lautele (CSSP).

E 5 miliona Tala le vaega-tupe o lo ua faaagaga mo le Polokalame ile lua tausaga, faameaalofa mai e le malo o Ausetalia. E 1 miliona Tala lea ua pasia e faatupe ai talosaga e 44 lea ua faamanuiaina. O vaega tupe sa talosagaina e ile va ole \$5,000 - \$30,000 mo le faamoemoe ia faaleleia ma faafai-gofie i nei nuu ma afioaga i a latou taumafaiaga ile tapueina ole suavai mo le fofoga taumafa. O le isi 4 miliona ua faamoemoe mo atinae ole suavai mo le lua tausaga pe sili atu o lumanai e faatautaia ele CSSP ma le Faalapopototoga

ole Suavai.

Saunoa le Komesina o Ausetalia i Samoa Dr Stephen Henningham, e tasi lenei o vaega ole Polokalame Faava-o-malo i Suiga ole Tau a Ausetalia. Ole faataua ia mafai ona fesoasoani i nuu ma afioaga e faaletonu tulaga e tapue ai le suavai, atoa ai ma ni aafiaga e mafua mai suiga ole tau.

Saunoa Dr Henningham, *"O se tulaga lelei tele lea mo nuu ma afioaga. E le gata ina fesoasoani ile faatumaina ona maua ole suavai, ae ole avanoa e maua ai tanevai ma isi auala e tapue ai le suavai aemaise ole mafai ona fesoootai ma punavai."* Faaopopo le sui ole Matagaluega o Tupe, ole aafiaga tele ole faaumiumi ole oge ile suavai ile vaitau tonu ole mugala o le 2011, lea sa tele ina aafia ai nuu ma afioaga i nofoaga maualalalo. Ole tele foi o e sa matua aafia e afua ona ole taugata ole suavai faatau, o i latou e maualalalo le itu tau i le tamaoiaiga.

Peitai, o nei fesoasoani ole a mafai ona fa'atupeina ai poloketi mo le faaleleia ma le faatumauina ona maua ole suavai taumafa mole mamalu o le atunuu. Ole Polokalame Fesoasoani mo Tagata Lautele (CSSP) sa fa'avaeina e le malo i ana faiga-paaga male malo o Ausetalia ma le Iuni a Europa e fesoasoani i poloketi a nuu ma afioaga i itu tau le soifua maloloina, aoaoga, faiga-faatoaga, pisinisi laiti ma isi.

Saili fautua le PUMA i tagata lautele

Ole Tulafono o Fuafuaga ma Pulega o Nofoga i Taulaga 2004 sa pasia-ina ile masina o Ianuari ma faamamaluina i a Iulai ole tausaga lava lea. O se tulafono sa fausia e tali atu ai i faafitauli tau ile fuafuaina ma le puleaina lelei o taulaga i Samoa.

Ole fa'avaeina o lenei tulafono sa fua i taiala o atinae gafataulimaina, soifua manuia o tagata, atinae o tamaoaga male malu puipuia o siosiomaga faanatura.

Fa'a'ailoa mai e le ofisa ole PUMA, ole toe iloilo ina ole Tulafono na afua mai i finagalo fa'aalia ole atunuu ile fa'atau-taiga e le ofisa o lana tulafono. O nisi o manatu e aofia ai le faatuai ona faamatuina atu o maliega tau atinae mo atinae laiti, aiaiga ole tulafono ina ia tapa maliega tau atinae mo atinae uma, fenumiai ma fesopoi matafaioi ma isi matagaluega ale malo i tulaga tau pemitia, leai o se malosiaga e faia ai talosaga tetee a tagata e fia fa'aalia manatu i faaiuga faia i se talosaga aemaise ole logoina o e e aafia i se atinae. Ua talitonu foi le ofisa o lo o manatu le atunuu e na o nofoaga ile taulaga e fitoitonu iai le tulafono. Peitai ua atagia ai le



Sui o Tagata Lautele ma le ofisa ole PUMA ile faatalanoaina o ni suiga ile tulafono.

leai o se malamalamaaga ole atunuu ile loloto o malosiaga o loo i lalo o lenei tulafono.

O lea ua manatu ai e toe saili finagalo ole atunuu ini suiga i nisi o vaega ole tulafono e mana'omia mo le faaleleia. O nisi o nei fesuaiga e aofia ai le faafaigofieina o talosaga mo maliega tau atinae aemaise le unaia ole sao o tagata lautele i fuafuaga faia. Ole faamoemoe ia faia faaiuga uma ma tepataulai i aafiaga faalesiosiomaga o soo se atinae.

O le aotetele o manatu o Faalapotopotoga o Tagata Lautele, e sili ona toe saili ile tofa ma le faautautaga a le atunuu. O lenei tulafono e taua tele, ae sili ona taua pe a malamalama le atunuu ona faigofie lea ona talia. Aua e leai se aoga tatou te faapea ai e faatau le siosiomaga faanatura, ae a le manino le atunuu i ona vaega uma i suiga lelei, ua na o se galu e faafua ae le fati.

Ua faamoemoe le Ofisa ole PUMA o ni suiga ma le faaleleia o le Tulafono o Fuafuaga ma Pulega O Nofoga i Taulaga 2004 o le a mulimulitai i tu'ualalo e tuuina mai e le lautele o tagatanuu o Samoa.

Faaauau Polokalame Aoaoga ole 2012



Aoaoga ile Fausia Leleliina o Tulafono

O le tolu masina faai lenei o lenei tausaga faaletupe a o lo o faagasolo pea Polokalame o aoaoga a le fa'amalu. O nei auunaga faaaaua a le Faamalu olo o pulunaunauina ai Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti, Faalapotopotoga o Tagata Lautele atoa ai ma matagaluega ale malo ina ia o latou tapu'eina ia avanoa aua le faalauteleina ole silafia ma le iloa ile fa'atinoina o a latou tiute faatino. O nei aoaoga uma sa mafai ona fa'atinoina ona ole lagolagosua malosi mai a le malo o Niu Sila e tauala mai lea ile Polokalame o Aoaoga Tutotonu i Samoa (ICTP) ile Iunivesite Aoa o Samoa ma le Polokalame Fesoasoani mo Tagata Lautele (CSSP) fa'atupeina ma lagolago malosi e le malo o Ausetalia, Iuni a Europa faapea ai ma le malo o Samoa.

O aoaoga sa fa'atinoina e aofia ai Aoaoga ile Fausia Leleliina o Tulafono, Aoaoga ile Puleaina lelei male lelei pulea o Faalapotopotoga i nuu ma afioaga, Aoaoga mo Pulega Lelei ma le Faafoeina o Faalapotopo-



Sui auai ole Aoaoga Komepiuta

toga, Aoaoga Tau Tekonolosi/Komepiuta, Aoaoga ile Itu tau Tupe atoa ai ma Aoaoga ile Puleaina & Faafoeina lelei o Poloketi.

O le sini ma le faamoemoe o nei aoaoga, ina ia toe tapue nisi o metotia fou i le

faafoeina o auunaga, ma unaia ai le alualu i luma o auunaga a fa'alapotopotoga i totonu ole atunuu. I le ma lea, ole faaagaina lelei lea o nei avanoa taua e faasoa atu e i latou o lo o iai le silafia ma le tomiai i soo se matata ma agavaa,



Aoaoga ile Puleaina Lelei ma le lelei pulea o Faalapotopotoga i Nu'u ma Afioaga

ma ia fai ma aoga aua le fa'atinoina o tiute eseese i totonu o fa'alapotopotoga. Ia manatua foi, o lo o iai pea nisi o aoaoga mo masina o totoe ole tausaga, ina ia faaulu mai ai sou avanoa, po o nisi o a outou fa'alapotopotoga e mana'omia nisi o tomai, pe toe faamanatu atili ai le tomiai ma le

silafia i ni vaega ua tauau ina mou atu.

FAAMANATU ATU: O Faalapotopotoga uma e lei avea ma sui ole SUNGO e fia auai i Aoaoga, e moomia le totagi ole saofaga e ST\$100.00. O sui ole SUNGO e fia auai i Aoaoga e totagi le pili e na ole \$50.00, e ono pau i lona toe iloilo ina

Membership Profile

Komiti Aoga Tulagalua - Fasitootai



The Komiti Aoga Tulagalua Fasitootai (Primary School Committee) is a community based organisation which acts under the umbrella of the village council of Fasitootai. The organisation was established for more than 20 years ago with the purpose to monitor various developments for the community primary school.

Over the years the community faced a lot of challenges with the sustainability of the primary school facilities. Concerned over the growth of an unhealthy environment for the children of the community the organisation started to fundraise and seek financial assistance from both the government and international donor agencies to improve conditions of the school building, educational resources for the teachers and the children, as well as shielding the school compound from vandalisms and animals.

One of its recent development was fencing of the whole compound and an extension to the principal's office, courtesy of the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP), donations from various companies and fundraisings conducted by the committee.

Members of the committee comprises of five village chiefs and two females. The committee members are Toleafoa P. Afamasaga (President), Mo'a T. Sanele (VP), Tovaotele T.M. Levi (Secretary), Lealaisalanoa Falaula (Treasurer), Valuniu S. Poutoa (Village Mayor), Lau Nuulua (Vice Secretary), Afamasaga Lino (Vice Treasurer) and Musi Iulio (School Principal).

The organisation became a member of SUNGO in 2012. They believe that the services offered by the umbrella or-

ganisation are relevant to improve their services in providing advice on issues that are critical for the development of the primary school especially the children of the community as a whole.

They want SUNGO to;

- Provide assistance/advice in preparing applications to donor agencies for funding
- Advice on financial and writing reports through capacity building programmes
- Any other related trainings that helps on how they manage the organisation successfully
- Advice on project development and possible financial donor agencies

Core Functions:

- To ensure the safety and the well-being of children of the community
- To ensure that the school facilities are safe and healthy
- Provide related and reliable educational resources for teachers and school children
- Encourage healthy practices for the development of the children (future) of the community

Key Activities

- Building, maintain/sustain safe school buildings for the children and teachers
- Ongoing checks on toilet facilities and main school building to ensure they are clean and healthy
- Raise enough money to buy more school books and other materials for the school
- Bi-monthly meetings to assess current and future developments for the school

How to become a member

SUNGO is a network of Civil Society Organisations that has Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs), Community Based Organisations (CBOs), Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) and Trusts. To join you will have to fill up an application form from the office or you can also download it from our website (www.sungo.ws). Once your application is approved by the Executive Council, you pay an annual subscription fee which is currently SAT\$100.00, and is considering for review.

There are also conditions.

1) Recognise that membership incurs a responsibility to the wider community and to sharing ideas and support for their

stakeholders as part of collective learning and advancement
2) Foster a spirit of partnership with Government and other agencies, based on mutual respect and trust - recognising that whilst the parties will not always agree, cooperation rather than confrontation is more likely to lead to better decisions, and sustained benefits.

3) Recognise the importance of sustainability and fostering self help in development and planning

4) Take account of the impact of their activities on the social, economic, political and natural environment

It is intended that the above Principles be incorporated into a 'Charter' which all Members will accept as the basis for their Membership.

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Faafetai tele i Paaga a le SUNGO:



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SUNGO WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS **FAAFEILOAI SUI AUAI FOU OLE SUNGO**

Since the beginning of 2012, SUNGO welcomed ten (10) new members as approved by the Executive Council and brings the total to 139 registered members.

E sefulu (10) sui fou sa faapena ona resitara mai le amataga o lenei tausaga 2012, ua siitia ai ile 139 sui auai ole SUNGO. Ua talia aloaia a latou talosaga e avea ai ma sui auai a le Faamalu mo Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti.

1. Alii ma Faipule - Vaitele-tai
2. Asosi o Taulasea Samoa
3. Autalavou EFKS Tulaele
4. Autalavou EFKS Tanoaleia
5. EFKS Vaitele-uta
6. EFKS Vavau Community
7. Faalapotopotoga Vaisuamumu - Leapai (Manono-uta)
8. Itu Asau Cocoa Planters Asc (Itu Asau)
9. Komiti Aoga Tulagalua Fasitoo-tai
10. Metotisi Saloga (Salelologa)

Interested in becoming a part of the largest Civil Society Network in Samoa? Stop by our office or check out the website to get an application form.

O fia avea oe ma sui auai o Faalapotopotoga o Tagata Lautele sili ona to'atele i totonu o Samoa? Afe ane i lo matou Ofisa po'o le siaki ane le upega tafailagi e maua atu ai Pepa talosaga.

Upcoming SUNGO Events

July 2012 - September 2012

- ICTP Courses
- Community Research
- Strategic Planning
- Project Monitoring & Evaluation
- Introduction to Mental Health Advocacy & Early Diagnosis Tool (Goshen)
- Advocacy Skills

Check the website for our updated schedule —
www.sungo.ws

Or call Tofilau at the SUNGO Office 24322 ext 115

Or email: ilo@sungo.ws

Isaiah 33:15-16

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap [their] hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign [that] shall not be cut off.

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