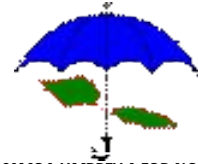


SUNGO News!



SAMOA UMBRELLA FOR NON
GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

CANADA FUND
ready to fund new
projects.



Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI) reps recently arrived in Samoa and consulted with CSO organisations. The purpose of their visit was to identify new projects for funding and to discuss projects eligible under funding. They have returned with feedbacks from our NGOs and CBOs in Samoa.

They will soon inform and advise on their " Call for Proposal".

If your organisation is interested then contact Marion Ferguson via marion.ferguson@xtra.co.nz

Manulauti

"la fa'aa'upegaina Tagata Lautele o Samoa i tomama agavaa mo le atina'eina o soifuaga manuia o ona tagatanu'u".

Sini

"O le Fa'amalu o Fa'alapotopotoga Tuma'oti i Samoa e fa'atauaina a'oa'oga ma avanoa tutusa ma le lagolagosua mo Fa'alapotopotoga o Tagata Lautele i Samoa"

PIANGO Strengthens Relationship with Members

The Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) in conjunction with Samoa Umbrella for Non Governmental Organisation (SUNGO), hosted a meeting on Wednesday 30th of April 2014, focusing on 'Consolidation through Strengthening Relationships between PIANGO and local level communities.

The meeting brought together Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) and Community Based Organisations (CBOs) enabling these groups to contribute to discussions on development effectiveness for the region, to solicit their views, priorities, framework for implementation, areas of collaboration and identify requirements for strategic management. Feedback also included areas to strengthen the development practices of its Regional Organisation.

The aim of this consultation was to help local communities and NGOs in Samoa understand the role and work PIANGO provides for its members specifically in the Pacific. The consultation was also to inform NGOs and CBO leaders on the Global Civil Society Organisation (CSO) Campaign on 'Beyond 2015'. The Beyond 2015 is a Global CSO campaign, is pushing for a strong and legitimate successor framework to the Millennium Development Goal (MDG). PIANGO is coordinating this campaign in the Pacific, Samoa is one of the priority country with SUNGO leading the project.

This consultative process will ensure our Pacific voices are heard. The Pacific region will be part of a global community focusing on the same agenda and implementation which best suits the needs of our Pacific people.



Seumanuula
Moana Clarke

Message from SUNGO President

Talofa All, SUNGO in this last quarter has gone through some major challenges within head office. Admin Manager Tina Tauvela has left to focus on community work and her successor is Rosa Maulolo.

Training and Mentoring support, Research work and Data Collection have been rolled out to all CBOs and NGO Organisations, to

strengthen and to build the capacity in the services to the Community.

The Executive Council conducted a review of our Constitution, to accommodate changes, in the best interest, protection, enhancement and sustainability of Civil Society Organisations. In the best interest of Civil Society, and our beloved Samoa, we have continued to advocate on Public policies, and voiced our concerns whenever it is needed and required. In transparency, accountability and management of our service delivery, we have continued to uphold the trust and confidence of our Government and Development Partners. This is our Contribution to the National development, and for the well-being of our people.

The success and achievements you fulfil within your own organisations is your greatest contribution into SUNGO's Vision;

"SAMOA has a competent and confident Civil Society Sector, which promotes sustainable development, and improvement quality of life FOR THE PEOPLE OF SAMOA"

Soifua.



Message from CEO

Welcome all our SUNGO reading community to the new and improved version of the SUNGO newsletter! Our mission 'to provide information, programmes, opportunities, and advocacy for civil society in Samoa' forms an integral part to SUNGO's services. Our vision 'Samoa has a competent and confident civil society sector that promotes sustainable development and quality of life for the people of Samoa'.

April saw SUNGO hosting two main events; NGOs and Community Based Organisations got together for its Annual General Meeting, followed by its Civil Society Forum particularly for the preparation for Small Island Development States Conference to be held later this year in August-September. We plan to continue an organisation which is robust, sustainable and innovative in its provision of high quality support services to our members.

SUNGO staff have a wealth of knowledge, skills and expertise and we want to utilize these skills to benefit all our members. The SUNGO Fundraising Committee plans to initiate a Fundraising activity as a target for this new financial year, so look out for some exciting new ideas!.

In the near future the website will have more features installed – we'll keep you posted!!

Warm regards,
Taviuni Fonoti



How to become SUNGO member.

To become a member your organization must:

1. consist of committee or a board
2. Submit a list of 15+ members,
3. Specify whether it is a Non Governmental Organization (NGO— submit its constitution) or Community Based Organization (CBO)
4. State clearly what the organization does and what it offers and how the general public will benefit from its work.

Application process:

1. Fill in application form from SUNGO Office and return it to SUNGO,
2. Application to be approved from SUNGO Board,
3. If the Board approves the application, you will receive a letter of approval,
4. Your organization will then to pay \$100 for NGOs and \$50 for CBOs for annual membership fee,
5. Your organization will receive all the information from SUNGO and an explanation on how your organization will benefit from SUNGO.

Mo sui auai a le SUNGO.

Faamolemole faasoia mai tala o a outou faalapotopotoga i le tatou nusipepa leni. Faafesootai mai le Ofisa ile 24322 pe lafo mai foi ile ilo@sungo.ws

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Fono Faa-le-tausaga a le SUNGO 2012-2013

O le aso 4 o Aperila 2014 lea nafaatautaia ai le Fono Faa-le-tausaga ale Faamalu ma ana sui auai mai i Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti faapea sui auai mai faalapotopotoga mai alalafaga ma afioaga (ft. auatalavou, Komiti..)

O le 15 a'i leni o fono faa-le-tausaga a le SUNGO ua faia, ma o le tausaga nei foi lea sa fuafuaina e toe sailia ma filifili ai sui auai mo le Komiti Faafae a le Faamalu e pei ona iai aiaia i lona faavae i tausaga uma. Ole tausaga foi leni ua mae'a ai nofoaiga a nisi sa filifilia i tulaga tdfi ole Komiti Faafae. O sui mo le Komiti Faafae e filifilia mai e sui mai i faalapotopotoga e ala e pepa faatutu sa faao'o ma tuuina mai ile Ofisa ao lumanai ai le Fono faa-le-tausaga.

I le faagasoloina masani ole fonotaga sa talanoaina ai le talafaatatau ole seleni mo le paketi ole Tausaga faaletupe ua maea lea na auiliili ma gafa ma le Betham & Co. lona sailiiliga. Sa talanoaina ai foi le alafua e mulimulita'i ma taitaia ai galuega a le aufaigaluega.

Ile maea ai ole Fonotaga faa-le-tausaga lona 15 a le SUNGO sa autasi ai finagalo a i latou na auai ile fonotaga ina ia tolopoina le sailiina o le Komiti Faafae seia aulia le masina o Oketopa e pei ona fuafuaina ma aiaia i lalo ole Faavae ole Faamalu mo le Fonotaga faa-le-tausaga lona 16.



SUNGO Delivers Project Design Management Training (PDM)

Applications for CSSP Funding in the Open Category closed in mid February, to help community groups make well written and relevant applications to CSSP. SUNGO provided three Project Design and Management (PDM) workshops before application close. The Aim of this course is to build skill and capacity of CSOs applying to CSSP to design, plan projects, write proposals for a complete and well put together CSSP Form that will address the concerns of their target beneficiaries and communities.



Three workshops were provided - two in Savaii and one in Upolu. Overall 71 participants attended the workshops representing 27 organisations. While this was fewer than expected some present represents two or more organisations. Almost equal numbers of women and men attended and 85% of the participants successfully completed the course. Each day, the participants sit a pre and post test to assess how well they have learnt. Some very positive feedback was received by SUNGO through the course evaluation conducted at end of each course.

Faa'iu manuia nisi o 'A'oa'oga ole nei tausaga fa'ale-tupe

Ile amataga ole nei tausaga faaletupe amata mai ia luni ole tausaga ua mavae sa faatautaia ai e le Faamalu nisi o aoaoga e pei ona ua mae'a ai le Value Based Leadership and Management ma le Community Research. O nei aoaoga sa faatupeina e ala ile lagolagosua malosi a le Samoa In-Country Training Programme ile Oloamanu. Na fa'aiuina manuia uma ia aoaoga ile auai mai ai o nisi o sui auai i Faalapotopotoga tumaoti faapea faalapotopotoga i tua i nuu ma alalafaga. Oloo ua fuafuaina nei le Faamalu mole faataunuuna o aoaoga e pei ona faataatia i lana talena faaletausaga. O ia aoaoga e adia ai le Financial Planning and Management fuafuaina e faagasolo ile lua vaiaso (28 Aperila—9 o Me), faapea ai le aoaoga o le faapitoa mo i latou o loo tilivaina aoaoga poofaiaoga. O se tausaga ese leni i le toatele o sui auai mai faalapotopotoga eseese i nei a'oa'oga.

NGO ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Based on recommendations from CSSP, a second round of assessments was initiated in October 2013. The NGOs selected were those organisations making application for funding. **These NGOs are:**

1. Samoa National Youth Council
2. Samoa Returnees Charitable Trust
3. Samoa Farmers Association
4. Samoa Hotels Association

Planning the timing of these assessments was based on completing the assessments prior to the Category 3 applications being considered by the Steering Committee in late Dec. Initial meetings were held with the managers of these NGOs and the separate assessment sessions held with the staff and management of most of this group.

With staff changes at some of these NGOs there were some delays in completing these assessments. All four NGOs completed the initial first step of the process however only two continued on with the process

Difficulties were experienced with Samoa Farmers Association after their volunteers who expressed interest in the NGO Assessment finished their project and moved back home to NZ. SHA also were not able to continue on with the assessment due to unforeseen circumstances.

Samoa National Youth Council's assessment finished in the timeframe scheduled however Samoa Returnees Charitable Trust has complications with setting up meetings with their Board of Trustees. Fortunately, the process assessment was completed and the official report was sent to CSSP in February.

SUNGO Civil Society Forum for SIDs Conference Preparation.

SUNGO hosted its first 2014 Civil Society Forum on 23rd April 2014. The main purpose of this Forum was to prepare for the SIDs Conference to be held later this year in August and September.

The Forum started with a Keynote from the Honourable Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi. He congratulated SUNGO on the work accomplished last year and highlighted on the effects of Climate Change. "Samoa is in the process of making changes to help prevent and reduce effects to Climate Change, and NGOs have a huge role to play in all these plans. My advice is to strengthen your arguments and to not be afraid to stand your ground as the results from SIDs conference will determine the amendments of some policies worldwide".



The event continued with a number of presentations from various Organisations and Government Ministries; MNRE ACEO Filomena Nelson on Climate Change and Disaster Risk Management, MNRE ACEO Salā Sagato & Rev Reupena Leau of Piu Falealili on Sustainable Renewable Energy, GOSHEN Trust Chairperson Alalatoa Breda Faitua on Social Development, Health, NCD, Youth and Women, ACEO MNRE Juney Ward on Ocean Seas and Biodiversity & Marine Land Base, Red Cross Secretary General Namulauulu Tautala Mauala on Food Security, concluded with a brief summarisation from the SUNGO SIDs Coordinator Lemalu Nele Leilua with her presentation.

SIDS Update

There are four pre-conference forums already approved prior to the main SIDs conference from September 1-4th 2014.

CPDC in partnership with the Commonwealth Foundation will be hosting a Civil Society Regional Forum in June this year in Apia. The theme of the Conference is "Commonwealth SIDs CSOS – Advancing our partnerships for Sustainable Development".

SUNGO has been requested by the CPDC to act as a local partner in this Forum, to provide input into the Conference design specifically selection of Pacific and local Representatives and to assist with the agenda. Provision of advice regarding the logistical arrangement and to provide advice on specific dynamics relating to CSO involvement in the upcoming Samoa meeting, targets within the region for influencing and other possible collaborations that could assist in building linkages around the meeting and post Samoa.

The Regional CSO Forum in June will be held at the Moanalisa Hotel Vaitele, which will include 14 regional participants and 8 local representatives.

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GOSHEN TRUST extended its services on 16th April 2014 by the launching of its 'Step-Down Rehabilitation Unit' based at Moamoa. The project was funded by European Union via Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP). Through this project, GOSHEN aims to work together with Ministry of Health through the Mental Health Unit to ensure health care rehabilitation services are scaled up within the county for mental disorders.

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Sala Fainuu

Faamavae se tasi o sui o le auaigaluega



Tina Pesaleli

Ua fa'amavae se tasi o sui o le auaigaluega, le Faletua ia Tina Tauvela mai le aveai o ia o se ofisa sinia i le SUNGO. O Tina sa galue o se Administration Manager ma ua iafamavae mai i lea tofiga ona o ua tofia nei laua ma le susuga ile Faafeagaiga e tausia le Ekalesia Faapopotoga Kerisiano I Samoa ile afoaga o Nu'u-Faleata. Faafetai lava Tina mo lou sao i le SUNGO.

Ia manuia la'asaga uma ole a alo atu iai.

Fa'afeiloa'i sui fou o le auaigaluega

E lua ni avanoa na fa'asalalauina i totonu o la tatou ofisa autu i Vaitele.



Emanuele Taupau

O nei avanoa e adfia ai le Aministrator

Manager ma le Information and Liaison Officer. O le Faletua ia Rosa Maulolo ua ofisa a le SUNGO. seei nei i le avanoa ole Admin Manager, ole susuga



Rosa Maulolo

ia Sala Fainuu ua avea o ia ose Office Assistant/Driver, ao le susuga ia Emanuele ua iai nei i le avanoa o le Information Officer. O se fiafiaga tele i le Aliipule ma le mamalu i le auaigaluega ona ua mafai ona toe atoa le aigafailuega.



Sala Fainuu

Ua to'aiva ai nei le auaigaluega galulue i le

Recognition gratitude and Appreciation!

It is with great pride that we acknowledge all who have been part of the success of SUNGO over the past years. Our Executive Council are volunteers who make a huge commitment to SUNGO, and management and staff also put in a big effort to help SUNGO achieve its goals. A special thanks for invaluable contribution of our technical advisors John and Mary Cretney who have helped the staff gained extra experience in areas such as; Computer Management, Financial Skills, Database Management, Project Designs and much more. "It is a rare opportunity to work with you. SUNGO wishes you all the best for your future endeavours".



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