



The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations Inc. - SUNGO -

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12 newly recruited trainers completed the Training of Trainers (TOT) organized by the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations (SUNGO).

Apia (25 – 29 January 2021) – The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations has finally completed its 5-day training of Trainers, for community trainers from Civil Societies; hosted at SUNGOs headquarter at Vaitele. SUNGOs Mission aims to deliver capacity building research, opportunities, information, sharing, advocacy, and support for Civil Society in Samoa.

The training program consisted of 5 courses, which includes the Facilitation skills for community trainers, Climate Change Adaptation, Planning a Climate Adaptation Project, Project Monitoring and Supervision and Enhancing engagement of Civil Societies in national laws and policy processes.

The 12 trainers are members of communities, and the main objective behind the initiative by SUNGO, is to strengthen their facilitation skills to conduct and deliver trainings within the communities.

The Training of Trainers was conducted by SUNGO's Training Team, Programme Team Leader, Ms Faapito Opetaita, and Research Officer, Mr Masoe Leilua Iosefa Tautua, as well as the TNT Global Consultant.

According to Ms Faapito, "the training aims at upgrading facilitation skills and knowledge of the participants, before rolling out the training programs within the communities."

During the Training of Trainers, members of SUNGO's Executive Council were able to assess the newly recruited trainers to be competent in delivering training and build the capacity of Civil Societies. Most of the trainers have a background in teaching, and the training has helped them upgrade their teaching skills.

The Training of Trainers kickstarted on the 25th of January and was completed on the 29th of January 2021; with the hope to conduct more trainings for Community Trainers in the coming weeks.

SUNGO is a Not-for-Profit Organisation and Incorporated Society with a Constitution approved by its membership. It is a nationally registered NGO (Non-Government Organisation). SUNGO has a direct community focus with a membership based on both urban and rural civil society organisations across Samoa. Membership includes community organisations, village-based organisations, sporting bodies, and church organisations.

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