



# SUNGO Newsletter

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The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations Inc.

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## SUNGO IS MOVING TO VAITELE!

On Friday the 28<sup>th</sup> of January SUNGO will farewell its office in Motootua and move to a new headquarters in Vaitele. A ceremony will be held at midday to bless the new land and building with the help of Deakin Ioane Iosefo. The move represents a fresh start for SUNGO and a chance to take the organisation into the future in Samoa's second biggest centre for business. Plans are underway to improve the existing building on the property, and make it a more inviting and comfortable office for members to visit. All contact details for SUNGO will remain the same. Keep checking the website ([www.sungo.ws](http://www.sungo.ws)) for more updates on the new property over the next few months.



Staff and Board members at the blessing ceremony on SUNGO's new land in Vaitele

## SI'ITIA LE SUNGO I VAITELE

I le aso 28 o Ianuari 2011 sa faamavae atu ai le ofisa o le SUNGO i lona nofoaga tuai i Motootua, ma o le 'a siitia nei i Vaitele. O le faatautaia se sauniga faapitoa aua le faapaialaina o le fanua saunia lea e le susuga i le tiakono ia Deakin Ioane Iosefo. O lea siitiaga o se la'asagafou lea mo le SUNGO o se avanoa e faaleleia ai ona tiute tauave, aua le auaunaina lea o ona paaga taitoatasi, ma ona faal-apotopotoga tumaoti mo le lumana'i manuia o Samoa.



## Message from the National President

Talofa Lava!

Leading the Samoa Umbrella for NGOs during this period has been challenging, enriching and a great joy. Following the recent election it is extremely satisfying to see the beginning of a new era for Civil Society in Samoa. Everywhere you read, listen, and watch you will find Samoa is stepping into a Lobby Smart community. I am convinced that the present trend of strong coordination between Civil Society, the private sector and government ministries can lead our beautiful country to a strong and transparent democracy.

I think our move to Vaitele is God's blessing in disguise and a promotion of SUNGO and our roles. With the development of the industrial sector in Vaitele, SUNGO will be perfectly placed to monitor and contribute to the sustainable development of the country and our people.

Manua Samoa!  
Fa'afetai.

## VISION

*SUNGO - working in partnership with civil society and government to promote sustainable development and quality of life for the people of Samoa.*

## MISSION

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

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## MOVE CONT. AND EVICTION

SUNGO's move to a new property in Vaitele follows a government notification of eviction from the property a Motootua. The eviction notice was issued on the 1<sup>st</sup> of November 2010 and stated that SUNGO had to be out of office by the 30<sup>th</sup> of November 2010. This date was later reviewed and set to the 1<sup>st</sup> of February 2011. Since 2007 SUNGO had been requesting to buy the land at Motootua off the government in order to become more independent. Unfortunately the government turned down these requests.

A Members Meeting was held in early December to give SUNGO's members a chance to discuss the future of the organisation. Details of the eviction were discussed and ideas about how to deal with the issue and suitable options for relocation were discussed. This meeting was a great chance for members to voice their opinions and for the executive council to take these into account and move ahead with plans to buy a new property.

Members are encourage to come visit SUNGO in Vaitele and get to know our new location.



Ceo Roina Vavatau and board members Rev. Ioane Iosefa and Raymond Voigt signing the agreement for the new SUNGO property.

## SIITIA LE SUNGO I LONA NOFOAGA FOU

I le le taliaina ai e le malo le talosaga a le SUNGO mai le 2007 na talosagaina ai le faatau motuina lea, o le fanua I Motootua ma le faamoemoe ia tutoatasi mai le malo ae tumau pea le latou tali. O le ala lea o le valaauiua ai sui auai o le SUNGO I le fono lea sa faatautaia I le amataga o Teseme, e faatalatalanoaina ai lea mataupu aua se lumanai mo SUNGO. Sa faatu-lagaina I le aso 30 o Novema le aso atofaina e le malo ua uma ona tuua ele SUNGO le nofoag I Motootua, ae peitai na mafai ona toe tuu I luma I le aso 1 o Fepuari.

I le iuga o lea fono sa faaalia ai, le fafia o sui auai o le SUNGO, atonu o se



## **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The past year has been full of obstacles and challenges for SUNGO, which the board and staff members have worked hard to overcome with great success. The 2010 SUNGO Annual General Meeting (AGM) marked a new beginning for the organisation and a chance to take a positive step into the future. The AGM held at 9am on the 4<sup>TH</sup> of November 2010 at the Tuutuu I le Loloto hall.

48 people attended the meeting, representing 37 SUNGO organisations. Items on the agenda included adoption of the minutes from 2009, the presidents report, the financial- audit report, election of new council members and approval of the work plan for 2010 to 2011.

When it came to voting in a new executive council the members presents showed they had a lot of confidence in the previous board members. Only two new members were elected, while the other five will continue on in their roles. The new board are made up of the following members: Rev Reupena Leau, Rev Ieriko Sopoaga, Namulaulu Nuualofa Potoi, Mailo Pesamino, Nynette Sass, Anisof Soo and Rev Maiseli Matamu. Alisa Williams Brenda Tipi and Fesolai Logomalie Toloa were also elected as reserve board members. In the management positions are president Vaasiliifit Moelagi Jackson, vice president Reverend Ioane Iosefa, treasurer Raymond Voigt and secretary Seumanula Moana Clark.

SUNGO CEO Roina Vavatau explains that the AGM is very important as it 'sets the way for next year work '. She says, 'The AGM provides an avenue for the members and ensures transparency and accountability in our actions ,'

### **FONO FAALE TAUSAGA MO LE 2010 ALE SUNGO**

E ui lava I le tele o fita, faigata ma lu'itau sa faapea ona faatuta'ia le Ofisa o le SUNGO I le tausaga ua tuanai, ae na tau pea lau o le faamoemoe sa faapea ona moemiti iai sui auai o le faalapotopotoga e ala lea I le siitiaina lea o le lelei o le auaunaga a le SUNGO mo le faaleleia pea o ana faalapotopotoga tumaoti ma o latou auga faavae. O le fono faale tausaga 2010 sa faamauina ai se amataga fou mo le lumanai o le SUNGO. I le aso 4 o Novema sa faapea ona faatautaia ai lenei fonotaga, I le 9 I le taeao I le maota o le Tuutuu I le Loloto hall.

E 48 sui na auai I lea fonotaga mai I faalapotopotoga e 37. Sa faapea ona faatalatalanoaina ai nisi o mataupu e pei o minute sa faapea ona faatautaia ai nisi o fono I le 2009, o le ripoti mai I le peresitene le susuga ia Vaasiliifit Moelagi Jackson mo le tausaga 2009 I le 2010, le tala o le tupe mai le teutupe aoao o le faalapotopotoga o le SUNGO, le susuga ia Raymond Voitgh, aua le nofo silafia pea e ana ana sui auai.

O se tasi o faamoemoe o le filifilia lea o nisi sui o le fono a faatonu, ae I le faaiuga o lea filifiliga sa faapea ona iloa ai e toalima e sa faapea ona agavaa e toe faaaauau pea o latou tiute ia na latou pale mai ai, ae sa faapea ona filifilia latou e fai ma sui o le fono faatonu, lea na filifilia mai ai loa I latou nei: Rev Reupena Leau, Rev Ieriko Sopoaga, Namulaulu Nuualofa Potoi, Mailo Pesamino, Nynette Sass, Anisof Soo, Rev Maiseli Matamu. Sa filifilia foi Alisa Williams, Brenda Tipi, Fesolai Logomalie Toloa e avea ma sui lagolago mo sui o le fono faatonu.

Se saunoaga mai le tamaitai pule sili le susuga ai Roina Vavatau sa ia saunoa ai I le auga o lea aso sa faatalatalanoaina ai fuafuaga faataatitia mo galuega a le faalapotopotoga mo le tausaga 2011 faapea le faamautinoaina I sui auai le gaioiga e lelei ma tatau ona fai mo le lelei o tiute fai a le SUNGO I ona lu'itau I le lumanai.



*Members, Executive Council and staff at the SUNGO Annual General Meeting, 2011*

## **RADIOTHON! RADIOTHON! RADIOTHON!**



**2AP Presenters and staff at the SUNGO Radiothon, Pulenu'u Fale**

bigest commercial centre.

Since the organisation was founded, in 1997, SUNGO has continued to provide information, training opportunities and aid to its members and the people of Samoa.

SUNGO's vision is to continue working in partnership with civil society and government to promote sustainable development and quality of life for the people of Samoa. Donations raised through events such as the Radiothon will help the organisation to achieve this goal.

The Samoa Umbrella Organisations for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO) held a Radiothon on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of December to raise money to relocate its office.

The Radiothon was held at Pulenuu Fale, Matagialalua from 9am to 12 noon and was broadcast live on Radio 2AP.

\$24, 252.90 tala was raised during the Radiothon which went towards helping SUNGO buy their new property at Vaitele, allowing the organisation to continue to provide services to its members and civil society.

The decision to move was finalised during the SUNGO Members Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December 2010 at Tuutuile Loloto Hall, and a property was chosen in Samoa's second

## **LEITIOFONI! LEITIOFONI! LEITIOFONI!**

I le aso Lulu aso 15 o Tesema 2010 sa faatautaia ai se leitiofoni a le ofisa o le Faamalu mo Faalapotopotoga Tumaoti I Samoa (SUNGO)mo le faamoemoe aua le suiina o lona nofoaga fou mai lona ofisa tuai. O lea faamoemoe sa faatautaiina I le maota o pulenuu I Matagialalua, mia le 9 I le taeao seja pa'ia le 12 I le aoauli, o lenei faamoemoe sa fesoasoani mai ai le leitio 2AP I lona faasalalauina.

O seleni uma na maua mai I lea suega tupe, o le a fesoasoani lea I le faamuatuina lea o le fanua fou lea I Vaitele, ina ia famai ona toe faaaauauina le tautua o le ofisa nei I le atinaeina o ona paaga taitoatasi.

O le fono ale SUNGO ma ona sui auai sa faataunuina I le aso 3 o Tesema 2010 ile maota o le Tuutuile Loloto sa tasi ai loa se manatu e tatau ona suia loa lona nofoaga, ona fai ai loa se faaiuga aua le filifilia lea o se fanua, ona filiffili ai lea o le fanua I Vaitele.

Talu mai le faavaeina o lenei ofisa I le tausaga 1997 o loo faapea lava ona auauna pea le ofisa o le SUNGO e ala I aoaoga o loo faatinoina aua le gasolosolo lelei pea o ona faalapotopotoga tumaoti faapea Tagata taitoatasi uma o Samoa.

O le faamoemoe foi ma le naunautaiga o le ofisa nei ai soosootauau pea ma galulue faatasi matagaluega o le malo ma faalapotopotoga tumaoti I Samoa aua le siitiaina I luga tulaga tau le soifua lelei o ona tagata. I le agalelei mai o tagata taitoatasi e ala i foai sa tauaaoina e le ofisa, o le'a taunuu ai nei moomooga ma le sinni autu o leneei aso taua.



**Prime Minister Tuilaepa Sailele Malielegaoi opening the radiothon with SUNGO president Vaasilifiti Moelagi Jackson.**

## **ROIWA'S FIJI WORKSHOP**

On the 29<sup>TH</sup> of November, 2010 SUNGO's CEO Roina Faatauvaa Vavatau was one of two individuals selected from Samoa to participate in a workshop held in Nandi Suva, Fiji. The workshop was entitled 'The Pacific Government NGOs Dialogue Towards Effective Implementation of the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and Ratification of the Optional Protocol (Pacific Dialogue)'.

This workshop was coordinated by International Women's Rights Action Watch (IWRAW) Asia Pacific and The Pacific Regional Human Rights Education Team (RRRT) in partnership with (UNIFEM) and hosted by Fiji Women's Rights Movement (FWRM). A total of 36 participants from 14 countries attended the three days workshop from 29<sup>TH</sup> of November to the 1<sup>ST</sup> of December. The participants were selected from Pacific women's departments, NGOs and ministries connected with the CEDAW.

Some of the topics highlighted in the workshop were: collaboration and networking with international organisations working on CEDAW implementation: capacity building and strategies for effective implementation. "The important thing that I captured during the workshop was that relationships between local NGOs and the government organisation must improve." said Ms Vavatau.

## **AUAI LE PULE SILI O LE SUNGO I LE FONO I FITI**

O le susuga ia Roina Faatauvaa Vavatau sa faapea ona avea ma se tasi o sui toalua ai sui o Samoa I le fono sa faapea ona tautaia I Suva I Fiti. O lea fono sa faatautaia mo le na o le tolu o aso ia Novema aso 29 I le aso 1 o Tesema 2010. O lea fonotaga na faatinoina lea e le faalapotopotoga o le IWRAW Asia Pacific faapea le RRRT ae talimalo iai le faalapotopotoga o le (FWRM) Fiji Women's Rights Movement. E 14 atunu sa faapea ona auai o latou sui e 36 I lea fonotaga taua. O latou na auai sa faapea ona filifilia mai I Matagaluega o Tina ma Tamaitai faapea faalapotopotoga tumaoti o le Pasefika o loo faapea ona auai I lalo o le faamalumaluga o le CEDAW.

I se fa'atalatalanoaga ma le susuga I le tamaitai pule o le SUNGO, I sona manatu I se feau taua sa ia pu'eina mai I lea fonotaga, sa ia faapea ai, "O le feau taua sa ou u'umauina mai I lea faamoemoe ia faamautu ma alualu I luma le fealofani ma le lelei o le vafealoai o faalapotopotoga tumaoti faapea ona faalapotopotoga faalemalu I totolu o Malo o le Pasefika."

## **OAN VERSION**

## **FAREWELL VAAE!**

In November we said goodbye to one of our valued staff members Vavae Toma. Vavae was the Information Communication Officer (ICO) at SUNGO for 6 months and during his time with the organisation he did some excellent work. The staff and board members of SUNGO would like to wish Vavae all the best in his future endeavours and we hope he has a very happy and prosperous future.

## **FAAMAVA EATU LE SUNGO IA VAAE!**

I le masina o Novema sa faamavae atu ai le SUNGO I se tasi o ona alii ofisa. O Vavae Toma sa amata galue mo le SUNGO I le 6 masina talu ai. Sa ia tauaveina tiute o le ofisa o Faamatalaga ma Fesootaiga mo le SUNGO. I lona taimi sa ona tauaveina ai lea tulaga, sa molimauina ai e le SUNGO le lelei o ona galuega fai.

Na faafetaia e le pule sili o le SUNGO le susuga ia Roina Vavatau faapea le aufaigaluega atoa le auaunaga a lea alii sa faapea ona ia galue ai I se taimi ua tuanai, ma faamanuia ai I laasaga o loo faapea ona ia savalia I le lumanai

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## **SUNGO TRAINING WORKSHOPS**



### **October—December**

#### **OCTOBER 2010**

**20 - 28 Oct - Title: NSA Managing Organisations MO3 / NSA Managing a Project MP3 Savaii**

How to manage a committee or board, plan your activities, communicate with members and manage finances in an organisation.

How to develop the capacity and skills of civil society members to improve management of their community based organisations.

This course is developed with a respect for cultural aspects of Samoa's community activities.

#### **NOVEMBER 2010**

**8 – 19 Nov – Monitoring and Evaluation Frameworks – a SUNGO board one-day session was held as on the 19th as an outcome of the course.**

### **January—February**

#### **JANUARY 2011**

**31 Jan - 3 Feb - CSSP 1&2: Managing Projects Savaii**

**31 Jan - 4 Feb - ICTP - CAT 101**

#### **FEBRUARY 2011**

**7 - 10 Feb - CSSP 3: Managing Projects Apia Central  
CSSP 4: Managing Projects East Upolu**

**7 - 11 Feb - ICTP - CAT 101**

**14 - 17 Feb - CSSP 5: Managing Projects West Upolu**

**14 - 18 Feb - ICTP: Volunteerism**

**21 - 25 - ICTP: CAT 102**

**28 Feb - 4 Mar - ICTP: CAT 102**

#### **MARCH 2011**

**14 - 18 Mar - ICTP: Community Research**

**21 - 25 Mar - Post Tsunami Counselling  
course**

**23 - 30 Mar - UNITEC: Community Funding  
and Entrepreneurship**

**UNITEC: Value-based Management and Leadership**



*Members at MO3 in Savai'i.*