



# SUNGO NEWS



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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:

To deliver capacity building research, opportunities, information sharing, advocacy and support for civil society in Samoa.

## BRIEF UPDATE—SUNGO News!

### SUNGO takes part in the Samoa Qualifications Authority's PSET Providers and Stakeholders Consultation on the SQA Amendment Bill 2022 DRAFT.

14th—16th March, 2022, TATTE, Sogi. - The Samoa Qualifications Authority (SQA) hosted a consultation for Post School Education & Training providers and all stakeholders including SUNGO.

SUNGO was represented by Capacity Building Coordinator, Ms Faapito Opetai. The main objective of the Consultation is for SQA to present the Draft SQA Amendment Bill 2022 for stakeholder feedback to enable



finalisation for approval of the proposed Bill prior to its tabling for Parliament this year.

### Ombudsman makes intervention at the 49th Human Rights Council session during the adoption of Samoa's 3rd UPR.

24th March, 2022. NHRI Samoa - The 49th Human Rights Council session was held on the 23rd of March 2022 in Geneva at 9pm Samoa Time. The Ombudsman, Afioga Luamanuvao Katalaina Sapolu, commended the continuous commitment by the Government, and also highlighted spe-

cific Human Rights Issues requiring urgent attention. These issues include the right to health, i.e. combating NCDs, health literacy and ensuring that human rights principles are continuously observed in the Government's



COVID 19 response, as well as the protection of the rights of children to be free from violence and exploitation.

### The PATHWAY FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF SAMOA FY2021/22 - FY2025/26 was Officially Launched on the 25th February 2022.

25th March, 2022. TATTE Convention Centre, Sogi - The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations (SUNGO) Chief Executive Officer, Afioga Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia, attended the Official Ceremony. The Pathway has



been developed from the people's vision of "Fostering social harmony, safety, and freedom for all". The Pathway has five (5) Key Strategic Outcomes (KSO) comprising: improved social development; diversified and

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## Information and Communications

### Another Edition to be released soon.

SUNGO Newsletter will be published on a quarterly basis. Physical copies can be uplifted from our office at Vaitele

We will be publishing these items on our Facebook page as well more regularly. We encourage all members to please visit us on our Face book page for more information or updates on events and other related matters for your information's

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### FUNDING OPPORTUNITY!



sustainable economy; security and trusted governance; secured environment and climate change; and structure public works and infrastructure. As the Theme by the government goes, "Empowering communities, building resilience, and inspiring growth".



(L-R): Tanuvasa Petone Mauga, Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia & Leatisa Utitame Tala

### SUNGO bids Farewell to Imeleta Iosefo, who is one of its Best Community Trainers.

Imeleta Iosefo has been a Community Trainer for many years, and she was all about serving the community,

Society Organizations. Mrs Iosefo passed away on the 3rd of January 2022.



Imeleta Ioane Iosefo & Tava Faamoemoe Tala - National President, SUNGO at the Spotlight Initiative Training of Trainers

Afioga Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia - CEO, SUNGO & Imeleta Iosefo at the TOT 2021

PDM Training 2021



### In Loving Memory of Mama Imeleta Ioane Iosefo

Sunrise:  
21 October 1956

Sunset:  
3 January 2022



"If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord." Romans 14:8

until her last breath. According to her Family and Friends during her Family Service, Mrs Imeleta Iosefo was an honest and loyal person. She cared for the communities, and was passionate about delivering Trainings for Civil



SUNGO Staff at Imeleta Iosefo's Family Service.



## Capacity Building - Mentoring Assistance

Over the past three months, the SUNGO Programme Team has been offering mentoring assistance to SUNGO Members and others to complete funding applications and project proposals. A number of organizations came to the SUNGO Office at Vaitele, seeking assistance with their applications to the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives (CFLI). This funding opportunity supports local developments especially within the communities. Members were grateful for the assistance provided. Non members who visited the

office were also interested in what SUNGO does and what services

Saleilua Falealili Farmers Association



SUNGO provides to its members.

*Paueta Club - Satitoo Members & SUNGO ICO and PA*



*Paueta Club - Satitoo Members seeking assistance for the CFLI Concept Note*

SUNGO values this 1-1 contact with as it gives SUNGO the opportunity to work more closely with communities and understand their needs.



*Seki Vibe Members receiving mentoring assistance on how SUNGO Operates, as well as knowing more about SUNGO's services to the Civil Society.*



*Alii ma Faipule Sa'oao & Tausi Solosolo Members discussing the Canada Fund for Local Initiatives with the Programme Team Leader and Team*



*Discussion between Non-Member and RO regarding the CFLI*



*EFKS Togo, Saleimoa Members*



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## Policy and Advocacy

Policy and Advocacy is one of SUNGO's core functions. As part of a two-year European Union project, the SUNGO Research Team, has been conducting research with its community member organizations (CSOs) on their priorities and also on the barriers that prevent them engaging with government processes. The Research Officer, Mr Iairo Wong Ling Tala commented that this research gives a voice to

the community about their challenges. The results will be followed up with Government to assist with improving engagement processes for the future. The results will also be used to improve SUNGO's training and capacity building in this area. SUNGO thanks the members who have been very interested and engaged during the survey process. See the photos below. These activities were Funded by the European Union.



Fathers' Association  
Satomai, Faleasi'u  
during the Research,  
TNA & M & E Survey



Sosaiete Tauatia'e  
AuFaifaatoaga ma  
Lafumanu - Solosolo



Mixed Farm-  
ing Society  
Faleasi'u Uta  
taking part in  
the Re-  
search, TNA  
and M & E  
Survey 2021

Autalavou EFKS  
Manunu, Saolu-  
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