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SUNGO QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER



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.

SUNGO NEWS UPDATE

The SAMOA UMBRELLA for NGOs holds its ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021.

20th May 2022 Tiafau Fale, Millenia Hotel, SOGI - Over one hundred participants from SUNGO's Member Organizations gathered at the Millenia Hotel Sogi during May for its Annual General Meeting for the fiscal year 2020-2021.



SUNGO Annual General Meeting 2020 - 2021 Group Photo #1

Nuufou), Faumuina Manuia Samuelu (Teen Challenge Samoa), Tualataialii Ropeti Paulo (Alii & Faipule Tapueleele), Selesele Uili Amani (Mata'itua CBO Lepale), Punipua'o I'u (Vaiana Women's Committee Tapueleele).



SUNGO Annual General Meeting 2020 - 2021 Group Photo #2

SUNGO holds members meeting to discuss the Electoral Amendment Act

24th June 2022, Tiafau Fale, Millenia Hotel, SOGI - Samoa's Commission of Inquiry has been established to inquire into Electoral Matters 2021. In June, SUNGO held a meeting to seek feedback from its civil society members about the Electoral Act 2019 which was controversially passed by Parliament without proper consultation. The Act contains multiple clauses viewed as violating the human rights of Samoa citizens. Most participants agreed to the changes currently in discussion through consultations within the communities. Attached is a link to the Commission of Inquiry portal. <https://coi.oec.gov.ws/>



SUNGO Members' Meeting on the Electoral Act 2020

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Key topics discussed at the AGM included the Adoption of Minutes 2021, the President's Report 2020 - 2021, the Financial & Auditor's Report 2020 - 2021, Approval of the Annual Workplan and Budget 2021 - 2022, Election of Office Bearers as well as seven Executive Council Members. The meeting also elected officers for the coming year for the SUNGO Executive Council. The membership of the new Council is listed below.
President: Taula Faamoemoe Tala (Lalomanu Farmers Association),
Vice President: Roina Vavatau (EFKS Piu Community),
National Treasurer: Pr Sua Faafetai Kilifi (Tama o le Sami) since resigned and replaced by Tofilau Raymond Voigt (Beekeepers Association of Samoa)
Secretary: Faleafaga Leilua Toni Tipamaa (Samoa Conservation Society)
Members: Saena Penaia (Samoa Federated Farmers Incorporated), Lavea Peseta Lua Nafai (EFKS Tulaele Youth), Peseta Malouamaua Afoa Arasi Tiotio (EFKS



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Which Edition is this?

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. We encourage all members to please visit us on our Facebook page for more information or updates on events and other related matters for your information.

We have hit 2692 Likes and about 20,232 Reach, or our Facebook Audience. And we would like to thank you all SUNGO Members and Followers for your support.

<https://www.facebook.com/SamoaUmbrella/>

If you would like to get in touch, you can now email us, telephone or message us on Face-book.

NOTICE:

Parts 2 and 3 of the Research Course will be conducted on the following dates.

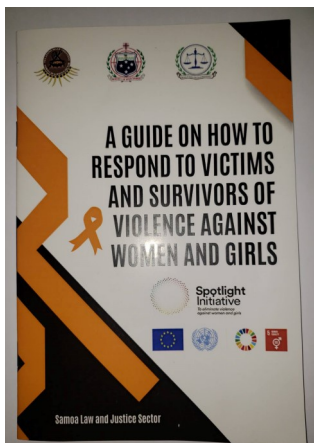
Data Collection and Analysis #1 : 11th - 15th June 2022

Data Collection and Analysis #2 : 25th - 29th July 2022

SUNGO supports development of a Capacity Building guide to assist victims of violence.

30th June 2022, Taumeasina Island Resort -

SUNGO recently supported the launching of the Guide on How to respond to victims of violence against women and Girls - a milestone achievement by one of its stakeholder, the Samoa Law and Justice Sector. This initiative arose from the recent Spotlight Project focused on violence against women and girls funded by the European Union in conjunction with the United Nations. The new Guide was written by SUNGO EC Member, Afioga Peseta Malouamaua Afoa Arasi Tiotio, and her efforts were acknowledged at the launch. The Guide sets out how to respond to victims and survivors of violence against women and girls. The keynote address was delivered by the Chief Executive Officer for the Ministry of Justice Courts and Administration, Susuga Molie'i Simi Vaai. She spoke about the significance of this guide to their everyday work on ending violence against women and girls.



Capacity Building

SUNGO holds course on Research Design, Planning and Methods of NGOs funded by EU.

20th - 24th June 2022, TATTE Building, Ground Floor Conference Room, SOGI - SUNGO recently delivered a new course on Research Design, Planning and Methods for NGOs as the first of a three part series funded through the European Union. The Course was attended by forty-two participants, and was led by trainers Saimasi Suataga Aso and Toga Tanu.



Research Design, Planning and Methods Course for NGOs

SUNGO provides training on Basic Communications Skills for MNRE.

6th - 8th June 2022, TATTE Building, Ground Floor Conference Room, SOGI

- In partnership with MNRE, SUNGO has developed and recently delivered a new course in basic communications skills for cash for work recruits engaged by MNRE on village forestry projects. Thirty people



MNRE CashForWork Recruits

took part in the course delivered by SUNGO trainers Saimasi Suataga Aso and Lemalu Shirley Auele which focussed on developing both the verbal and written skills needed for their work. The programme concluded with a certificate presentation, certifying the participants' knowledge and skills learnt.



Law & Justice Sector & Stakeholders Launch

POLICY & ADVOCACY

SUNGO Executive Council, Management and Staff Retreat.



SUNGO Executive Council, Management & Staff 2022

17th & 18th June 2022, SUNGO Headquarters, Vaitele - SUNGO Executive Council Members and SUNGO Staff recently attended a two day retreat at the SUNGO office with the main objective of familiarizing everyone with SUNGO's Policies and Procedures, the SUNGO Constitution, and the SUNGO Strategic Plan. This was also an opportunity for the incoming new Council and staff to get to know one another through meeting sessions and over shared meals.

SUNGO conducts a Members' Meeting on development issues.

28th June, 2022 TATTE Conference Convention Centre, SOGI - More than eighty representatives from SUNGO Member Organizations gathered at TATTE Conference



Some of the key outcomes of the meeting were being able to identify the thematic areas that civil society organizations work in.



SUNGO Members' Meeting on Thematic Areas

RESEARCH

SUNGO conducts Human Rights Survey for CSOs.

31st May - 9th June 2022 — SUNGO's Research Team conducted its Small Human Rights Survey involving CSOs, over the period late May to early June. The main objective of the survey, was to



assess the general understanding of human rights issues by CSO representatives as well as their understanding of the Conventions related to Human Rights that Samoa has ratified. This Human Rights Survey for CSOs was funded by the European Union in the Pacific, through the Civil Society Support Program (CSSP). The Survey was undertaken by SUNGO's Programme Assistant, Ms Onosa'lilealofa Kitiona. The Survey results indicated that most people knew Human Rights in general, but not the conventions its associated with.

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OTHER NEWS !!!!!

SUNGO's Community Trainers and Staff participates in the Training Skills for Community Trainers Course, funded by the European Union's Direct Grant.

16th – 20th May 2022, SUNGO Office, Vaitele – The European-Union-Funded Course, is one of SUNGO's main responsibilities in building the capacity of member organizations.



The European Union Direct Grant in collaboration with the Civil Society Support Programme (CSSP) supports SUNGO's main objective of its financial assistance to ensure



that the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations (SUNGO) is able to continually assist and support (through capacity building) Samoa's Civil Society Organizations with the aim of fostering a competent and confident Civil Society sector that promotes sustainable development and improved quality of life for the people of Samoa. There are more than 10 training courses funded under this Direct Grant hence the need to continually train its trainers to ensure effective community training.



SUNGO invests significant time and resources to upskill and train its community trainers. The Training of Trainers is attended by SUNGO Community Trainers and Staff. The Training Skills for Community Trainers course focuses to upskill SUNGO's Pool of Community Trainers including the newly recruited trainers and staff members with facilitation and delivery skills and other skills required to conduct a training activity.

