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of Civil Society in  
Democratic Samoa

## Press Release

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#### **SUNGO continues with the IOE Samoa Project's Consultative Discussion Meeting on Climate Change for the vulnerable communities of Leulumoega Tuai & Satapuala.**

*Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2025, Leulumoega Tuai EFKS Hall* - As part of a series of eight village-level community consultative discussions, Leulumoega Tuai and Satapuala Villages came together to address the critical issue of climate change and its impacts on the most vulnerable members of their communities. The fifth meeting in this series serves as a crucial step toward fostering awareness and action at the grassroots level.

This consultative discussion focuses on understanding how climate change is affecting vulnerable groups, such as women, children, and elderly community members, and explores practical, community-led solutions to mitigate these impacts. Participants include village leaders, residents, and stakeholders committed to building a sustainable and resilient future.

The initiative aims to strengthen community collaboration and resilience by sharing knowledge, identifying local challenges, and co-creating strategies to adapt to the changing environment. The outcomes of these discussions will contribute to a comprehensive village-level action plan for addressing climate change.

"We believe that tackling climate change requires collective action and local solutions. These consultative discussions provide a platform for our communities to voice their concerns and take ownership of their future," said Mr. Ogotia Talosaga, a representative from the village of Leulumoega Tuai.

The series of discussions will continue across other villages, culminating in a consolidated action plan that reflects the shared vision and goals of participating communities.

#### **End of Release**

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#### **About International IDEA:**

The International Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (International IDEA) is an intergovernmental organization that supports sustainable democracy worldwide. With a global network, International IDEA provides knowledge, policy development, and advocacy to enhance democratic governance.

#### **About SUNGO:**

The Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organisations (SUNGO) is dedicated to

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strengthening the capacity of NGOs in Samoa, promoting effective governance, and supporting community development initiatives.

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