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PRESS RELEASE

SUNGO Team welcomes Ms Vanessa McConville from the Australian Volunteers Program onboard.

1 August – 1 December 2023, SUNGO Office, Vaitele, Samoa – Ms Vanessa McConville is among the new intake of Australian Volunteers to Samoa in May 2023.

Today is Ms McConville's first day at the Samoa Umbrella for Non-Governmental Organizations and is looking forward to not only supporting the critical work of SUNGO, but also to learn from local expertise.

The Australian Volunteers Program is an initiative funded by the Australian Government, and it matches skilled Australians with organizations in the region to support their governments' priorities, including the Government of Samoa.

Ms McConville's main area of focus is on Child Protection, ensuring that the right of every child is protected and recognized. And while working with SUNGO for the next four months, Ms McConville will ensure that the SUNGO policies and procedures reflect the importance of Child Protection especially when working with the Civil Society Organizations.

SUNGO Chief Executive Officer, Afioga Fuimaono Vaitolo Ofoia believes that the new Team Member will bring with her additional value for the benefit of SUNGO, as well as the Civil Society.







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