



**“16 ASO O FAATINOVA E TETEE ATU AI I SAUAGA O TINA MA TAMAITAI” ASO GAFUA, 27 NOVEMBER 2023, MAOTA O LE TOOA SALAMASINA, SOGI SAUNOAGA AUTU – HON MULIPOLA ANAROSA A MOLIOO**

*Lau Susuga i le Taitai o le Sauniga;*

*Le Paia o Samoa ua potopoto aemaise Tina ma Tamaitai ma e o loo maua mai leni fa’asalalauga i luga o Upega Tafa’ilagi,*

*Le Paia o Paaga ma Sui o Malo Atinae mai Fafo;*

*Le mamalu o Faauluuluga ma sui o Faalapotopotoga ma Auaunaga Tumaoti;*

*Le mamalu o Faauluuluga ma sui o Matagaluega, Faalapotopotoga ma Auaunaga a le Malō;*

*Le paia o Samoa ua potopoto;*

E talitonu ua maea ona paepaeulufanua pa’ia o leni taeao e le fofoga o le Polokalame. Ua mae’a fana foi le u i le va teatea ma toto le niu i lo tatou va tapuia ma lo tatou Atua, e pei ona fitā i tuga iai lana auauna tofia i leni taeao, ua a’e le va’a o manū ae fulifaō le va’a o mala i le alofa faasoa o le Tapaau Sili i le lagi. Ua malumaunu leni aso i le Tooa nei, ina ua afifio ma papā a’ao le mamalu maualuga o Samoa i ona tulaga faalupe, aea le auai mai o a tatou paaga ma sui o Malo mai fafo.

Ua atoa tupe i le fafao, ua lupepe le taumanuula, ao lā a le Tusi Paia, o le faamoemoe ua taunuu o le laau o le soifua lea.

Ona manatu lea, o paia lava ma mamalu o lenei potopotoga, o paia lava e faasino ia Samoa atoa, o paia ia ma faalagiga e lē o’o iai se faamatalaga, aua pe oo iai pe leai foi, e lē aveesea ai paia ma mamalu o Samoa ua uma ona tofi. O le a nuunuu atu ia le faatini o tausala i faleupolu tofia o le atunuu, o la latou nafa tausii lea, ae o le a faga tonu ia le malama ma vili tonu le ifi a Maina e tusa o le faamoemoe o lenei aso.

O lenei faamoemoe o le tatalaina aloaia lea ole **“16 Aso o Faatinoga e tete’e atu ai i sauaga o Tina ma Tamaitai”** mo le tausaga 2023. O le aso 25 Novema o tausaga taitasi e amata ai ma faamanatu ai le Aso Faapitoa Fa’a-va-o Malo mo le Tafieseina o Sauaga o Tina ma Tamaitai ma le Aso Faapitoa o Aia Tatau. O le 16 Aso o Fa’atinoga o se faamoemoe na fauina mai e tagata taitoatasi faapea vaega tumaoti ma o loo unaia i le lalolagi atoa. O lenei faamoemoe o loo lagolagoina malosi e Malo Afaatasi, ma o lea foi ua sauni le tatou Malo e faatino lea foi pitolaau taua o le unaia lea o auala e faalauiloa ai pea sauaga o loo tutupu mai ma unai pea faalauiloa ma faatinoga ina ia aoao ai o tatou tagata i auala e mafai ai ona taofia lea amioga mataga ma tafieseina nei uiga mai lo tatou atunuu. O le Autu ua faaigoaina o le **“IA TUTU FA’ATASI MA INIVESI INA IA TAOFIA SAUAGA O TINA MA**

***TAMAITAI AEMAISE O FANAU ITI” .....“MA E LE TOE IAI SEISI A  
MAFUAAGA O LE A FAAUUAU AI PEA LEA TULAGA MATAGA”***

O le Pasefika o se tasi lea o itulagi o loo maualuga le tulaga o loo iai Sauaga o Tina ma Tamaiti i le lalolagi. E tusa ma le 2 mai le 3 fafine e aafia i sauaga o feusuaiga i lo latou olaga. O le suesuega sa faatino ile 2018, o loo manino ai e tele le faafitauli o loo feagai nei ma Samoa i le Sauaina o Tina ma Tamaitai. I le itu o tamaiti e tusa ma le 87% e aafia i sauaga i totonu o aiga, 86% e aafia i sauaga o le kiki, tu’i ma isi sauaga. E 9.5% o tamaitai e ripoti mai sa faamalosi e le tagata lava o lona aiga. Mo tagata matutua, 86% o tina ma tamaitai nofotane sa aafia i sauaga pei ole kiki, tu’i ma le faaaogaina o mea malo e fa’ao ai sauaga; 87% o tina ma tamaiti sa aafia i lea suesuega e sauaina e ala ile ee ma le faaaogaina o upu malolosi; 24% o tina ma tamaitai sa sauaina e ala ile titinaina ole ua, 87% o tamaitai sa faaoo ai le fa’afefe ma sauaina ile tino. Le mamalu o Samoa potopoto, oute faapea atu ma lou ava tele – o nei pasene e faailoa mai ai o se tulaga pagatia ua iai nei Samoa ma e tatau ona ave atoa le faamuamua ina ia tafiese le mala o le sauaina o Tina, Tamaitai ma Tamaiti.

O le tau aofai o sauaga o loo fuafuaina e tusa ma le \$98 miliona Tala ile \$132 miliona Tala pe tusa lea ma le 6%-7% o le tamaoaiga o Samoa. A le mafai ona foia nei faafitauli o le a faaauau pea ona si’itia le tau o sauaga ma o se tupe alu maimau lea.

O nei pasene o loo faailoa mai ai le taua o le aoina mai o faamaumauga, o taiala lea mo tatou uma. O faamaumauga poo statistics e faailoa ai poo fea o iai le tatou taumafaiga ina ia Tafieseia le sauaina o Tina, Tamaitai ma Tamaitai. O se faafitauli ogaoga ma e tatau ai pea ona tatou faataua le aoina mai o faamaumauga ma faatino galuega ina ia mataituina poo sologa lelei taumafaiga o loo faatino nei pe ua atili ai ona faatupulaia le alu i luga o fuainumera o le sauaina o tina, tamaitai ma tamaiti. O le a galulue le Ofisa o Fuainumera Faamauina ina ia faaauau pea ona ave le faamuamua i lea tulaga.

I le lagolagoina o faiga faavae, tulafono ma aiaiga ua maea ona sainia e le Malo o Samoa faa-va-o-malo e uiga i Sauaga. O le a unaia e le Matagaluega o Tina Tamaiti, Atinae o Nu'u, Alalafaga ma Agafesootai ile malosia e gata ai le Tafieseina o lenei Faafitauli o le Sauaina o Tina ma Tamaiti ina ia maua e i latou se ola fiafia, ola saoloto ma ia amanaia.

O nisi o vaega ole a faatinoina ile 16 Aso e aofia ai aoaoga, faalauiloa, tusiina o tala ma fatu faatauvaga, o le unaia ole faataua ma le faalauiloa o tina ma tamaitai o loo sauaina ae iai ma'i tumau o le tino ma le mafaufau. O nei faatinoga uma ile 16 Aso e agai lava ile Tete'e atu i sauaga o Tina ma Tamaitai. E faailoa atu lava e le matagaluega vaega e faatinoina i aso taitasi o le polokalame.

O se fagufagu ma se faamanatu taua o tatou o Samoa, o loo a'oa'o mai le faakerisiano ma tu ma aga faa-Samoa i le faaaloalo, o le fa'afofoga

ina ia malamalama, faatalanoa ma sue auala e fofo ai faafitauli o loo mafua ai sauaga. E iai le talitonuga ua tatou amata i se tulaga mausali lo tatou faamoemoe ina ia tafieseaa sauaga o loo aafia ai pea Tina ma Tamaitai aemaise ole fanau iti i aso uma.

Faafetai tele i paaga uma a le Matagaluega o Tina, Tamaitai, Atinae o Nu'u ma Agafesootai e aafia ai le vaega faipisinisi ma faalapotopotoga tumaoti, nuu, itumalo faapea le loaloa ole tatou atunuu. Momoli le faafetai faapitoa ile Vaega o Malo Afaatasi, e aafia ai Malo Afaatasi mo Tamaitai, poo le UN Women, UNICEF, Spotlight Initiative ma le Malo o Ausetalia e ala i lana TAUTUA facility ua faamoemoe e fesoasoani ai ia Samoa i nisi o atinae taua ma o loo faigaluega ai foi tagatanuu Samoa e iai le agavaa.

Ua tatalaina aloaia nei le tatou 16 Aso o Faatinoga e Tete'e atu ai i le Sauaina o Tina, Tamaitai ma le Fanau Iti!

Excellencies, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I warmly welcome you all who are here today to witness the official launching of this year's "**16 days of Activism to End Violence Against Women and Girls**", the annual international campaign kicks off on 25 November to mark the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, and runs until 10 December – the Human Rights Day. The 16 days of Activism is an initiative by individuals,

groups and civil society organisations around the world supported by the United Nations. This year, Samoa once again joins the world to campaign under the slogan of “**#NoExcuse**” and theme of “**UNiTE! Invest to Prevent Violence against Women and Girls**”

The Pacific has one of the highest recorded rates of violence against women and girls globally – with two out of three women subjected to physical and/or sexual violence in their lifetimes<sup>1</sup>. The last national inquiry into family violence in Samoa in 2018 reaffirmed the need for intervention to address the alarming rates of family violence in Samoa. On children, 87% of those covered in the inquiry experienced threats of violence in family setting; 86% had been subjected to kicking, punching and other assaults; 9.5% female reported to have been raped by a family member in their lifetime. For adults – 86% women subject to kicking, punching, slapping, causing bodily harm using a hard object (rock, stick, tree trunk, hose etc); 87% women respondents subject to yelling and harsh words; 24% experienced choking; 87% women experienced threats of physical violence or bodily harm. Ladies and gentlemen, these are alarming rates.

The economic cost of family violence is estimated to cost \$98 million to \$132 million or in the range of 6%-7% of Samoa’s GDP. Without interventions now, the costs will continue to increase. These percentages are good indicators, it shows that Samoa has to prioritize

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.spc.int/updates/blog/interactive-story/2023/05/preventing-violence-against-women-and-girls-in-the-pacific#:~:text=The%20Pacific%20has%20one%20of,sexual%20violence%20in%20their%20lifetimes.>

Ending Violence against Women, Girls and children. It is not only a deep rooted social issue but an economic and financial burden on society and the government. I urge out stakeholders not to turn a blind eye on the importance of our social statistics in addition to economic statistics on gender based violence affecting women, girls and children. The Bureau of Statistics also under our portfolio will prioritise this with all our relevant stakeholders going forward.

In support of the Government of Samoa's laws, rules, policies and conventions on violence against women and girls. The Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development are committed to lead this campaign with the support of all government ministries and state owned enterprises as well as work with all our stakeholders championing the ***End Violence Against Women and Girls*** including the creation of strong partnerships with our established civil society organisations, law enforcers, development partners and the wider Samoa communities to make significant tailwinds to propel actions to End Violence Against Women and Girls beyond the 16 days campaign of Activism.

This year's 16 days of Activism activities will include awareness programs to be aired on radios, television, various online platforms, educational workshops covering parenting, story writing and poetry competitions and promotion. All focusing on Ending Violence against women, girls and children and the rights of persons with disabilities.

The Ministry will work closely with its key stakeholders with the support of our development partners to implement the different Activism activities.

Whilst the work will continue beyond the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women, Girls and Children in Samoa; it is a reminder that as Samoans; our Christian and Culture values teach respect and the willingness to listen, understand and find ways to discuss and address the many economic and social issues faced by our people in homes, churches, villages and communities on a daily basis is a step in the right direction.

- *May I ask the audience to please stand silently for a moment of reflection and respect for those mothers, daughters, sisters and children who have lost their lives from violence – words cannot express the grief their loved ones are going through, but through prayers peace will overcome (A maea loa le minute toe nonofo loa i lalo)*
- *Please take your seats.*

Thank you to all our stakeholders including the private sector, civil society, villages and all communities, our partners for their ongoing support and assistance through various ways to assist our Government deliver effective services to assist and empower our communities nation-wide to End Violence Against Women, Girls and Children at all levels. Special thanks to the United Nations – UN



Women, UNICEF, the Spotlight Initiative and the Government of Australia through the TAUTUA facility for funding the various activities.

I declare the start of the 16 Days of Activism to End Violence Against Women, Girls and Children!

Soifua ma ia Manuia!