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Men Of Gagaifolevao Join Campaign To End Violence

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The untitled men of Gagaifolevao village have joined the Samoa Victim Support Group's (SVSG) 'Men against Violence' campaign.

The campaign is designed to eliminate violence against women and girls in Samoa, with the men given tools to channel their energy into positive village developments to care for their loved ones.

The President of SVSG, Siliniu Lina Chang, presented rolls of chain links for vegetable gardens, weed eaters for village beautification projects and maintenance, and lastly a bingo machine with its accessories to assist in fundraising activities.

On behalf of the village, Su'a Faiaoga Tanielu acknowledged the practicality of the strategy to eliminate violence against women through the economic empowerment of not just the women, but also men.

"Gagaifolevao strongly supports the rationale behind teaching the men how to fish for today and tomorrow, rather than giving them a fish just for today. And we are grateful to SVSG to the recognition extended to the untitled men of Gagaifolevao, to step up and contribute towards our government's efforts to eliminate violence against women and girls," he said.

Gagaifolevao is one of the ten villages in which SVSG is working with to address violence through supporting the income generating activities of the men's groups. Seven other villages are also participating in addressing these issues where Community Guides are drawn up by the village councils for the general village's compliance.

Several colleges are also participating in delivering key messages on ending violence against women and girls, in accelerating progress being made on educating young boys to break the cycle of violence.

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