YOUTH FESTIVAL PROMOTES NON-VIOLENCE

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The CCCS Fagalii Youth performing their skit to end violence against women and girls. (Photo: Supplied)

As the festivities continue, the Samoa Victim Support Group (S.V.S.G.) youth celebrated the festive season with a youth festival based on the theme of reviving the culture of respect for women and girls.

The festival was also held to raise the level of awareness raised amongst the youth groups who participated in the festival. The festival took place at the EFKS hall at Sogi on Tuesday this week, with village representatives, families and friends watching the items prepared by the different groups.

The Minister of Finance, Mulipola Anarosa Ale-Molio'o emphasized the importance of youth and the critical role they can play in society to revive the cultural aspects of men respecting women and girls in address violence.

The initiative by the S.V.S.G. youth group strives to end violence against women through youth engagement as well as showcasing their talent and creativity in their performances.

Some of the youth who participated in the festival included the CCCS Youth Fagalii, the SDA Youth Faleatiu, the Methodist Youth Fusi Safata and the Samoa Outreach Community Centre. The youth festival is part of the activities funded by the Samoa Government as part of a project with the S.V.S.G. to eliminate violence against women and girls.

The CCCS Fagalii Youth performing their skit to end violence against women and girls. (Photo: SVSG media)

The CCCS Fagalii youth performed a skit telling the story of domestic violence and alcohol, which featured the story of a drunk man beating his wife in front of their children. Their items delivered a message to men and boys to stop violence of any form against women and girls.

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