

SVSG Reported Concerning Parental issues from its Free Helpline During Festive season in 2024

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Helpline: 800 7874

SVSG continued to operate its 24/7 Free Helpline during the 2024 festive season, responding to multiple reports of parental and family issues.

Rise in Parental Issues with Young Girls

SVSG noted an increase in cases where young girls, aged 14-15, independently left their families,

highlighting struggles in managing their early independence and risky behaviors. Parents expressed challenges in controlling their daughters, many of whom frequently went missing and showed indifference to parental concerns, raising alarms about their safety and well-being.

Domestic Violence During the Festive Season

SVSG responded to numerous domestic violence cases over the holidays, collaborating with the police to provide shelter and counseling support to victims.

Notable Domestic Violence Case from New Zealand

A domestic violence case emerged from New Zealand, involving physical abuse of a woman by her husband, which had been underreported in Samoa, raising concerns about 'silent victims.'

Increase in Requests for Online Counseling

A significant rise in Free Helpline calls for online counseling was noted, as people sought help for emotional stress, suicidal thoughts, and advice on dealing with abuse and violence.

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vulnerable family



SVSG assisted young mothers and vulnerable families, providing essential support, including food and care for children in the absence of fathers.

SVSG President's Call to Action

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang urged parents and community leaders to address these issues by breaking the silence and working together to create a safer Samoa. The SVSG Free Helpline remains open for those in need of assistance.