## SVSG GOVERNMENT MARK PROJECT SUCCESS

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Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) held a closing ceremony program for "Eliminating Violence Against Women and Girls Project" at TATTE.

After a successful year of achieving major results through a joint program with the Government of Samoa, the Samoa Victim Support Group official brought to a close their project of eliminating violence against women and girls which was funded by the Government.

They held a special closing ceremony of the project engaging with men and boys to eliminate violence against women and girls and further emphasizing that noble men are not cruel.

The organization has achieved 15 major achievements from last year to early this year. The closing ceremony was the culmination of all their efforts and hard work.

With the help their local partners, community leaders and government support they were able to go above and beyond their initial expected goals and start the New Year with some great news. Some of their achievements included providing counseling support for survivors and offenders of violence, advocacy programs involving village leaders and young boys, advocacy work with government and community, addressing child vendors and providing educational support.

It has been a long but fruitful period for the organization and the President, Siliniu Lina Chang congratulated their partners for their support in their initiative to end violence against women and girls. "Thank you for the Leaders who have spoken publicly to advocate for the project. We have made milestone achievements," she said.

"All these achievements were received under very challenging health and environmental conditions as it had started during the Covid lockdown.

"I can see the solutions all around us here today because S.V.S.G. believes that a nation's greatest asset is its people, and our people are eager to be a part of that solution."

An overview of the project was presented on screen through a documentary followed by a presentation of Village Declarations made by seven villages. There was also a formal Presentation of Appreciation to five schools and to five youth groups as a small token of appreciation.

The organization will continue to work side by side with these communities to ensure the safety of all victims of abuse and a safe haven for children and women.

