

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

### **SVSG Community Projects Enhanced Through Support from Australian High Commission**

**01 May 2025 – Apia Samoa** The Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), in partnership with the Australian High Commission, continues to champion community empowerment through tangible support initiatives. As of yesterday, significant contributions were delivered to the villages of Siumu, Malaemalu, and Luatuanuu, reinforcing efforts to promote community wellbeing and social resilience.

The assistance provided includes street lights, solar lights, sewing machines, and elei design materials; each carefully selected to meet identified community needs. The solar lights, in particular, have proven to be a vital resource, offering consistent illumination amid ongoing power outages, thereby ensuring safer environments for families and public areas alike.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to advancing the rights and welfare of community members. By improving access to sustainable lighting and supporting income-generating skills, the initiative empowers individuals and enhances overall village infrastructure.

SVSG extends its heartfelt appreciation to the Australian High Commissioner to Samoa for his unwavering support and investment in Samoa's grassroots development.

“We are incredibly grateful for this meaningful collaboration. These resources will have a lasting impact on the lives of our people and their wellbeing,” said a representative of SVSG.

The SVSG remains committed to its mission of advocating for and supporting vulnerable communities through strategic partnerships and community-led action.

## Images from Project



Malaemalu village reps under their new stalled street light





Siumu village reps





Luatuanuu village reps





Street light at Malaemalu

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Ensuring that victims of crime and those in need are well supported to be safe and in control to restore their lives

*2016: With and for Girls Award – Star Foundation of London*

*2017: Innovation & Excellence Team Award – Samoa Public Service*

*2018: Finalist, International Children's Peace Prize 2018 – Kids Right Foundation of Amsterdam, Netherlands*

*2018: Human Rights Champion in Samoa – UNESCO*

*2019: Innovation for Sustainable Development Award – Commonwealth Secretary-General*

*2020: Nominated Person(s) of the Year – Samoa Observer*

*2021: Outstanding Contributions to Human Rights Promotion & Protection – Samoa Office of the Ombudsman/NHRI*

*2023: Healthy Islands Best Proposal Award – World Health Organization*