

MEDIA RELEASE

SVSG and World Vision International Strengthen Disaster Preparedness at Campus of Hope

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Apia:

In partnership with World Vision International, the Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG) conducted a Natural Disaster Preparedness Drill at the Campus of Hope, ensuring that every child, including those with disabilities, is equipped to respond safely and effectively when disaster strikes.

The drill was designed to build resilience among the children and strengthen emergency response systems within the shelter. Children practiced evacuation procedures, learned how to use their Grab-and-Go Bags, and gained the confidence needed to remain calm during emergencies.

The training was facilitated by Superintendent Col Aumua of the Samoa Police Force, Community Division, alongside the Campus of Hope Manager, Shelter staff, and SVSG Youth. Their combined efforts highlighted the importance of teamwork, awareness, and readiness in saving lives during natural disasters.

SVSG President Siliniu Lina Chang emphasized the importance of preparing vulnerable children for such emergencies:

“When disaster strikes, children are the most at risk. At SVSG, we believe that preparation is protection, and this drill ensures that no child is left behind in times of crisis.”

SVSG acknowledges the invaluable partnership with World Vision International, whose support has made this milestone possible. This initiative reinforces the commitment to building safer and more resilient communities for Samoa’s most vulnerable.

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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