

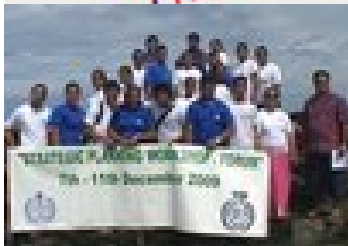


# TALAVOU

Towards a Legacy of Achievement, Versability, and Opportunity through Unity

## NEWSLETTER VOLUME 4

### 2009 NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK A SUCCESS!



The Division for Youth, being the **LEADING** agency in planning and implementing **YOUTH FOCUSED INITIATIVES** aims at allowing every Samoan youth to be able to have the freedom to enjoy all human rights, with equal access and opportunities to participate and contribute fully to all aspects of development.

2009 marks another milestone of that **VISION** as thousands of young people turn up to be part of the **NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK 2009**.



The **National Youth Week 2009's** focus was drawn to the theme "SUSTAINABILITY, OUR CHALLENGE OUR FUTURE!" and it was commemorated through the implementation of Sports, that is **SOCCER**, English **CRICKET** and **JUDO**! The National Youth Parliament, and a Strategic Plan Workshop, with the Youth Stakeholders **FORUM** was the **TAUALUGA held** at the Millennia Hotel.

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## YOUTH HAVE A SAY! WRITE YOUR HISTORY FOR 2 010

Read about it all on page 5 onwards



### GIVING A SECOND CHANCE TO YOUTH

The **REHABILITATION AND REINTEGRATION** program aims to **HELP** with the rehabilitation of young inmates so that they are able to **LEAD** productive and meaningful lives when they return to their families.

It was an initiative put together by the Ministry of Women Community and Social Development, through the Division for Youth-TALAVOU Programme, in collaboration with the Ministry of Police and Prison, together with its sector partners, Ministry of Health, Samoa Family Health Association, NUS Student Counselor, Tagiilima Handicrafts and the Division for Women of the MWCSA.

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"O le laau e toto nei e manuia ai Tupulaga a taeao"

## 2009 NATION YOUTH WEEK A SUCCESS cnt'

Here are some highlights of those events.

Opening Ceremony and lotu made 2009s National Youth Week different because not only many turned up to be part of the ceremony, but also it was viewed on air by thousands through a delayed coverage by TVI Broadcasting Limited.

Sports Clinics and Competition were also held to commemorate this special event.

A sports day for young people with Special Needs was also an achievement and a special day to remember.

The National Youth Parliament held, was also another event to remember. 49 members of Parliament selected by Village Women Representatives from electoral districts, 21 from Savaii, 26 from Upolu, 2 from NOLA discussed the issue of "Relocation and Resettlement of People in Affected Areas". A visit to the Tsunami affected areas was also included so young people can have a reality check of what they are discussing in the Parliament.

Strategic Planning Workshop trained about 20 participants selected by different Church Leaders worked hard with their Strategic plans that were presented in a Forum that ended the whole week of celebration.

A marvelous performance by Jonny Kopelagi moved not only young people but adults present at the closing ceremony.

The Honourable Minister closed the National Youth Week with an Inspiring message.

Leaving the DFY a bigger challenge for 2010 National Youth Week to be even more exciting.



NATIONAL YOUTH WEEK JUDO CLINIC



National Youth Parliament 2009



Cricket Team



## YOUTH HOPE OF THE NATION.....PEER EDUCATION TRAINING 2009



PARTICIPANTS



With the Christmas and New Years Celebration just around the corner the Peer Educators pull their socks up and sharpening their tools so they can head out again and give effective peer to peer advice so the youth of Samoa can have a safe and enjoyable holiday season.

Mr Faumuina Manu Samuelu of the Family Health Association and Ms. Seletuta Viseio-Pita of the Division for Youth were the forerunners of this refresher training, with the financial assistance of the TALA-VOU.

“We shared experiences, challenges, and refuel the knowledge and motivation as peer educators to go out again and be amongst vulnerable young people” Anitelea Mulipola a participant shared the

importance of having this training.



Faumuina Manu Samuelu & Tuta in Action

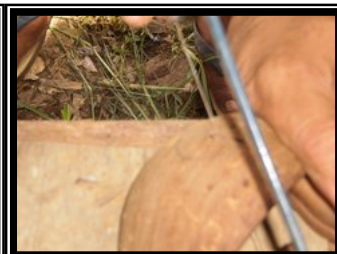
Looking forward to hear many stories of their hard work...

MALO LAVA LE ONOSAI

## GIVING A SECOND CHANCE TO YOUTH cont'

Income Generating Life Skills, together with Health and Wellbeing experts shared with both female and male inmates at Tafaigata Correctional Center and Olomanu Rehab Center from Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> of October, 2009, all the issues that they could share in theory and especially practical, within the limited time that was given with the hope that it will instill in these young people some value

The impact is a life changing experience only that it is not seen straight away but with hope that it will spring forth in the years to come.



INMATES WORKING ON HANDICRAFTS

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## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010

EVER THOUGHT OF BEING INVOLVED WITH YOUTH INITIATIVES CARRIED OUT BY YOUR YOUTH DIVISION THROUGHOUT THE YEAR?.....

LOOK OUT FOR ADVERTISEMENTS, OPPORTUNITIES, AND MANY MORE **FUN FUN FUN** ACTIVITIES THAT WILL BE POSTED VIA TV, RADIO AND NEWSLETTER BY THE MWCS-DIVISION FOR YOUTH AND BE PART

OF THE **INFLUENCE 2010**

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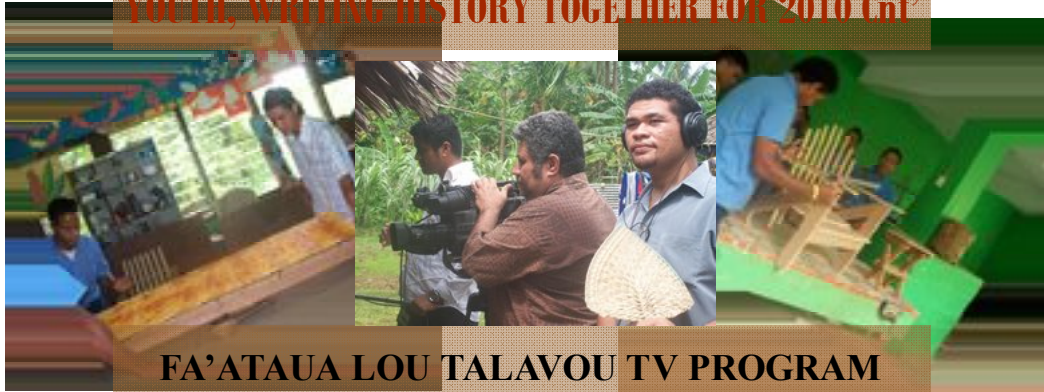
## NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS

THIS YEAR'S NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS WILL COMMEND IN APRIL THIS YEAR WITH EXCITING PRIZES AND ACHIEVEMENTS TO CAPTURE AND BE PART OF HISTORY.....

LOOK OUT FOR THE ADVERTISEMENT ON TV AND NEWSPAPERS.....

# HAVE FUN ENTERING

**YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cont'**



**FA'ATAUA LOU TALAVOU TV PROGRAM**

The TUPULAGA O SAMOA program is an initiative that the DFY is working together with the WT media production team to put together so young people ACHIEVEMENTS and PASSION can be an encouragement for other PEERS that are finding themselves stuck in a rut not knowing what to do.

Already there has BEEN MARVELOUS achievements recognized by the public but still the image of young people in negative influences is high, therefore the program aims at instilling back into young people a sense of TAUTUA and with the help of their peers who will be part of this programme, they will look at themselves and say "I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE".

Season I will be aired on TVI Broadcasting Limited from the 5th of April. We therefore invite you to have a say and give us a HOLLA if you know of someone who can be inspirational to other young people.



## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cnt'

### 1ST PACIFIC YOUTH AND SPORTS CONFERENCE 2010 MANUKAU NZ



MARCH 15th to the 20th marked another history of Youth Development in the Pacific with the First ever Pacific Youth & Sports Conference held in Manukau City, Auckland NZ.

A delegation of 25 young people and officials selected from the different sports bodies and related NGOs here in Samoa became the voice of Samoan Youth to this conference.



This conference was about building a better future for Pacific Youth, explore youth-related issues with a specific focus on sports.

Its main objectives were to:

- Reinforce youth and sport networks
- Plan ways of increasing participation of young people in society through sport, and
- To build structures whereby youth associations, government institutions and sports organisations can be more closely linked.



The workshops and seminars delivered covers four (4) themes such as: HEALTH, EDUCATION & TRAINING, CITIZENSHIP & GOOD GOVERNANCE, SOCIAL INTEGRATION and ANTI-DISCRIMINATION.

“This conference made me realize the youth issues that I am facing as a young person that is common around the Pacific region, and it has challenged me to be an effective contributor to the development of young people here in Samoa” Manu Solomona, 17 year old, Fasitoo-tai.



The Delegation also entered a Project Competition and was one of the 4 countries that won **US\$20,000.00**, for their proposal of the existing TALAVOU project prepared and put together by the Delegation.

The same presentation was presented to the sports bodies and other NGOs represented by the young people in the delegation to clarify where the money is spent.

## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cnt'

### 1ST PACIFIC YOUTH AND SPORTS CONFERENCE 2010 MANUKAU NZ cnt'



As this conference highlighted the many opportunities that Samoa can tap into through SASNOC, our hope is that this will be a start of a strong network to develop young peoples effort in sport and other related areas.

A big FAAFETAI to the government and families of these young people, to the Sports bodies, Government Ministries and NGOs who selected and supported these young people to be part of this milestone.



### YOUTH TAUSALA TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SHANGHAI WORLD EXPO 2010

The Shanghai World Expo 2010 preparation is rolling and a Dance group of selected young men and women will be showcasing Samoa's culture at this great event.

The Youth Tausala is privileged to be invited by the Samoa Tourism Authority through the Division for Youth to be part of this Dance Group.

Surely, her gracefulness will be admired and will definitely catch the eye of those who have never seen a Samoan TAUPOU ever before.

**“MANUIA OU FAIVA”**

## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cnt'

### TALAVOU PROGRAMME DONATES EQUIPMENTS TO OLOMANU CORRECTIONAL CENTER

#### MULIFANUA



Training will just be head knowledge is there is no practical.

Therefore the OLOMANU CORRECTIONAL CENTER Mulifanua received carving tools to implement their projects that they were trained and upskilled with throughout their collaborated workshops throughout the year 2009.

These tools were received by the Officers in charge on behalf of the Police Commissioner and acknowledge the Aids behind the TALAVOU programme for funding this grant and also for acknowledging the development of the young people undertaking the rehabilitation programme at Olomanu Correctional Center.

*"E au i le tauola e au i le fagota"*

### FAATOIA YOUTH GROUP GRANTED MATERIALS TO DEVELOP THEIR

#### STUDY CENTER

Education as one of the key focus areas of the Talavou programme not only in the formal sector but also with the second chance education system, has highlighted that not only do we need peoples expertise to really do the job well, but resources are needed to develop that area of youth development.

Hence the donation of books and furnitures by the TALAVOU programme to the Faatoia Methodist Youth group.

"Ia avea leni foai ma avanoa e toe faamumu atili ai le agaga finau ma su'e-su'e i Tupulaga Faatoia".



## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cnt' SALEIMOA— TOGO YOUTH GROUP, A PROJECT ORIENTED GROUP BLESSED WITH GARDENING TOOLS DONATED BY THE TALAVOU PROGRAM



Pictured are the gardening materials donated by the TALAVOU programme for the TOGO EFKS Youth Group.



This grant was presented with the HOPE that it will assist the youth group to develop not only their project but also the lives of the youth of this village.



### TALAVOU PROGRAM GRANTS FASITO'O-UTA A DONATION OF ST\$5,000.00

Thousands of young people are heavily involved in sports and recreational activities, utilizing their skills and talents and giving back to communities what they value.

This year the Fasito'o-Uta EFKS youth group focuses on renovating their sports facilities to enhance the development of sports and young people of their community.

“Faaaoga avanoa maua e Atina'e ai olaga ta'aalo, ma ia saofaga ai i fa'agatama fa'avaomalo”

## YOUTH, WRITING HISTORY TOGETHER FOR 2010 Cnt'

### NATIONAL YOUTH COUNCIL PREPARATION..... ROLLING



The SAMOA NATIONAL YOUTH COUCIL is another big step that the Ministry of Women Community and Social Development under its Division for youth is taking to create more opportunities for Young Peoples Development in SAMOA.

This has been an idea for years 2010 actions are taken place to move this idea to be a reality.

It is exciting to know that support from all areas is behind this effort and it takes a TEAM of great ideas for something this big to happen. The most exciting thing about it is that YOUNG PEOPLE..... YES YOU is leading the implementation.

**Malo lava le FINAU MO MEA SILI**

### YOUTH FESO'OTA'I CENTER OPEN AT FAGAFAU

Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2010 marked a milestone at Fagafau.

Five computer sets (Dell flat screen, UPS, Dell monitors), one three in one (Printer, Fax, Scanner), TV monitor, DVD player, PC viewer and white screen

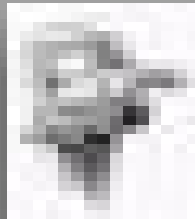


through the TALAVO Programme for the Fesootai Center. Negotiations were made with SamoaTel to set up the telephone line for dial up and MCIT for their assistance in the setting up of the Fesootai Center.

Technologies has helped a lot of young people to get outside of the box and know the issues that they are facing today th

## YOUTH LINE

NEED A FRIEND TO LISTEN TO YOUR STORY AND WALK ALONGSIDE YOU IN MAKING LIFE DECISIONS.....



That friend is only a PHONE CALL away.....

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