

Speech By Her Excellency Tagaloa Christa Szegedi at Samoa Victims Support Group 22.09.2020.

Talofa and Good Morning, Siliniu Lina Chang the President of Samoa Victims Support Group, Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen. It is a real pleasure for me as the German Consul to Samoa to be here with you today at the Campus of Hope. I bring special greetings from His Excellency the German Ambassador to Samoa Mr Stefan Krawielicki. I also bring greetings from Mrs Wera Hack who some of you would have meet in 2017. Mr Krawielicki and Mrs Hack are based with the Embassy in Wellington and would have loved to be here today. Unfortunately due to Covid-19 restrictions that was not possible.

The Government of the Federal Republic of Germany is very excited to be in partnership again with the Samoa Victims Support Group. This is the second time in recent years that the German Government has provided support and assistance. In 2017 the German Government was able to provide Bunk Beds for the Campus of Hope valued at \$26,000 Samoan Tala.

Today I am here to officially hand over musical equipment and a PA system to Samoa Victims Support Group valued at \$13,600 Samoan Tala. The objective of this support from Germany is to provide an avenue for healing as well as to rehabilitate the women and children here at the Campus of Hope. By learning how to play these instruments such as the pianos, drums and guitars, new skills can be learned. At the same time the PA system can be used for Zumba and exercise activities.

Due to the changes brought about with Covid-19 it is vital that we all work together and support Samoa Victims Support Group as they help those in need. Those that are under the care of Samoa Victims Support Group have experienced many difficulties. It is our hope that what is given today will play a part in helping those in need and cheer them up. At the same time we also hope it will provide lots of joy, laughter and happiness which are important aspects in the healing process.

I want to take this opportunity to express my admiration to the president Siliniu Lina Chang and her wonderful team. Samoa Victims Support Group is really doing tremendous work in providing support for people that face incredible difficulties and hardships. I also wish Siliniu and her team all the best in the future as they provide for those that need help the most.

Lastly today's support is made possible by the great history and friendship shared between Germany and Samoa over many years.

Thank You.