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PRESS RELEASE WORLD DAY AGAINST CHILD LABOUR 2020

THEME: 'CHILDREN SHOULD
NOW BE PROTECTED MORE
THAN EVER'

Every year on 12th June since 2002, countries celebrate the World Day against Child Labour with the intention to shine light on this important issue as well as action and efforts required to eliminate it globally. After ratifying the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention in 2008, Samoa joined other ILO members in fostering the worldwide effort to prevent child labour in any of its forms. As the world currently faces the COVID 19 pandemic, it is causing health concerns, economic and social setbacks including the impacts imposed on children participating in labour activities across the most vulnerable countries. World Day against Child Labour 2020 focuses on impacts of the crisis on child labour.

Before the COVID-19 spread, almost 100 million children have been removed from child labour bringing down the number from 246 million in 2000 to 152 million in 2016 in accordance with ILO data. However, this crisis brings about a possibility of greater risks for millions of vulnerable children into child labour. The pandemic can lead to disrupted education, family illness and the potential loss of household income especially in areas with absence of adequate social protection systems. Currently, Asia and the Pacific ranks the second highest in child labour confirming the notion that children found in worst forms of child labour are usually with the low-income countries. The Bureau of International Labour Affairs report released in 2018 stated that the children in Samoa engage in the worst forms of child labour especially in the form of street vending. Fast forward to the present, Samoa has managed to reduce this issue through various forms of mechanisms.

The Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour 'MCIL' takes the lead in improving enforcement and relevant legislation to assist in combating exploitation of children in the formal sector. Section 51 of the Labour and Employment Relations Act 2013 'Act' as well as section 21, 22 & 23 of the Regulations 2016 'LERR' serves as a reminder to all employers on their obligations regarding the employment of children. Further, the Samoa National Tripartite forum housed under MCIL continues to implement programs and decisions that aim to further improve child labour issues for the country. To further address this issue, the government is taking an inter-agency approach spearheaded by the Ministry of Women, Community and Social Development and in partnership with the International Labour Organization. For more information, please contact Chief Executive Officer on telephone 20441 or email lyndoncl@mcil.gov.ws



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**ASO FAAPITOA MO LE LALOLAGI E
TETEE ATU I LE FAAFAIGALUEGAINA
O TAMAITI 2020**

**AUTU: 'E TATAU ONA PUIPUIA FANAU
MAI GALUEGA E LE TALAFEAGAI'**

O le Aso Faamanatu e tetee atu i le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti i galuega e le talafeagai sa faapea ona atofaina i le masina o Iuni 2002 e le Faalapotopotoga o Leipa Faavaomalo (ILO). O le sini autu o leni faamoemoe ina ia faalauiloa ma aoaoina tagata lautele i le ogaoga ma le aafiaga o le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti i galuega le talafeagai faatasi ai ma gaoiga e faafoia ai leni faafitauli. O le tausaga 2008 sa faapea ona faamaonia ai e Samoa le Tulaga Matautia le Talafeagai i le Faafaigaluegaina o Tamaiti ma avea ai ma matafaioi le faatino o gaoiga e faafoia ai leni faafitauli matuia. Ao feagai le lalolagi ma le vaitaimi o le Koviti 19, o loo faapea ona maitauina aafiaga mo le soifua maloloina o tagata lautele, aemaise le tamaoiga ma agafesootai e ta aofai ai ma aafiaga i le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti i galuega le talafeagai mo atunuu e lima vaivai le tamaoiga. O le aso faapitoa mo le tetee atu i le fa'afaigaluegaina faa le tatau o fanau 2020 olo'o taula'i lea i o latou fa'afitauli ma a'afiaga.

E tusa ai ma fa'amaumauga ale ILO, e 100 miliona tamaiti ua mafai ona aveesea mai i galuega le talafeagai ma faaititia ai le fuai numera 38 pasene mai le 2000 agai i le 2006. O le pepesi o le Koviti 19 o loo maitauina ai le lamatia pea o le soifua galue o tamaiti i galuega talafeagai. O nisi o aafiaga maaleale e tulai mai i leni faama'i o le aafiaga o aoaoga, soifua maloloina o aiga, tupe maua o aiga i aemaise nofoaga e leo iai ni faiga puipuiga o agafesootai. i le taimi nei, o loo lona lua le atu Asia ma le Pasefika i le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti i galuega le talafeagai ma faamaonia ai le mau o le tele o nei faafitauli e tula'i mai totonu o atunuu e lima vaivai le tamaoiga. O le lipoti na tuuina mai e le Ofisa o Faavaomalo i mataupu tau Leipa sa faamauina ai e faapea o Samoa o loo tulai mai ai nisi o le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti i galuega le talafeagai i magaala. O leni vaitaimi, ua mafai e Samoa ona faaititia leni faafitauli e ala i nisi o gaoiga ua mafai ona faatinoina.

O loo taimua le Matagaluega o Pisinisi Alamanuia ma Leipa i le unaia ma le faamalosia o faiga faavae ma taiala talafeagai faaletulafono e taofia ai le faafaigaluegaina o alo ma fanau i Galuega Aloaia (Formal Sector). I le vaega e 51 o le tulafono o Leipa ma Galuega 2013, faapea ma le vaega e 21,22,23 o le tulafono Faatonutonu 2016, o loo faamanatu mai ai i tagata e onaina galuega a latou matafaioi i le faafaigaluegaina o tamaiti. O le Komiti o le Fono Aoao Faatafatolu o Leipa, (SNTF) e taulamua i le limataitaiina o faatinoga o polokalame ma faaiuga fai talafeagai e faaleileia ai mataupu tau le faafaigaluega o tamaiti i galuega le talafeagai mo Samoa. Mo le faaleleia atili o nei mataupu, ua taimua ai le malo ma le Matagaluega o Tina ma Tamaitai, e taumafai e taofia mai tulaga ma mataupu tau le faafaigaluega o tamaiti luga o magaala ma le faafaigaluega o tamaiti i totonu o Galuega le Aloaia e le o mafai ona faatinoina i lalo o tulafono o loo faatulafonoina i lalo le Matagaluega o Leipa. Mo nisi faamatalaga faafesootai le Ofisa Sili o Pulega i le telefoni 20441 po ole imeli: lyndoncl@mcil.gov.ws