

# Strengthening Gender & Social Inclusion in the Pacific: 22 July 2022

## Gender Responsive Budgeting Experience

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Spotlight Initiative SAMOA Country Programme

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Gender-based violence is a major obstacle to the fulfilment of women and girls' human rights

AND to the achievement of the Agenda for Sustainable Development.



# Context: GRB National Initiative:

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- **Joint global EU & UN Spotlight Initiative to eliminate** violence against women and girls and Harmful practices, unprecedented **investment in Gender Equality, a precondition for SDGs.**
- Samoa Survey recommendation – **Increase government spending and accountability to address family violence, DV.**
- DV laws and policies requires **resource, capacity and leadership** support to better address it in government development plans.
- **Gender Responsive Budgeting, long term goal for increasing resources on Ending Violence and Gender Equality commitments.**



# National commitment

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GRB becomes a sector wide priority

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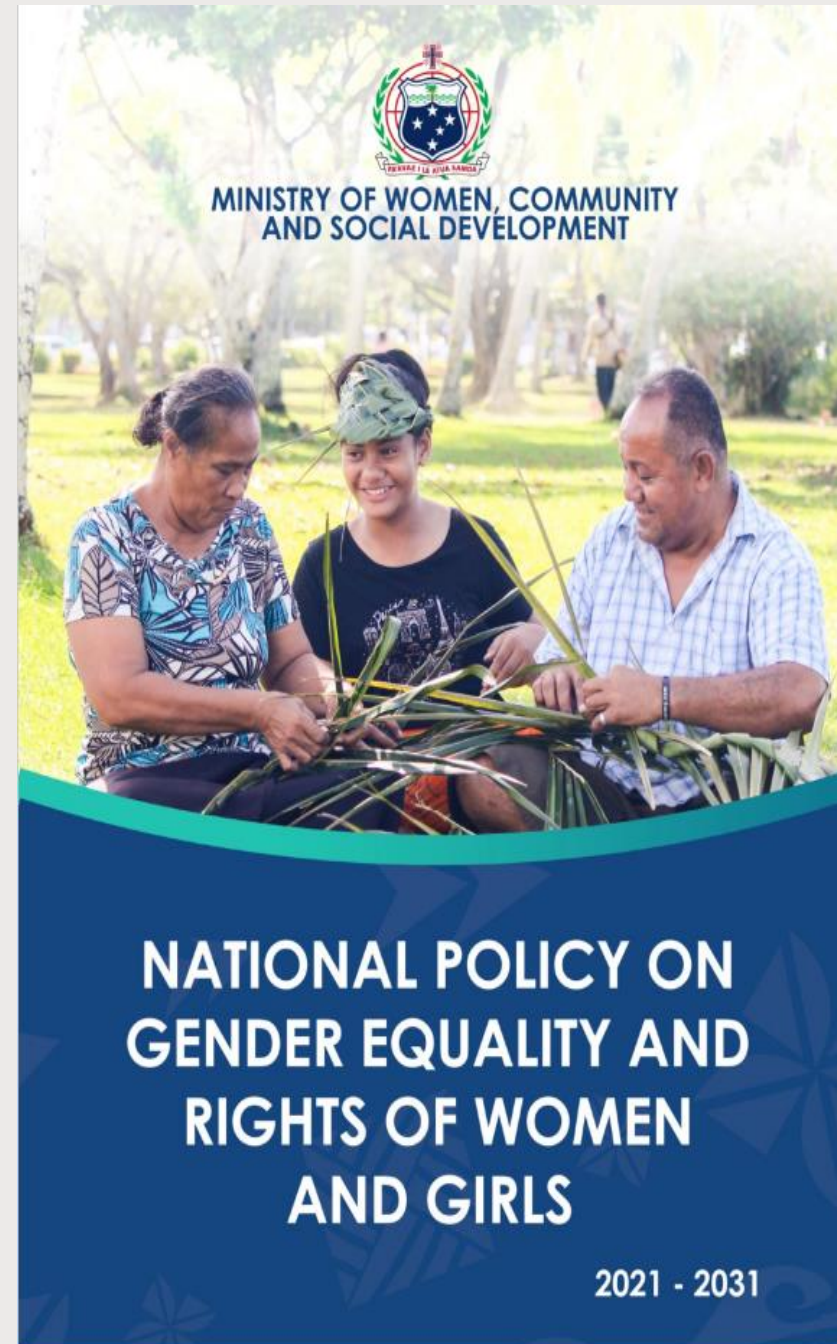
*National & International commitments to  
Gender Equality*

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GRB requires effective multisectoral  
coordination & partnerships

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Guiding Principles: Be informed by  
context, Inclusive, gender transformative,  
do no harm and Leave no one behind!





"Lufilufi lima lelei le faaso o alagaoa ma seleni mo le manuia o tagata uma."



#SpotlightEndViolence



Spotlight Initiative  
To eliminate violence against women and girls



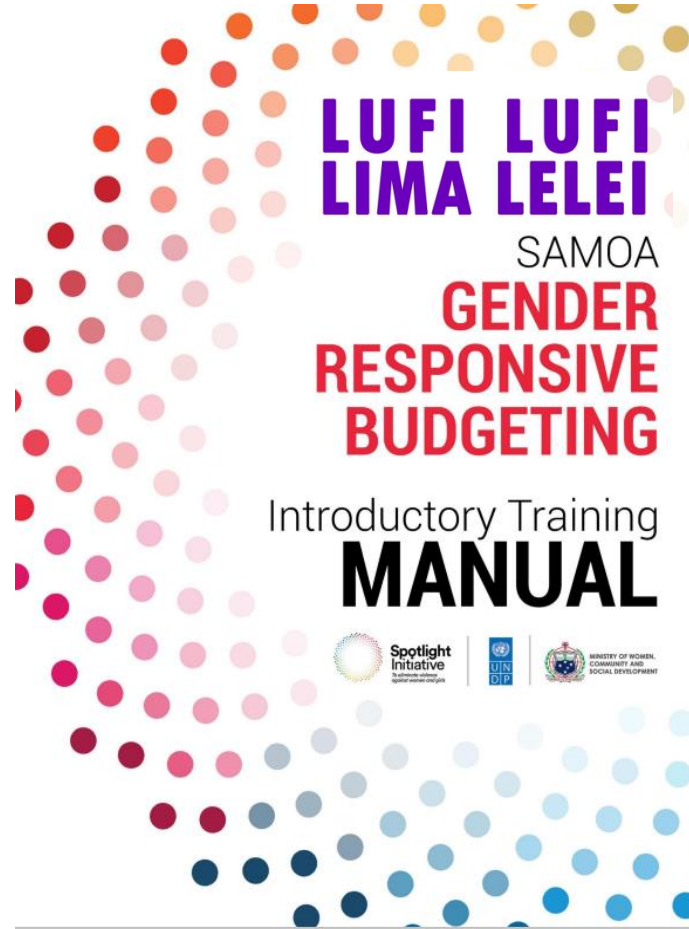
MINISTRY OF WOMEN, COMMUNITY AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

## Contextualized Interventions:

1. Hired Technical Experts
  2. Meetings GRB Think Tank to Co Create Initiative
  3. Contextualized tools & materials
    - GRB NOT AN ADDED RESPONSIBILITY
    - ENGAGE CSOs, Women's Groups
  4. Trainings & Capacity Building
- \*Lufilufi Lima Lelei GRB Core Group



RESULTS:  
Available  
Resources



# Challenges



GBV & GE seen as a women's issue

GRB seen as an added responsibility

Streamlining with other GRB efforts in progress



## Future Pathway...

- CANNOT STOP NOW! Continue Advocacy & Policy conversations
- Collective partnerships, political leadership and technical /financial support.
- Implement GESI Recommendations- Join the movement
- Integration Programming
- Impact of GRB measured by the Samoan women and girls.





# Spotlight Initiative



**Violence against women and girls is one of the most widespread, persistent and devastating **human rights violations** in our world today.**



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GOD BLESS!