

SAMOA - PROJECT PROPOSAL

Title	Preserving and promoting the Samoan performing art of the fire-knife dance in Savai'i villages	
Origin	<p>Ailao Club The Ailao Club was formed in January 2002 by Lene Leota of Siva Afi Designs. Its purpose is to promote the art of Samoan Fire Dancing and to support the development of young fire knife dancers living in Samoa. There is no cost to be part of the club and the club raises money to send teams to fire-knife competitions in American Samoa and the US where they have won many awards in recent years. The club has also gained a reputation for working with underprivileged children and developing the pride and self-esteem through knowledge of the Samoan performing arts. In past years the club has done workshops in villages in Upolu and Savai'i where many young people have not been exposed for this traditional performing art. They do a workshop during the day and learn about the history of the fire-knife dance and then do a performance for the village at night. This is also a good opportunity for young people from Apia to form friendships with young people living in rural villages as the villages welcome the club members with traditional ceremonies.</p> <p>The club would like to organize a new series of workshops in the outer island of Savai'i.</p>	
Beneficiaries	The young people in the village who participate in the workshops and who will gain confidence and self-esteem, the young people who come as part of the Ailao Club team to teach in the workshop, all the people in the villages as they will feel pride in the performing art of Samoa	
Partners	Lead organization	Ailao Club
	Youth organizations	
	Other organizations	Churches, schools and matai (chiefs) in the villages where the workshops will be held
Duration	3 months	
Budget	<p>Costs for a total of 4 workshops in 4 villages over two weekends (in tala):</p> <p>Transport of the 8-10 person team to Savaii and between the villages – 2000 Village stays (price paid to village for accommodation and food) – 2400 Sound equipment – 1000 T-shirts and posters – 1200 Training sticks – 560 Publicity - 1000</p> <p>TOTAL – 8160 Tala = approx \$ 3138.00 US</p> <p>Reporting costs will be covered by the Ailao Club as will the costs associated with the digital pictures and video footage</p>	
Theme	Life and love in islands	

Priority Issue	Preserving and promoting the art of the fire-knife dance by providing the opportunity for young people throughout Samoa to be exposed to and trained in this dance.
Goal	To bring a team of young fire-knife dancers from the Ailao Club to team fire-knife dancing in villages in Savai'i.
Objective(s)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - to conduct fire-knife workshops in 4 villages in Savai'i with a performance for the village at the end of the workshop - to have at least 200 young people in total take part in the workshops - to encourage friendships and increased understanding between youth from the city and youth from the villages - to encourage the future development of talented young people who take part in the workshop by inviting them to join the Ailao Club and covering the costs of their travel to Apia to train with the rest of the club and to competitions (costs to be covered by Club and sponsors)
Activities	<p>In each village:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - education on the history of the fire-knife dance, distribution of t-shirts and posters - workshop teaching all young people who want to participate the basic moves, progress depending on ability - performance in the evening featuring club members and workshop participants
Action Needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - identify villages where workshops will be held - work with village matai, church, school to publicize the workshops - prepare for the workshop – make training sticks, t-shirts, posters