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## PROJECT ADVERTISEMENT

# Intersections of Faith and Abuse: A study of Samoan social work practitioners' insights into family violence.

Family violence presents a significant challenge within Auckland Samoan community, yet the underlying causal factors remain poorly understood. Despite Samoans' strong religious affiliations, there is lack of knowledge regarding the potential correlation between religious faith and the prevalence of family violence, as well as the barriers restricting people from seeking assistance. This study aims to shed light on these complex issues by examining the perspectives of Samoan social work practitioners engaged in the field of family violence. Through their insights, we aim to gain deeper understanding into the role of religious beliefs in shaping attitudes towards family violence and to uncover the factors hindering individuals from accessing support within this community.

Are you a social worker working with Samoan clients? I invite you to participate in my research project exploring the intersection of faith and abuse in family violence within the Samoan community.

By sharing your insights and experiences, you can help inform the development of culturally sensitive interventions and support services for diverse communities facing similar challenges. My aim is to equip social work practitioners with the knowledge and tools necessary to effectively support and advocate for their clients.

I am conducting individual talanoa sessions. I am looking to recruit a total of four participants from Auckland. To be eligible, participants must be a Samoan social worker, have experience in the family violence sector, and reside in Auckland.

Interested in taking part? Simply reach out to me through email, providing your contact details. I will then send you a meeting invite for a face-to-face talanoa session, where I will explain the research purpose and process. Rest assured, all personal information shared will be kept confidential.

Your participation can make a difference. Join me in shedding light on this important issue and contributing to positive change within our community.

### Project Contacts

If you are interested in this study and would like more information, please contact researcher Genevieve Sang-Yum on mobile 02108168420 or email [Genevieve.Sang-Yum.1@uni.massey.ac.nz](mailto:Genevieve.Sang-Yum.1@uni.massey.ac.nz). All communication will be treated confidentially.

Fa'afetai tele lava – Thank you very much.

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