The EVE Project, in partnership with Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), works with 20 community-based researchers to identify context-specific targets and methods to address violence against women and girls using a Participatory Community-led Intervention Development (PCID) approach. PCID centres Southern epistemologies in research through co-creation of methods, theories and interventions with community members (2).

A 2018 report from the Samoa Office of the Ombudsman reported that 86% of women had experienced physical violence from an intimate partner in their lifetime (1). Samoa is an independent democracy in the Polynesian region of the Pacific Ocean, close to Fiji and Tonga. Its rich cultural history and social structure are over 3,000 years old.

Samoa is ranked 118 in the global Gini index, 79.67 in the Gender Inequality Index, and 1.34 billion in GDP. The lower score in the climate risk index suggests a lower risk of climate change impacts.

Twenty village reps have been selected in Samoa to participate in collaborative workshops. They are conducting interviews and focus group discussions to better understand violence in their communities and how to address it effectively.

Samoa's geographical location and rich cultural history make it an ideal case study for community-led violence prevention. The EVE Project's approach emphasizes the importance of understanding local contexts and involving community members in the research and intervention process.

For more information, visit https://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-health/research/research-areas/eveproject/evidence-violence-prevention-extreme.