

Samoa

A case study of community-led violence prevention

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).



Country Profile

Climate risk index

lower score = higher climate risk



Gender Inequality Index

higher score = greater inequality between men and women



Gini index

higher score = more income disparity



GDP



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.

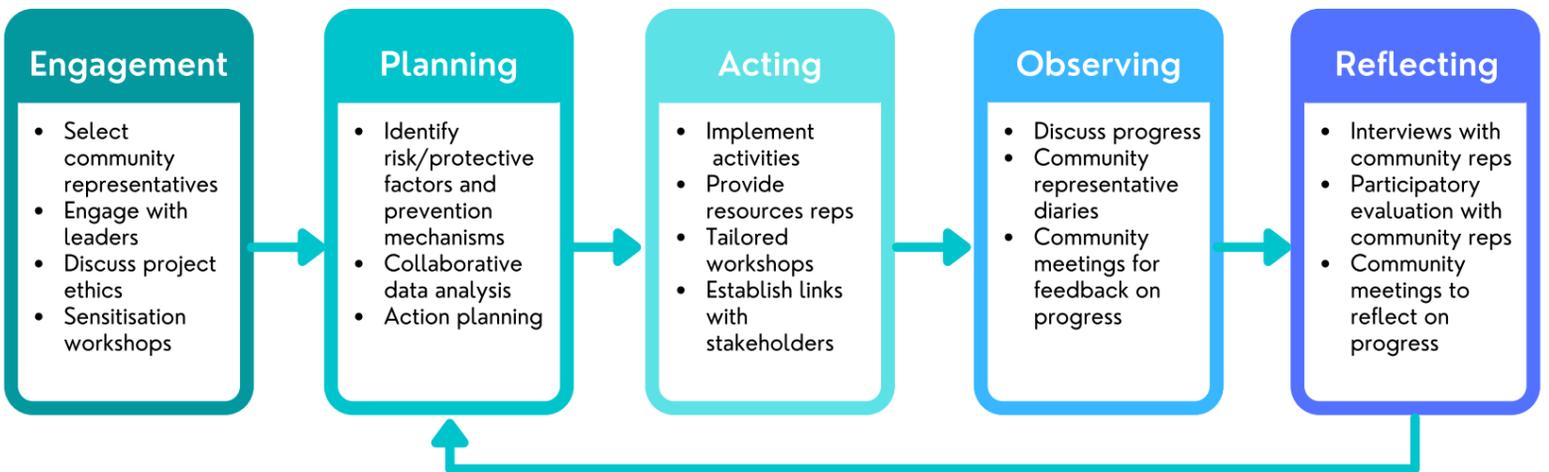
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The EVE Project, in partnership with Samoa Victim Support Group (SVSG), works with 20 community-based researchers to identify context-specific targets and methods to address violence against women and girls using a Participatory Community-led Intervention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

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.



Participatory Community-Led Intervention Development (PCID)



"I am hoping that the project will change how the people in my village think about violence, that it is not a private matter that only concerns the couple involved, but it is a matter of concern for the whole village. If the villagers can understand this, then I believe this is a good start in getting them to become the solution to the problem instead of adding to the problem."

- Village representative

For more information, visit <https://www.ucl.ac.uk/global-health/research/z-research/eve-project-evidence-violence-prevention-extreme>