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## **Governor Lemanu & Lt. Governor Talauega Supports Softball Clinics Empowering Girls in Partnership with Community Organizations**



In a concerted effort to expand opportunities for young girls in the region, Governor Lemanu and Lieutenant Governor Talauega have been steadfast supporters of the **Community Empowerment Organization**, which has joined forces with the **AIGA Foundation** and **Xemberfit** to conduct the *Grow the Game Softball Clinics*. This initiative has united softball athletes at the collegiate level, to interact with various local schools and coordinate camps at sites such as the Tony Solaita Memorial, Leone, and Pago Fields.

The primary objective of this visit is to make a positive impact on the lives of young girls on the island by sharing skills and training in softball. Beyond technical proficiency, the focus extends to the cultivation of life skills that are important for excelling in the sport. Led by a distinguished

group of women, the clinics boast leaders with achievements ranging from home run record holders to gold medalists. Many of these women are alumni of prestigious universities in the United States, with some currently pursuing professional careers in softball, while others contribute as part of coaching staff or continue their academic endeavors.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the following women:

- Keilani Ricketts Tumanuvao
- Jocelyn Alo
- Dejah Mulipola
- Kiarra Sells
- Leilani Pulemau
- Megan Grant
- Mary Iakopo
- Charity Sevaaetasi
- Chloe Malau'ulu
- Matalasi Faapito
- Thessa Malau'ulu
- Alia Logoleo
- Megan Faraimo
- Keahilele Mattson

Their commitment to nurturing the next generation of softball players is commendable, and their contributions will undoubtedly leave a lasting legacy on the island. Through these clinics, the aim is not only to enhance softball skills but also to instill values of teamwork, leadership, and perseverance.

As a special highlight, the group had the honor of visiting the Governor's office to meet with Governor Lemanu and Lt. Governor Talauega. This meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the importance of sports empowerment for young girls and explore avenues for future collaboration in creating more opportunities for the island's youth.

Governor Lemanu and Lieutenant Governor Talauega express their gratitude to all partners, volunteers, and participants for making this initiative a resounding success. The government remains dedicated to fostering opportunities that empower the youth and pave the way for a brighter future.

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