

GIRLS IN ICT REPORT

26 April 2018

Apita Pisaga Hall - Salelologa SAVAI

BACKGROUND

1. The Girls in ICT Day (“event”) is part of the International Telecommunications Union’s (“ITU”) global effort to raise awareness on empowering and encouraging girls and young women to consider careers in the growing field of information and communication technology (“ICT”)

PARTICIPANTS

2. This year marks the fourth (4) consecutive year in which the Office of the Regulator (“OOTR”) has become part of this international event. With the support of its partnering sponsors¹, OOTR commemorated this year’s event on Thursday, 26th April 2018 for the very first time in its big island of Savaii at the Apita Pisaga Hall in Salelologa, which was attended by 6² out of 11 colleges around the big island of Savaii.

3. Due to travelling constraints in previous year’s celebration, which excluded participant from the big island of Savaii, OOTR has taken the initiative to take the program and celebration to the college girls in Savaii for the first (1st) time.

4. All eleven (11) colleges were invited to participate and nine (9) confirmed to participate, but on the day six (6) colleges were able to travel from distanced locations to take part in the awareness program.

MAIN COMPETITION

5. Every year, since its first (1st) successful program, OOTR holds a main competition in which college girls are invited to participate. The winners are announced on the day of the event and presented with special prizes. In the previous year, OOTR has held a video competition which focused on the importance of ICT and other related topics.

6. For this year’s event and because it was the first (1st) launching and participants in Savaii, the organising committee held an essay writing competition as means of encouraging young girls to freely express their knowledge on ICT and to pursue ICT as their future careers. Last year’s topics for video competition were basis for topics this year for the essay competition. To that end, girls in all college levels 9-13 levels in Savaii were invited to enter our OOTR’s Essay Writing Competition. The details of the competition is attached and marked as **Annex 1** to this report.

7. On Wednesday 11th April (due date for essay submissions), OOTR received twenty two (22) essay submissions from vast colleges in Savaii. The essays were independently marked by three (3) judges and the top three (3) essays were deemed worthy of winning this year’s main competition prizes.

PRESENTERS

8. Presentations were delivered by female staff Managers and Technical officer of OOTR. The senior managers presented on their careers as a Legal Manager and Electricity

¹ Samoa Stationery and Books (SSAB), Digicel Samoa, Netvo Samoa

² Amoa College, Vaiola College, Itu o Tane College, Don Bosco College, Mataaevave College, Palauli College

Sector Manager in the Office of the Regulator. Working in an ICT environment everyday they are also ambassadors in their chosen fields in the ICT environment and they each play a vital role in OOTR and were encouraging young girls it's also great to be another profession like a legal officer or an economist in the ICT sector.

9. The only young technical officer of OOTR presented on her journey as a student with focus in ICT as a career path and successfully becoming a technical officer in one of the most influential corporations in the ICT sector in Samoa, The Office of the Regulator. She encouraged the girls on the fun side of ICT and challenged the girls on the WOW side of ICT.

ACTIVITIES

10. The event was also celebrated by various activities. The organising committee prepared Impromptu Speech competition, texting competition, hands on activity – Putting together your Computer set in workstation, Quiz Competition in ICT and pop quizzes in between of activities for prizes.

11. In each activities, the girls were given a chance to win prizes and for all the 3 participating girls of each college attended, all 3 went home happily with prizes.

12. The teachers who assisted the girls were also given the opportunity to participate in discussions and activities for small awards.

SPONSORSHIP

13. We received fewer sponsorship this year than the previous year due to government policies in place. The three (3) sponsorship received and allocations is attached and marked as **Annex 2**

FEEDBACK

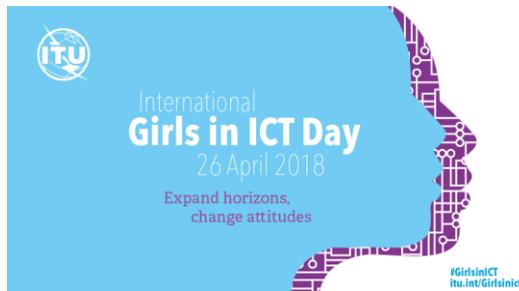
14. The organising committee received positive feedback from the girls, teachers and others members who were there in support on the event and wished that others schools who were supposed to join in could have made it to the program. Their only wish was for the organising committee to consider its continuity in Savaii as travelling between islands restraints most of the colleges to participate in Apia.

15. Teachers, students and supporters thanked OOTR for the great initiative and for including Savaii for the first (1st) time in its celebration of Girls in ICT Day internationally.

CONCLUSION

16. This year's first (1st) ever celebration in Savaii was a great success and if this is any indication of things to come, then next year's Girls in ICT Day promises to be even greater.

ANNEX 1 – GIRLS IN ICT DAY ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION



ESSAY WRITING COMPETITION

The International Telecommunications Union (“ITU”) in collaboration with the Office of the Regulator (“OOTR”) will be commemorating its annual ‘Girls in ICT Day’ on Thursday, 26 April 2018. This initiative is part of ITU’s global effort in raising awareness on empowering and encouraging girls and young women to embrace careers in the growing field of information and communications technology (“ICT”). To that end, girls in Years 9 – 13 from secondary schools are invited to enter OOTR’s essay writing competition.

Choose *only 1* topic:

1. Does your school utilize ICT in its curriculum? If so, explain how ICT has affected your learning. If your school does not utilise ICT, explain any positive and/or negative effects ICT may have on your learning if it were to be implemented in your school.
2. Explain the negative impacts of ICT and provide solutions on how these influences may be minimized?
3. How would you encourage other girls to pursue ICT as a career path?
4. Given the vast amount of information and resources available on the internet, advise how girls may better protect themselves online.

Terms and Conditions:

- You must choose *only 1* topic for your essay.
- You must clearly write your name, age, Year level/Class, and school at the top of the page.
- You must clearly specify your chosen topic.
- Essay should be no more than 1,500 words
- This essay writing competition is an **individual** work **only**.
- Essay must be in English **only**.

- Essay submission must be:
 - Handed in to OOTR office at Mulinu in the form of a typed or handwritten hardcopy

OR

- On a flash drive or in a format which can easily be saved by OOTR at the time of the submission

OR

- Sent via email to Venus@regulator.gov.ws (Venus Iosefa) or tp@regulator.gov.ws (Theresa Palale).

- Late submissions will not be considered.

Note:

- *You are encouraged to carry out some research for your chosen topic.*
- *You can be as creative and imaginative as you need to be, provided you are clear and succinct in addressing your chosen topic.*

Due Date:

Essays must be submitted to the Regulator's Office at Mulinu'u no later than **Wednesday, 11 April 2018** at **4.00pm**. For any other queries, contact Venus or Theresa on phone number 302 82.

ANNEX 2 – GIRLS IN ICT DAY 2018 SPONSORSHIP LIST

Table 1: Sponsorship received

NO.	SPONSOR	ITEMS
1	Samoa Stationery and Books (SSAB)	\$1,000 worth of Stationeries - 44 Book bags - 40 Twinks - 40 Highlighters - 30 Maths set - 40 Note book - 40 Pencil - 80 Pens (black/blue) -
2	Digicel Samoa	3 Alcatel Handsets 26 red Digicel caps 20 red Digicel T-shirt 20 Digicel flash drives 20 \$50 free credit voucher
3	NetVo Samoa	\$1,500 cash \$600 for Essay writing competition cash prizes - \$300 1 st prize - \$200 2 nd prize - \$100 3 rd prize – Girls in ICT Day expenses
4	OOTR	11 Water bottles 15 Flash drives 8G 12 Umbrellas 12

Table 2: Sponsored Items Allocations per activities

Essay competition Winners	Items	Sponsor
1 st Prize	Certificate – signed by Hon Minister of CIT & Regulator \$300 Cash Prize 1 flash drive 1 Digicel Cap 1 Mobile handset 1 \$50 free credit voucher 1 T- Shirt	OOTR NetVo Samoa OOTR Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa.
2 nd Prize	Certificate – signed by Hon. Minister of CIT & Regulator \$200 Cash Prize 1 flash drive 1 Digicel Cap 1 Mobile Handset	OOTR NetVo Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa

3 rd Prize	1 T-shirt 1 \$50 free credit voucher Certificate – signed by Hon. Minister of CIT & Regulator \$100 cash prize 1 flash drive 1 Digicel cap 1 Mobile handset 1 \$50 free credit voucher 1 T-Shirt	Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa OOTR NetVo Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa
Registration	Items	Sponsor
30 girls participants as budgeted+ 10 teachers to assist girls	Each to register and receive a book bags (printed ITU Girls in ICT logo) with the following items inside: -2 Pens - 1 Note books - 1 Maths Set - 1 Twinks - 1 Highlighters - 1 Pencils	SSAB
Impromptu Speech	Items	Sponsor
3 rounds = 3 winners	3 Flash drives 3 \$50 voucher 3 caps	OOTR Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa
Assembling a Desktop computer – workstation	Items	Sponsor
3 girls in team – 2 teams	3 flash drives 3 bottles 3 \$50 vouchers free credit 3 t shirts	OOTR OOTR Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa
Texting Competition	Items	Sponsors
For Teachers who assisted	6 \$50 free credit vouchers	Digicel Samoa
Quiz Competition	Items	Sponsors
3 winners	3 flash drives 3 umbrellas 3 caps 3 t-shirts	OOTR OOTR Digicel Samoa Digicel Samoa
Pop Quizzes	Items	Sponsors
3 round of 10 questions - 30 questions with a prize each	\$50 free credit vouchers, flash drives, umbrellas, t shirts, caps, water bottles	Digicel Samoa OOTR