FAMILY PROTECTION ACT 2013 PASSED
Ensures the safety and protection of all persons, including children who experience or witness violence. Domestic violence is defined as any physical, sexual or mental abuse that occurs within a domestic or family setting.

SCOPING DISCUSSIONS CARRIED OUT
Survivors of domestic violence lack:
- financial means to access the justice system
- access to courts
- legal aid services
- especially those not living on Tongatapu.

CENTRE OPENS TO THE PUBLIC ON 12 MARCH

RESULTS IN FIRST YEAR OF OPERATION...
- Highest proportion of clients were married women living on Tongatapu
- 268 people received free legal assistance
- 60 referrals made from the Centre
- 102 Protection orders granted
- 93% of cases to court
- 59% of cases to court

STAFF AT THE CENTRE

NEXT STEPS...
Following a successful pilot year of operation funded by the Australian and Swedish governments, the Tongan government will continue in its role as custodian of the Centre and fund its operations.