



# *e-Newsletter*

*Information from SSOAP*

*February 2025*

## **What a progress!!!!**

This e-newsletter is a platform to bring our association closer to all our members and stakeholders. It is designed to be a one page update, expected to be issued on a monthly basis, starting with the “February 2025”.

SSOAP was launched in February 2022 at the Scientific Research Organisation of Samoa (SROS) by the Hon. Minister for Agriculture and Fisheries, Afioga La’aulialemalietoa Leuatea Polata’ivao Fosi Schmidt. Its aim is to assist the Agriculture Sector (and Related Sectors) and Farmers on technical issues. This is also an avenue to ensure that the appropriated funds or grants (including donor funding) are finances well spent.

The members are expected to share their expertise and many years of experience to bring about new initiatives and to resolve the challenges in the sector. This is also an opportunity for SSOAP to be an active partner in the Import Substitution front through their various Consultancies, thus contributing to Samoa’s National Revenue. It must be noted that for many years, this service has been outsourced to international partners.

SSOAP is registered as a Non-Profit Organisation at the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL).

The founding committee under the leadership of President Sili Valerie Saena-Tuiā is acknowledged for setting up the organisation. The new committee came on board in December 2024.

So far, it is a very good effort.

This is also an opportunity to pay tribute to our members who have passed away, viz. Tuisugaletaua Sofara Aveau and Lupeomanu Pelenato Fonoti.

**ASUAO KIRIFI POUONO**

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