



Tonga policy responses to protect children from OCSEA

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OCSEA in Tonga

- Production of pornographic material
- Abuse of children
- Suicidal videos
- Online Bullying



Policies

- Cyber safety awareness campaigns for children
- Convention on the Rights of a Child (CRC) – Articles 19, 34 - 39
- Budapest Convention on Cybercrime – Article 9



Legislation

- Criminal Offences Act – child pornography offence
- Evidence Act – electronic document
- Pornography Control Act – pornography offence
- Criminal Offences (Amendment) Bill 2020 – more specific criminalisation of OCSEA offences, and higher penalties



Institutional Capacities

- Lack of human resources
- Lack of technical capability in law enforcement – use of Tonga CERT and experts
- Court flexibility for vulnerable witnesses
- ISP assistance



Domestic Cooperation

- Tonga Police
 - Safe Houses
- Tonga Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT)
- Church Leaders Desk, Ministry of Internal Affairs
- Women and Children Crisis Centre (WCCC)
- Tonga National Centre for Women and Children (TNCWC)
- Family Protection Legal Aid Centre (FPLAC)



International Cooperation

- COE
- Interpol
- PILON
- Police to Police networks
- Facebook
- UNICEF