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In recent weeks, Tonga's Magistrates and court staff have been working with Mr Tevita Seruilumi and Dr Abby McLeod from the Pacific Judicial Strengthening Initiative (PJSI).

During their visit to Tonga, Mr Seruilumi and Dr McLeod piloted the newly developed "Gender and Family Violence Toolkit". The toolkit was developed to improve the accessibility and responsiveness of court services related to gender and family violence, and victims' satisfaction with courts and justice outcomes according to the law.

Mr Seruilumi and Dr McLeod said, "It was a privilege to work with the Magistrates and court staff, and we greatly appreciated the involvement and support of Lord Chief Justice Paulsen."

The PJSI is a New Zealand-funded programme implemented by the Federal Court of Australia. The programme assists Pacific Island countries to develop more accessible, efficient and responsive justice services.

Break the silence, end the violence in Tonga. Report it to 922.

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