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### **RSIPF joins Family Support Center on DV awareness.**

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) National Community Policing Department together with the Family Support Center today (28 November 2018) conducted an awareness talk at Burns Creek, East Honiara as part of the 16-days activism against violence against women and girls.

During the awareness talk a group from the Family Support Centre performed a drama about family violence along the theme of this year's campaign, "Herem Vois Blong Me - Stop Violence against Women and Girls".

Speaking during the awareness program, Director of the National Community Policing Department Inspector Chris Laekalia says, "There are many issues affecting women and girls in our country today. These issues come within our homes. We must stand strong and work together to minimize these problems."

He adds: "Besides the police there are other stake holders that can assist you if you come across the issue of domestic violence."

"The Family Protection Act is an Act that can safe guard our families for a better and peaceful home," says Inspector Laekalia.

He emphasizes: "I want to appeal to women and girls that if you think you are a victim of domestic violence come out before it is too late. Feel free to come out and voice your problems. We are here to help you."

"I call on men in our communities to respect our women and girls so that we can enjoy living together in our communities and homes."

The 16 days campaign against violence against women and girls started on 25 November 2018 and will end on 10 December 2018. The RSIPF National Community Policing Department and other stakeholders will continue with the awareness program at communities in and around Honiara during the campaign period.

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