

Media Release

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## 40 participants benefit from Crime Prevention Workshop in Guadalcanal

Community leaders of Savulei ward in Guadalcanal Province have benefited from a Crime Prevention Workshop conducted at Verahue village in West Guadalcanal on 14 December 2018.

This is the third training conducted in Guadalcanal Province after police established Community Crime Prevention Committee (CPC) in the Provinces last year.

Among the 40 participants there are 28 males and 12 females who participated during the training.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Guadalcanal Province, Chief Superintendent Evelyn Thugea in her opening remarks says, "I acknowledged the participants for making the commitment to attend this workshop."

PPC Thugea says, "The aim of this workshop is to equip participants with the knowledge and skills to assist with forming the CPC which will link them in partnership with the police."

Ms Thugea says, "Your attendance demonstrates concern for the peace and security of the people in our communities. I remind you participants that 'Peace and Security' is our shared responsibility and we need to work together to achieve peace in our society. Police cannot be everywhere therefore we need your support in sharing your local knowledge of the community environment to make our communities safe and secured. I urged the community leaders to work close with police to make our community a safe place."

Police training Coordinator Guadalcanal Province Sergeant Mary Ake says, "Topics presented to the participants include, leadership empowerment and role model, community governance and the S.A.R.A (Scanning, Analyse, Response and Assessment) a problem solving model. This will enable participants to develop their own action plans to address issues affecting their communities and eliminate the issues before it occurs and find best solutions to address community problems for a safe and secure community."

Addressing the participants during the workshop, Deputy Commissioner (DC) of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Mr Gabriel Manelusi says, "Your involvement in this workshop is a fundamental step in up skilling yourselves as ward Crime Prevention Committee. You have learnt the problem solving model and how it works in creating partnership and operationalizing the Crime Prevention Strategy to support RSIPF to improve policing at the community and village level.

DC Manelusi says, "The Crime Prevention Strategy is a priority for the RSIPF, the strategy if rolled out in all communities it will build strong relationship and partnership with the RSIPF thus building community confidence in the force and reduce the fear of crime. It will provide

an effective strategy for dealing with crimes or problems within our respective villages, wards and provinces."

At the completion of the workshop participants selected the executive members for the Crime Prevention Executive Committee.

The elected Chairman Mr Robert Teteha says, "I acknowledged the trust placed in me to be the Chairman for the CPC for Savulei ward. The Committee will work together with Police and other stakeholders to make Savulei ward a safe and secured place to live in. The training is a foundation for peace and unity in our communities. The program really help us to understand how to solve problems and provide support in our communities. We will work together to make Savulei a 'Crime Free ward in the near future'.

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