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RSIPF deputy commissioner meets with women in Central Province

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Deputy Commissioner Operation Juanita Matanga met with members of the Central Province Council of Woman in Tulagi on 15 May 2020 to re-emphasize the role of the RSIPF during the preparations for any outbreak of the coronavirus(COVID-19) in Solomon Islands

As part of its COVID -19 Operation Plan to assist the Government's efforts to prevent any outbreak of the virus in Solomon Islands, RSIPF is assisting the Ministry of Health and Medical Services in conducting nation-wide awareness programs on the virus in all provinces.

Deputy Commissioner Matanga says, "Crowded places, playing ludo, sharing smoke, hand shaking and sharing of lime and spitting betel nut are possible ways of transmitting the coronavirus (COVID-19). The easy way to protect yourself and family from COVID-19 is by keeping your own hands clean, maintaining social distancing, avoid crowded places and do not share betel nut, lime and cigarettes."

"Women are encouraged to keep your children at home and teach them to practice good hygiene practices including washing your hands under running water with soap. Feed your children with fruits and vegetables," says DC Matanga.

She adds: "As the woman in the family you are responsible to keep the family sustained by means of growing food and crops in the garden as to prepare in advance should there be a confirmed case of COVID-19 and a lock down is enforced in Honiara and all the provinces."

"I want to thank the Council of Women in Central Province for your support towards your province and I ask to continue with the good work you have done with families as we prepare for any outbreak of the coronavirus," says DC Matanga

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