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### Mindset Plus Training and Engagements in Taro

Police officers of the National Crime Prevention Department (NCPD) supported by the New Zealand police under the Solomon Islands Policing Support Programme (SIPSP) have successfully delivered Mindset Plus training and community engagements in Taro, Choiseul Province, recently.

A total of 21 RSIPF officers in Taro along with their Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Superintendent Berry Pogesopa completed the training and were awarded certificates of attainment.

Superintendent Pogesopa's leadership and experience have provided valuable insights for both his senior and junior officers.

The training emphasized key aspects of crime prevention, leadership and team performance, while also addressing critical issues such as family violence and the role of the RSIPF in protecting the vulnerable, particularly children.

Participating officers left with a clearer understanding of high-performance policing and the importance of strategy, culture and values in their work.

Beyond the training, meaningful community engagements took place, including a Supizae community bylaw review attended by Chief Cornelius Valaka, members of his community, Superintendent Pogesopa, NCPD officers and SIPSP officers.

The review was an important step in ensuring community by-laws remain relevant and effective. The gathering demonstrated the strong collaboration between the chiefly system and law enforcement in Taro. This was an open and fair conversation and each party added valuable contributions to the proceedings.

Additionally, officers from the RSIPF and New Zealand Police visited Taro Primary School, where PC James Opa delivered key safety messages on the five drivers of crime, drugs and alcohol, family violence, youth issues, environment, resource concerns and emerging issues.

Students listened attentively and showed great respect towards presenters. Crime prevention messages can have a positive and lasting effect on young students. As a token of appreciation, the RSIPF presented a small gift to the school.

These initiatives reflect the commitment of the RSIPF and its partners to professional development, effective policing and meaningful community engagement. Through training, collaboration and education, the RSIPF continues to strengthen its role in protecting communities and ensuring a safer future for the Solomon Islands.

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