



## **Royal Solomon Islands Police Force**

### **Media Release**

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### **Kirakira police conduct leadership training for youths in Makira/Ulawa Province**

Officers of the Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) in Kirakira, Makira/Ulawa Province, have conducted a leadership training for the youth of West Wainoni Catholic Parish in Makira/Ulawa Province recently.

Provincial Police Commander (PPC) Makira Ulawa Province, Superintendent Peter Sitai, says, “This initiative is part of the crime prevention strategy and the festive season operations. The training was organised in response to a request from the Catholic parish priest of the West Wainoni Parish in East Makira.”

The team leader of the Community Policing Unit, Kirakira Police, Sergeant (Sgt) Audrey Suhata, emphasised that young people have significant responsibilities within their families and communities, which should not be overlooked.

Sgt. Suhata says, “Our country is facing a leadership challenge, as the older generation who once provided leadership is no longer around. He reminded the youths that their communities are increasingly led by the younger generation, and now is their time to step up. Practice good leadership qualities to earn your community’s trust and confidence.”

Mr. Suhata says, “To become effective leaders or good citizens, do the right thing at the right place at the right time.”

PPC Sitai stated that the purpose of the gathering was to remind youths of their societal roles and responsibilities and how they can contribute to developing leadership within their communities.

Fr. Luto Viko, the parish priest of the West Wainoni Catholic Parish in Makira/Ulawa, acknowledged the police team for the training, stating that it had helped the youth better

understand and appreciate their mandated roles and responsibilities within their respective communities.

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