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### **RSIPF and RAPPP conduct an engagement program with Karaina Settlement and Savo Heights communities.**

The Royal Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF) and RSIPF & AFP Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP) have conducted an engagement program with the Karaina settlement and Savo Heights communities recently.

Karaina settlement, Savo Heights, and local police recently held crime prevention and awareness events to discuss greater collaboration to further enhance their community's confidence and trust in the RSIPF.

During the last week of April, RSIPF officers from the White River Police Station and advisors from RAPPP visited the Karaina Settlement.

They provided a community engagement event centered on local crime prevention and emerging crime trends, which included discussing drugs and alcohol, social media, cybercrime, disruptive behavior, family violence, and personal safety.

RSIPF Sergeant (Sgt) Simaruth Loe attended the community earlier to discuss their specific concerns with local Karaina Settlement leader.

Sergeant LOE led discussions on crime prevention, emerging crime trends, and awareness talks. At the conclusion of her talk, the community had the opportunity to raise any of their current concerns.

The RSIPF officers acknowledged the community concerns, and Sgt. Loe advised how the White River police would look to address the points raised, emphasizing the benefits of community and police collaboration to achieve community goals.

In the first week of May, the same White River police, with support from the RSIPF National Crime Prevention Department (NCPD), attended Savo Heights and delivered crime prevention and awareness talks. Savo Heights residents asked the RSIPF to consider reviving the community policing committee.

Grace Mahana, a Savo Heights community leader, expressed her delight at the RSIPF and RAPPP's attendance and addressing important community issues.

Following the discussions and awareness sessions at Karaina Settlement and Savo Heights, the RSIPF and RAPPP continued their community engagement program with organized games for adults and children, including volleyball and tug-of-war.

After the games, police provided a barbeque and refreshments before presenting the community with gifts, including hats, shirts, baskets, and sporting items.

Community leaders gave positive feedback to the RSIPF and encouraged the police efforts, requesting further collaboration and organized events.

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