



Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

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RSIPF and RAPPP strengthens ties with Motor Pool community through community engagement.

The Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) and the RSIPF & Australian Federal Police (AFP) Policing Partnership Program (RAPPP) hosted a community engagement program with the Motor Pool community recently at Henderson, drawing a large number of residents.

The initiative, part of RSIPF and RAPPP's ongoing efforts to strengthen community policing, provided residents with the opportunity to interact directly with officers, ask questions, and learn more about the role of RSIPF and RAPPP in maintaining peace and security.

RSIPF Officer Gillian Nimanima, speaking to RAPPP Media, said the event highlighted the importance of partnership at the grassroots level.

"Our work becomes stronger when communities are involved," Officer Nimanima further stated that community visits play a vital role in strengthening partnerships between the RSIPF and communities.

"This is more than just visitation and games; it's about building understanding and mutual respect and also understanding that when police and residents work together, we can create safer neighborhoods for everyone."

To encourage participation, RSIPF and RAPPP provided hotdogs and a barbeque meal while also donating sports equipment to promote healthy and active lifestyles among young people.

Community representatives welcomed the initiative. Chairlady of the Motor Pool Community Policing Taskforce, Mrs. Francina Lirma, said the program was vital in helping residents better understand the role of police and strengthen the work of the community taskforce.

"RSIPF and RAPPP's visit has really helped us. It strengthens our Community Policing Taskforce, especially in implementing bylaws. The majority of our task force members

are women, and many times we leave our children at home to carry out this work and maintain peace and harmony in our community,” Mrs. Lirma explained.

She further stressed the importance of police support in sustaining community-led initiatives.

“Communities need to know they can trust and rely on the RSIPF to maintain peace. We must work together to make sure our communities are safe and peaceful,” she added.

Mrs. Lirma also commended RSIPF and RAPPP for their efforts.

“Thank you RSIPF and RAPPP for visiting us, listening to us, and giving us the opportunity to ask questions,” she said.

Similar programs have been conducted in communities across Honiara and the provinces, with the most recent one held at Rifle Range. These ongoing engagements form part of a wider RSIPF and RAPPP initiative introduced in 2021 to build stronger community partnerships, reduce crime, and promote safer neighborhoods across the Solomon Islands.

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Photo 1: RAPPP Community Engagement Officer Ms. Kristina Sau'eha speaking to the Motor Pool community.

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Photo 2: Residents of the Motor Pool community that came out to attend the community engagement program.

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Photo 3: RSIPF Officers Gillian Nimanima and Kelvin Kavora speaking to the Motor Pool residents during the Community Event.

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Excited children watch as a community rep prepares new sports balls for games during the RSIPF and RAPPP community engagement at the Motor Pool community. *Photo Credit: RAPPP Media*



Laughter and smiles from Motor Pool children captured during the RSIPF and RAPPP community engagement. *Photo Credit: RAPPP Media*

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