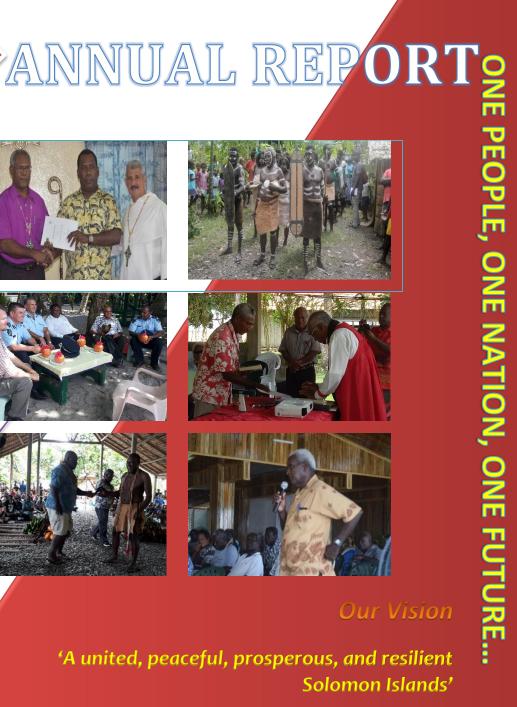


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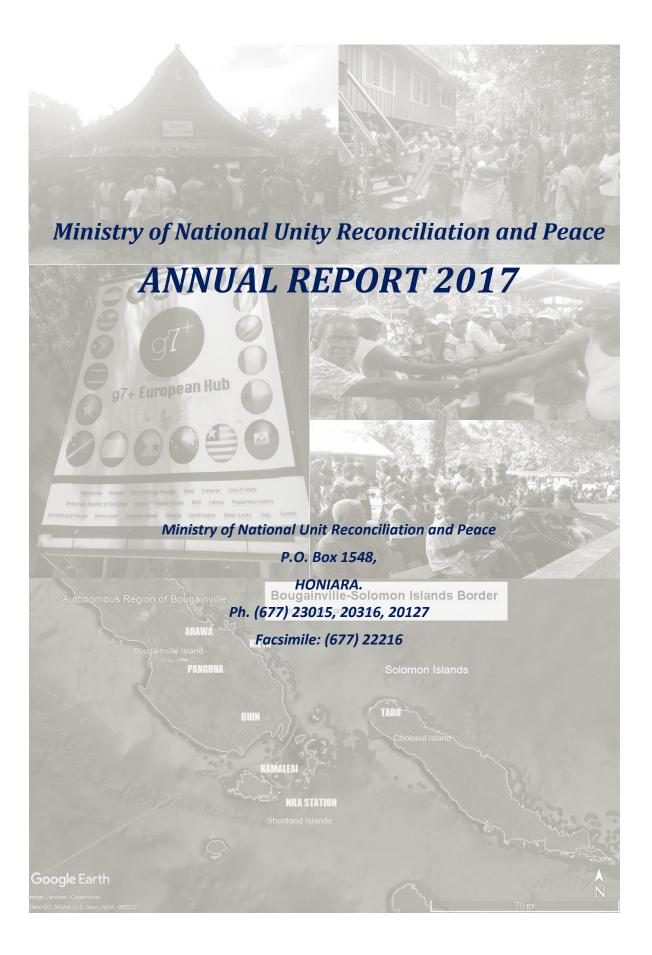






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#### **Acronyms**

ACOM Anglican Church of Melanesia
ARB Autonomous Region of Bougainville

AWP Annual Work Plan
CGCoCs Central Guadalcanal CoCs
CLs Community Leaders
CoCs Council of Chiefs

CPG Central Provincial Government

CS Corporate Services

CSSI Correctional Services of Solomon Islands

CT Certificate

CTA Charitable Trust Act

DCCG Democratic Coalition for Change Government
DFAT Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade
GPG Guadalcanal Provincial Government
GPPOL Guadalcanal Plains Palm Oil Limited

GPRO Guadalcanal Peace and Reconciliation Office

HCC Honiara City Council
HoCs House of Chiefs
Hon. Honourable
HQ Headquarter

ICPPRO Isabel and Central Provinces Peace and Reconciliation Office

IDC Isabel Development Company

IPAM Public Administration and Management

KPA Key Priority Area

L Level

L&D Learning and Development

LDRPB Tribal Lands Dispute Resolutions Panels Bill

LPU Legal Policy Unit

MCILI Ministry of Commerce, Industries, labour and Immigration

MCT Ministry of Culture and Tourism

MFAET Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade

MJLA Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs

MNURP Ministry of National Unity Reconciliation and Peace

MoU Memorandum of Understanding MPA Member of Provincial Assembly

MP Member of Parliament

MPI Mindanao Annual Peacebuilding

MPNSCS Ministry of Police, National Security and Correctional Services

MPRO Malaita Peace and Reconciliation Office
MTDP Medium Term Development Program
NDS National Development Strategy
NGOs Non-Governmental Organizations
NPP National Peacebuilding Policy

OBM Outboat Motor

RAMSI Regional Assistance Mission to Solomon Islands

Rep. Representative PMO Prime Ministers Office

PMP Performance Management Process

PNG Papua Niu Guinea

PPPDD Policy Planning Programme Development Division

PRD Peace and Reconciliation Division RSIPF Royal Solomon Islands Police Force

SDA Seventh Day Adventist

SDGs Sustainable Development Goals

SIBC Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation
SICA Solomon Islands Christian Association

SIDCCG Solomon Islands Democratic Coalition for Change Government

SIFGA Solomon Islands Full Gospel Association

SI Solomon Islands

SIG Solomon Islands Government

SINPP Solomon Islands National Peacebuilding Policy

SIPCRRA Solomon Islands Post Conflict Rehabilitation, Restoration Association

SISBEC Solomon Islands Business and Enterprises Corporation

SPC South Pacific Commission

SS Super Scale

SSEC South Seas Evangelical Church

TG Traditional Governance
TLs Traditional Leaders
TOR Terms of Reference

TSIRC Torres Strait Island Regional Council

TKEC Traditional Knowledge, Expressions and Culture

TPA Temotu Provincial Assembly

UNDP United Nations Development Programme
UNHSTF United Nations Human Securities Trust Fund

US Under Secretary

USA United States of America

UN United Nations

VBA Vetu Bangara Associations

WP Western Province

WPRO Western Peace and Reconciliation Office

### **MINISTER'S FOREWORD**



On behalf of the Government of Solomon Islands, I am proud to present the Ministry of National Unity Reconciliation and Peace Annual Report 2017.

The Report is a culmination of the programmes and activities delivered by the Ministry throughout 2017.

Though the country has gone through political turmoil, the Ministry maintained its implementation of the Democratic Coalition for Change Government policies. This change of Government and leadership occurred in the last quarter of the year. Following

instructions from the Prime Minister's Office, the Ministry continues with the implementation of the preceding Government to December.

Nevertheless, I commended the Ministry for been so resilient in continuing to implement peacebuilding successful programmes throughout the year.

The year marks the beginning of the ground work in advancing traditional governance policy to recognise, strengthen and empower traditional governance structures and systems whereby number of consultations and awarenesse's held throughout the provinces and communities. These programmes will pave way for provincial leaders, chiefs and elders preparing them to take on board the traditional governance bill supposed to be tabled in Parliament in 2018.

The year also marks significant learning and development programmes. The Ministry has engaged in for the first time overseas training for more than ten technical staffs abroad to gain technical knowledge and upskilling for improved delivery of peacebuilding programmes.

There were also challenges faced but were dealt with in a manageable manner.

I am content that the Ministry programme delivery will be effective in coming years. With the support of stakeholders and partnership with UNDP and other NGOs, communities, chiefs, traditional leaders and elders, faith-based organisations as well as the Government Ministries and Agencies, I wish to commend all for your invaluable contributions and cooperation in supporting the Ministry to achieve its strategic goals and policies.

I hope to work closely with you again in the New Year to advance peacebuilding programmes to other parts of Solomon Islands.

Sincerely,

Hon. Samson Maneka Minister, Ministry of National, Unity, Reconciliation and Peace

### PERMANENT SECRETARY'S OVERVIEW



I am honoured to present the Ministry of National Unity Reconciliation and Peace Annual Report for 2017. The Ministry has successfully achieved many of the Democratic Coalition for Change Government (DCCG) policy intentions through the Key Priority Areas in the Ministry Corporate Plan 2016 to 2018.

The wish of the Ministry to extend its mandate through out the whole country has commenced in 2017. Following a series of dialogues and consultations in 2016 and recruitments of new staffs in 2016, the Ministry conducted peacebuilding activities and dialogues in Honiara, Isabel, Central, Bellona and Temotu Provinces. The

peacebuilding programmes will extend to Makira/Ulawa Province in coming years. This is a milestone achievement.

Generally, there were peacebuilding and post conflict programmes on tribal land settlement and reconciliation ceremonies, trauma, mindset transformation and tailoring and designing training, restorative justice training; traditional governance awareness and empowerment workshops and land reform summit; preserving our organic tradition and cultural group capacity development training, support enthronement of traditionally appointed chiefs; infrastructure development; development of policy paper for traditional governance, SI/PNG border dialogue and stakeholder engagements.

The Ministry has provided learning and development programmes for staffs in-country and overseas. This contributes to upskilling staffs for professional development in specific areas of peacebuilding and management and administration. Not only these but the Ministry has supported the Guadalacanal Provnice Executive, Chiefs and Traditional Leaders on a study tour to the Fiji Islands during the year.

The were operational challenges faced internally within the Ministry that were either manageable and or persists with the intention of dealing with them in the subsequent years.

I would like to commend the tireless efforts and dedication of the Ministry peacebuilders and our primary donor partner the UNDP for their continuos kind assistance throughout the year. I also extend my gratitude to the line Ministries and Agencies, Provincial Governments and their Executives and staffs, Faith-based Organisation Leaders, Chiefs and Traditional Leaders, Elders, Council of Chiefs and House of Chiefs/Elders, Community Leaders, Civil Organisations, Women, Youth and Children and all peace advocates in the country for working in partnership with the Ministry in delivering peacebuilding programmes and activities throughout the country. Your invaluable service in the cause is well appreciated and commendable to bringing long-lasting peace in our belovered nation.

Finally, to our Almighty Father, the source of peace, love and unity providing direction and guidance to make the year 2017 a success.

I hope that the new year 2018 will be another year of cooperation, dedication and commitment and collaborative effort to continue delivering peacebuilding programmes and activities to our people and nation as a whole.

Justus Denni Permanent Secretary, Ministry of National Unity, Reconciliation and Peace

### **PART ONE: POLICY CONTEXT**

### 1.1 Democratic Coalition for Change Government Policy Intention

The Ministry of National Unity Reconciliation and Peace (MNURP) is endeavouring on achieving the following policy objectives of the Democratic Coalition for Change Government in the next four years.

DCCG Policy Strategy and Translation Statement								
Policy Arena	Policy Objectives	Summary of Strategic Actions	Expected Outcomes					
1. Traditional Governance, Systems and Structures	(a) Recognize, strengthen and empower traditional governance systems and structures	i. Facilitate the process of developing enabling legislation for traditional governance systems and structures  ii. Establish registry of traditional leaders community governance structures  iii. Facilitate research on Solomon Islands worthy culture/kastom and early warning system Peace and Conflict Assessment (PCA)  iv. Facilitate the empowerment of traditional and church leaders  v. Provincial Traditional Governance Peace Centres and MNURP Institutional Infrastructure Development	Traditional Leaders empowered, structures and systems in place, and Social Stability Data base of traditional leaders established Database of worthy customs in place Traditional Leaders and church leaders empowered and social stability Infrastructures established for chiefs Community Governance					
2. Traditional Culture and Identity	(b) Protect and preserve the diversity of our organic tradition and culture in Solomon Islands	i. Facilitate a legislation for preservation of our tradition and cultures  ii. Recording of traditional rights  iii. Codify worthy kastom rules  iv. Support and Facilitate reconciliation through the integrated peacebuilding approach  v. Use traditional and church structures, and other eminent groups to consult and coordinate with relevant bodies to pursue peace and reconciliation issues of national security and priority.  vi. Facilitate dialogue processes on outstanding issues that are important to peacebuilding in the country  vii. Liaise with PMO on implementation of TRC recommendations  viii. Review and evaluate the status and progress of the national reconciliation.	Legislation For tradition and culture established preserve and respected     Traditional Rights well documented and preserved     Custom rules codified     Healing and restoration of relationships     Issues resolved     Clarity on outstanding issues     Way forward for Implementation established     Recommendation on way for forward					
3. National consciousness and unity	(c) Redesign the Solomon Islands coat of arms to reflect cultural identity and sensitivity	i. Facilitate a national referendum and consultation process on redesigning of the national coat of arms  ii. Develop and implement a national consciousness and unity strategy  iii. Promote national peace events in collaboration with other stakeholders  iv. Support commemoration of significant international, national, cultural, religious and sporting events to promote peace and unity.  v. Facilitate peace and unity summits  vi. Develop relevant peace education modules and incorporate into the school curriculum  vii. Conduct advocacy programs on peace and unity	New Coat of Arms     Set of Strategies     implemented     All stakeholders     participated in national     events     International, national and     cultural events     commemorated     Peace and unity summits     implemented     Education modules     developed incorporated in     school curriculum     Peace and Unity advocacy     programs implemented					
4. Peace Rehabilitation	(d) Embark on post conflict rehabilitation program	i. Facilitate and develop livelihood projects	Livelihood projects implemented					

Table 1 DCCG Policy Statement and Policy Strategy and Translation.

The DCCG has reprioritised its policy intentions for the Ministry in September 2016 to enable successful implementation of these prioritised policies according to budget for the next three years. The exercise have resulted in the Ministry to focus on the remaining three policy areas and that to place less emphasis on pursing the national consciousness and unity policy. The country experienced political turmoils during the last quarter year. Consequently the Hon. Manasseh Sogavare Led-Government was defeated and on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2017, the new Government led by Prime Minister Rick *Hounipwela* with its policy intentions. The new SIDCCG worked on its policy framework in th remaining month of the year.

The Ministry then continued to pursue activities pertaining to the prevous Government right through to the closing of Government business for the year.

### 1.2 National Development Strategy (NDS) 2016-2036

The Solomon Islands Government in 2015 requested that the NDS 2011 to 2020 be reviewed and revised and extended to cover a twenty-year period to provide a longer term framework. The NDS 2016-2035 was therefore developed as a strategic vision for greater stability and continuity. MNURP aligned the NDS Long-term Objectives;

NDS Objective Five: "Unified nation with stable and effective governance and public Sector". The Ministry adopted the "Medium Term Strategy 14: Improve national unity and peace and promote cultural heritage at all levels".

Objective is to achieve a united and stable society based on mutual respect of our diverse cultural heritage. This involves in the following;

- Focus on improving national unity, harmony and consciousness; pursue meaningful
  reconciliation between the people at all levels of the society based on the traditional norms
  of peaceful coexistence that will lead to national reconciliation and foster natural healing
  process as promoted in the National Peacebuilding Policy (NPP).
- Promote maintenance of cultural diversity and sports development as key components of nation building and national unity.
- Church, chiefs and community leaders to be supported and empowered.

The Ministry annually developed Medium Term Development Program for implementation of NDS 2016-2035 (MTDP).

### 1.3 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

In the international arena, the Ministry aligned its strategic goals and objectives to Goal 16: "Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development. Provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels."

MNURP is an important Ministry in the Government Machinery that implements and reports not only the Government of the day's policies but contributes to the world arena as far as contributing to achieving the SDGs.



### PART TWO: MINISTRY STRATEGIC GOALS

### 2.1 Vision, Mission and Values

The Vision, Mission and Values embedded in the Ministry Corporate Plan 2016-2019.

A UNITED, PEACEFUL, PROSPEROUS, AND RESILIENT SOLOMON ISLANDS

MISSION

Promote and foster national unity and sustainable peace through reconciliation, healing and reintegration of individuals, communities, and sectors through strengthened multi-stakeholder partnership in peacebuilding throughout Solomon Islands.

## **VALUES**

#### Social Justice

We adhere to the principles of social justice by respecting human rights, and promoting equality including gender equality and human dignity.

#### Good Governance

We commit ourselves to being transparent, responsible and accountable in our doings, and responsive to the needs of the people of Solomon Islands to which this corporate plan strives to serve.

#### **Partnership**

We believe in working together in a mutual manner to achieving our goals, both within the organisation and beyond. Given the nature and the complexities of the task in hand, and the challenges that come with it, our strength therefore lies in partnership.

### Empowerment and Excellence

We strive for excellence as an important cutting edge for optimum achievement of our goals. Empowering our officers and that of our stakeholders through capacity building is a path we will take to enable us to effectively take on the peacebuilding responsibility.

#### Care for Welfare

We believe that caring for the social and physical welfare of our officers is of paramount importance as this bears heavily on the efficiency and productivity of the ministry.

The DCCG priority policy intentions requires the Ministry to concentrate on two policy arenas for 2018. These falls under three KPA embedded in the Ministry Corporate Plan 2016-2019 namely; KPA 1: Peacebuilding and Post Conflict Rehabilitation Programs; KPA 3: Traditional Governance Systems and Structures and; and KPA 4: Our Organic Tradition and Cultures. These are then further translated into activities in the Ministry Annual Work Plan 2018.

### **PART THREE: THE MINISTRY**

### 3.1 Mandate

The mandate of MNURP is made possible by SIG Legal Notice 36 of 11/3/2002 which contains the core business in the area of peacebuilding. The mandate is stated as:

"Overseer, promote and foster national unity and sustainable peace through restorative and retributive justice including reconciliation, rehabilitation and integration through strengthened partnerships with all stakeholders in the process of nation and peace building, good governance, integration and reintegration nationwide".

### 3.2 Functions

The Ministry functions are to implement Peace and Reconciliation and Post-conflict Rehabilitation programmes, support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and promote National Unity programmes.

### 3.3 Ministry Divisions

The Ministry has three Divisions executing their respective roles and responsibilities cooperatively and collaboratively.

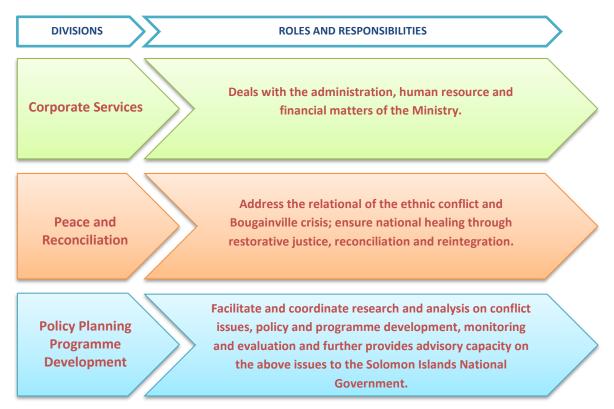


Fig. 1 MNURP Divisions

### 3.4 Organisational structure

The Ministry Organisational Structure based on Establishment as at 31st December 2017.

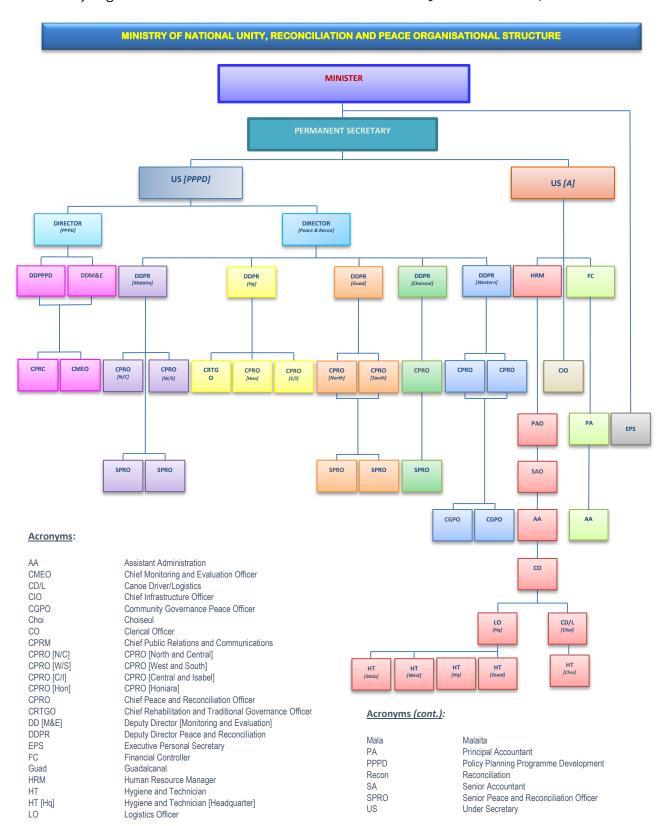


Fig. 2 MNURP Organisational Structure 2017.

### 3.5 Governance and Management

The Ministry's governance bodies play an important role in managing and coordinating the various functions, roles and responsibilities in all levels of the Ministry.

BODY	FUNCTIONS	MEMBERS
Executive Management Group	Oversee the management and operation of the Ministry and ensure a smooth transition in meeting the objectives of the Ministry.	PS US[P] US[A]
Heads of Division Committee	Oversee the functional operation of the Ministry in discharging activities/services to the public.	PS, US(P), US[A], DPPPD, DPR, DDPR, DDPPPD, DDGPO, HRM, FC, CIO, CMEO, CTGRO, CPRCO
Technical Management Committee	Oversee the technical delivery of services to the public and especially the affected areas with high risk of social harmony.	US(P), US[A], DPPPD, DPR, DDPR, DDPPPD, FC, HRM, CIO
Ministerial Tender Board	Oversee the Ministry Tender Process for bids within the range of 100k to 500k.	PS, US[A], FC, HRM
Technical Evaluation Committee	Evaluate any tender process within the amount of 500k and below.	FC, any four officers – different members for each tender process.
Budget Implementation Committee	Ensure Ministry Budget is used according to budget allocation and in preparing the Ministry budget for the following year.	PS, US[A], US[P], FC, HRM
Human Resource Development Coordination Committee	Ensure implementation, management, coordination and sustenance of the HRDP.	US(P), DPR, DPPPD, HRM, FC
Performance Assessment Board	Ministry-based Committee that oversee officer's performance level and recommend awards to the Permanent Secretary for endorsement.	US(P), US[A], HRM

**Table 2 Governance and Management** 

### 3.6 Provincial Offices Coordination

MNURP has four Provincial Offices namely *Guadalcanal* Peace and Reconciliation Office, *Malaita* Peace and Reconciliation Office, Western Peace and Reconciliation Office and *Choiseul* Peace and Reconciliation Office who are responsible for delivering the Ministry's activities to the Provincial Centres and rural communities. These Offices are coordinated from *Honiara* Headquarter through the Corporate Services Divisions, Peace and Reconciliation and the Policy Planning Programme Development Divisions for administration, human resource, finance, programme delivery, media and planning, monitoring and evaluation support and related matters.

Established in 2016 were the *Isabel*/Central Peace and Reconciliation Office and *Honiara* Peace and Reconciliation Office. These Offices are located in Honiara Ministry Headquarter coordinating Provincial activities through their focal points in the Provinces.

The Ministry engages with Provincial Governments as key stakeholders with the Deputy Premiers chairing peace meetings in Provinces.

### 3.7 Relationship with Donor Partners

The Ministry work in collaboration with the UNDP in 2017 to implement peace building programs and activities under the United Nations Human Securities Trust Fund (UNHSTF).

### 3.8 Staffing

The Ministry reduced by one (1) staff with the remaining 47 staffs positions filled during the year compared to 2016 with a total staff of 49. This was due to the abolishment of the Senior Accountant post and the vacant post of Principal Accountant. There were 41 Established and 7 Non-Established positions as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2016.

					No	. of po	sts	Oc	cupan	су	
Division	Section	Position Title	Work Station	Level	Established	Non-Established	Total	Male	Female	Vacant	Total Staff (positions)
HQ ADMINIST				_							
HQ Admin	HQ Admin	Permanent Secretary	Honiara	SS4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
HQ Admin	HQ Admin	Under Secretary (PPPD)	Honiara	SS2	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	HQ Admin	Under Secretary (Administration)	Honiara	SS2	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
		Sub-total			3	0	3	2	1	0	3
CORPORATE				1.40/	4		4	0	4	0	4
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Human Resources Manager	Honiara	L12/ 13	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Chief Infrastructure Officer	Honiara	L10/ 11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Executive Personal Secretary	Honiara	L8/9	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Principal Administration Officer	Honiara	L8/9	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Senior Administration Officer	Honiara	L7/8	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Registry Officer	Honiara	L5/6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Clerical Officer	Honiara	L4/5	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Logistics Officers	Honiara, Taro	L3/4	0	2	2	2	0	0	2
HQ Admin	Corp Serv	Hygiene Technician	Honiara, Guad., Auki, Gizo, Taro	L2	0	5	5	0	5	0	5
		Sub-total			7	7	14	3	11	0	14
ACCOUNTS				1.404				-		•	
HQ Admin	Accounts	Financial Controller	Honiara	L12/ 13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
HQ Admin	Accounts	Principal Accountant	Honiara	L7/8	1	0	1	0	0	1	0
HQ Admin	Accounts	Assistant Accountant	Honiara	L5/6	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
DOLICY DLAN	NINC DDOCD	Sub-total  AMME DEVELOPMENT DIV	ISION		3	0	3	1	1	1	2
PPPD PLAN	PPPD	Director	Honiara	L13/	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
PPPD	PPPD	Deputy Director	Honiara	SS1 L12/ 13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
PPPD	PPPD	Deputy Director [M&E]	Honiara	L12/	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
PPPD	PPPD	Chief Monitoring & Evaluation Officer	Honiara	L10/	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
PPPD	PPPD	Chief Public Relations & Communications Officer	Honiara	L10/	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
Sub-total 5 0 5 5 0 0							5				
		ILITATION DIVISION									
P&R	P&R	Director	Honiara	L13/ SS1	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
P&R	P&R	Deputy Director	Honiara	L12/ 13	1	0	1	1	0	0	1

P&R	P&R	Deputy Director	Taro, Gizo, Honiara, Auki	L12/ 13	4	0	4	4	0	0	4
P&R	P&R	Chief Peace & Reconciliation Officer	Taro, Gizo, Honiara, Auki	L10/ 11	9	0	9	8	1	0	9
P&R	P&R	Senior Peace & Reconciliation Officer	Taro, Auki, Honiara	L7/8	5	0	5	4	1	0	5
P&R	P&R	Chief Rehabilitation & Traditional Governance Officer	Honiara	L10/ 11	1	0	1	1	0	0	1
P&R	P&R	Community Governance Peace Officer	Gizo	L4/5	2	0	2	2	0	0	2
Sub-total						0	23	21	2	0	23
GRAND TOTAL						7	48	32	14	1	47

Table 3 Staffing by Divisions, 2017.

### 3.8.1 Percentage (%) of Staffs by Sections

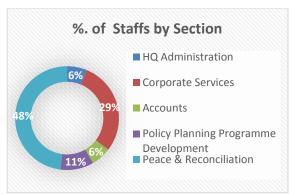


Fig. 3 MNURP % of Staffs by Section

Fig. 3, shows that the PR Section had the highest no. of staffs with 23 staffs (48%) the required no. of staffing ensures that the Ministry effectively delivers its core functions while 52 % accounts for the rest of the Sections providing support to the PRD. This provides a fair representation between the support and delivery aspects of the Ministry core functions. The CS Section indicates the second largest no. of staff with 10 staffs (29%) while the others share 23%. There is little difference between the no. of staffs in 2016.

### 3.8.2 Percentage (%) of Staffs by Levels

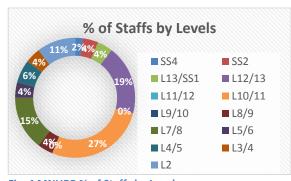


Fig. 4 MNURP % of Staffs by Levels.

Fig. 4, shows 27% accounts for senior level positions such as the CPRO, CRTGO, CPRC and CMEO, 14% of senior positions and 6% community governance officers implementing the Ministry core functions. 19% Deputy Directors directing programme implementation. 8% (2%, 4% and 4%) consist the Executive segment of the Ministry. The remaining staffs by level accounts those supporting programme implementation. There is no change in staffs by levels as in 2016.

### 3.8.3 Percentage (%) of Staffs by Workstations

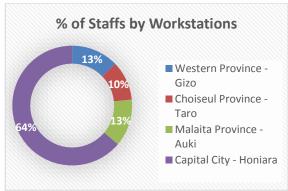


Fig. 5 MNURP % of Staffs by Workstations.

Fig. 5 shows that a large no. of staffs (30) stationed in Honiara with 64% while the other 36% are stationed in the Peace Offices in Taro, Gizo and Auki. This indicated that in 2017 there was a slight reduction in the % of staffs living in Honiara and a slight increase in Provincial Peace Offices compared to 2016.

### 3.8.4 Percentage (%) of Staffs by Gender

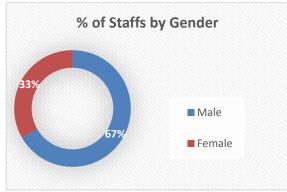


Fig. 6 MNURP % of Staffs by Gender

Fig. 6 shows that there were twice (67%) as any males as females (33%) thus maintains the same gender disaggregated data in 2016. The male dominated Ministry is essential for touring in the Provinces and penetrating difficult jungles and routes and rough terrain and landscapes. Females, take up most of the administration work. There needs to be improved participation of women in programme implementation. MNURP continues to strive towards its compliance to national and international gender policy frameworks by putting more emphasis on gender-balanced recruitment and selection process.

### 3.8.5 Temporary Appointments

Suzie Leong is still paid under Clerical Officer (L3/5) Corporate Services but deployed to Accounts Division. Doris Makasi Clerical Officer and Lincy Ben assisting the Chief Infrastructure Officer continues to be under temporary appointments or casuals.

### 3.8.6 Internship

The Ministry has engaged Interns from the Youth @ Work Programme under the South Pacific Commission (SPC) serving a period of not less than three months during the year. There were five (5) interns undertaking office, clerical and peace and reconciliation work assisting within the Divisions of the Ministry. There were other interns working through 2016 to 2017 and likewise others have gone through to 2018. This is a whole of Government approach in partnership with SPC to encourage young people the opportunity to gain knowledge and experience in the work place to build their Curriculum Vitae to assist seeking employment opportunity.



Fig. 7 Youth @ Work Interns receiving their Certificates after successful completion of internship programme.

### 3.8.7 Performance Management Process (PMP)

A slight increase of 8 confirmations in 2017 compared to 7 in 2016. There were no promotions awarded, upper segment and increments awarded in 2017. The Corporate Services persistently encouraged staffs to comply with the production of their PMP throughout the year. While this is so, staffs gradually get acquainted with the process. This is summarised in *Table 4* below.

Divisions	Units/ Offices	Post	รูเ		Increme	ents	Gen	der	Remarks
			Confirmations	Promotions	Upper Segment	Points	Male	Female	
Corp Serv.	Admin	PAO	1					F	Awarded confirmation
		SAO	1					F	Awarded confirmation
PPPD	Policy	DD	1				М		Awarded confirmation
PR	HPRO	CPRO	1				М		Awarded confirmation
	I/CPPRO	CPRO	1				М		Awarded confirmation
	GPRO	SPRO	1				М		Awarded confirmation
	WPRO	CPRO	1					F	Awarded confirmation
		CGPO	1				М		Awarded confirmation
	Total		8				5	3	

Table 4 Staff Promotions in 2017 and disaggregated data.

#### 3.8.9 Staff welfare

Two of the Ministry Residential buildings at *Panatina* Ridge, East *Honiara* were occupied by two staffs. The provision of water into the Estate was still an ongoing issue with the Solomon Water. Some of the important housing welfare items such as water tanks and pumps have been missing on site precluding other staffs to occupy the houses.

The Ministry is cautious and recognises the health of its staffs and arranged all staffs including those in the Provincial Offices to walk weekly. The Honiara Headquarter staffs also took part and made weekly walks to the Eastern part of Honiara. *Fig.* 8 and 9 below is the WPRO Weekly Healthy Life for Healthy Nation Activity.







Fig. 9 WPRO staffs walking through feeder roads of Gizo.

#### 3.8.10 Annual Leave

All staffs undertook their annual leave in 2017. The Ministry has controlled the budget allocation for annual leave that allowed staffs to travel to their respective islands and homes.

#### 3.8.11 Staff Movements

Unlike in the previous year, the Ministry experienced movement in the Executive level particularly in the Corporate Services Division. The Ministry had to farewell the US/A Mrs. Margaret *Etua Qoloni* to take up the US post in the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Survey. The swapping arrangement was necessitated by welcoming Gregory *Rofeta* into the Ministry. Both commence official duties in their respective Ministry's on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Long-serving staff leaving

The Ministry is losing one of its long-serving staff in 2017. Peter *Taloni* is from *Buma* Parish, West *Kwaio, Malaita* Province. He was born on 17<sup>th</sup> April 1961 at *Kwaibala* Hospital.

He attended Primary School Education at *Aimela* Primary School Classes 1-4, 1968-1971, *Buma* Primary School Classes 5, 6 and 7 from 1972-1974. He continued with his Secondary Education at St. Josephs Secondary School, Tenaru undertaking Forms 1-5 from 1975-1979.

He commenced formal employment immediately after finishing school at the Ministry of Education and Training, Clerk II Account, 1<sup>st</sup> December 1979. He was then transferred to the Ministry of Commerce as Office Superintendent, Ministry of Home Affairs and Provincial Government as Administration Officer and *Guadalcanal* Province as Deputy Treasurer. In 1999, he was transferred to the Ministry of Lands and Housing as Senior Accountant. A year later, he was moved to the Ministry of Commerce as Senior Accountant. In 2003, he was transferred to the MNURP as Principal Accountant and finally concludes his service with the Government in 2017.

Mr. Taloni during the years attended the Solomon Islands College of Higher Education from 1993 to 1994 and attained a Certificate in Finance and Administration. He also undertook upgrading and refresher courses in the Institute of Public Administration and Management (IPAM).

Mr. Taloni stated that there were greener pastures offered over the years outside the Government but were not convincing enough for him to make an attempt to leave the service as he strives to

maintain and earn the record for being one of the public officer for long and dedicated service to the crown at the conclusion of his tenure of employment. Certainly, this has finally paid off on 1<sup>st</sup> May 2017 when he finally retired from the MNURP after a culmination of 37 years of non-break service.



Fig. 10 Principal Accountant, Peter *Taloni*.



Fig. 11 Mrs. *Taloni* received gift on behalf of Ministry and SIG from PS, Justus *Denni* during Farewell Function.

Speaking at the farewell function PS Justus *Denni* thanked Peter Taloni for his service rendered to government especially MNURP. He says "Your retirement shows your commitment, faithfulness and loyalty that you have demonstrated in your serves with the government". The PS highlighted, retirement doesn't mean end of the road, however it closed another chapter in life and beginning of another chapter. On behalf of the ministry PS Justus *Denni* wish Taloni and his family a blessed and prosperous future.

### 3.9 Learning and Development Programmes

Ministry attended both short-term local and overseas learning and development programmes during the year.

### 3.9.1 Short-term Local Trainings

### **Administration and Management Trainings**

The in-country or local Trainings were provided by the IPAM in various venues in Honiara or in the Provinces. However, the Ministry staffs stationed in Honiara were fortunate to attend these Trainings unlike those in the Provincial Offices. A total of eight (7) Honiara-based staffs attended these Short-term Trainings.

There were three staffs received acceptance to attend monitoring and evaluation, SIG-Connect/Microsoft and Knowing Your Public Service Trainings but unfortunately did not attend. One of them is a Honiara based senior staff and others stationed in the Provinces namely *Taro* and *Gizo*. Obviously, no staff in the Policy, Planning, Programme Development Division attending Short-term Trainings during the years unlike the Corporate Services and Peace and Reconciliation Divisions.

Staff Name	Staff Designation	Division	Course Name	Start date	Finish date
Linda Aniaelani	SAO/Admin	Corporate	Code of Conduct	10/02/2017	
Doris Makasi	Receptionist	Corporate	Code of Conduct	10/02/2017	
Jessie Vego	Assistant	Corporate	Budget & Financial	02/03/2017	03/03/2017
	Accounts		Management		
Glins Clay	CPRO/Honiara	Peace & Reconciliation	Budget & Financial Management	02/03/2017	03/03/2017
Moses Aipuru	CPRO/ <i>Isabel</i> / Central	Peace & Reconciliation	Knowing Your Public Service	20/02/2017	09/03/2017
Glins Clay	CPRO/Honiara	Peace & Reconciliation	Knowing Your Public Service	20/02/2017	09/03/2017
Linda Aniaelani	SAO/Admin	Corporate	Knowing Your Public Service	20/02/2017	09/03/2017
Doris Makasi	Receptionist	Corporate	Knowing your Public Service	20/02/2017	09/03/2017
Glins Clay	CPRO/Honiara	Peace & Reconciliation	Microsoft Office Power Point	06/03/2017	09/03/2017
Sam Watson	FC/Accounts	Corporate	Leadership Development	07/03/2017	12/05/2017
Glins Clay	CPRO/Honiara	Code of Conduct	Leadership Development	07/03/2017	12/05/2017
Mcdallas Hila	CPRO/ Guadalcanal	Code of Conduct	Code of Conduct	01/04/2017	
Linda Aniaelana	SAO/Admin	Corporate	Project Management	16/10/2017	20/10/2017
Doris Makasi	Receptionist	Corporate	Customer Services	16/08/2017	18/08/2017

Table 5 Short-term In-country L&D programmes 2017.

### Peacebuilding and Conflict Analysis Training

A Short-term Training on Peacebuilding and Conflict Analysis was conducted by UNDP for MNURP staffs and peacebuilding stakeholders at Melanesian House, St. Barnabas Cathedral from 24<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April. A Peacebuilding expert from Fiji, Paulo Baleinakorodawa facilitated the Training. The Training was an opportunity to prepare the MNURP staff to get peacebuilding knowledge prior to their departure to MPI, Philippines. The Ministry and UNDP co-funded the Training.

No.	Names	Position	Division	Office
1	Reuben <i>Lilo</i>	Director (P/R)	PR	Headquarter
2	Fleming <i>Pukakoqoro</i>	CPRO (Choiseul)	PR	Choiseul Peace Office
3	Daniella Elson	SPRO (Choiseul)	PR	Choiseul Peace Office
4	Bruno <i>Manele</i>	CPRO Gizo	PR	Western Peace Office
5	Troy <i>Apusae</i>	CGPO (Gizo)	PR	Western Peace Office
6	Chris <i>Alu</i>	CGPO (Gizo)	PR	Western Peace Office
7	Thomas <i>Puahanikeni</i>	CPRO (Malaita)	PR	Malaita Peace Office
8	Clifton Aumae	SPRO (Malaita)	PR	Malaita Peace Office
9	Ben <i>Oto'ofa</i>	SPRO (Malaita)	PR	Malaita Peace Office
10	Peter <i>Bochaligana</i>	CPRO (Guale)	PR	Headquarter
11	Dwight MacDallas Hila	CPRO (Guale)	PR	Headquarter
12	Wilfred <i>Maneisu</i>	SPRO (Guale)	PR	Headquarter
13	Solomon <i>Love</i>	SPRO (Guale)	PR	Headquarter
14	Jerry <i>Urahora</i>	CRTGO	PR	Headquarter
15	Moses Aipuri	CPRO (Isabel/Central)	PR	Headquarter
16	Glins Clay Kherah	CPRO (Honiara)	PR	Headquarter
17	Peter <i>Mae</i>	US (PPPDD)	PPPDD	Headquarter
18	Morris <i>Maitaki</i>	Deputy Director	PPPDD	Headquarter
19	Hegstad <i>Koga</i>	CMEO	PPPDD	Headquarter
20	Silas <i>Dosi Lilo</i>	CPRCO	PPPDD	Headquarter
21	Louisa <i>Baekalia</i>	PAO	Corporate Services	Headquarter

Table 6 Participants attending Peacebuilding and Conflict Analysis Training.

There were 27 participants also attended the Training as Ministry focal points in peacebuilding in various organisations such as Correctional Services of Solomon Islands (CSSI), Youth @ Work, SIPCRRA, SSEC, United Church, SDA, SIBC, SIFGA and National Peace Adviser.



Fig. 12 Participants listing conflict issues.

#### 3.9.2 Short-term International Trainings

### Religion in Plural Societies: Cohesion, Conflict and Peacebuilding Training

The Chief Public Relations and Communications Officer, Silas Lilo attended the 'Religion in Plural Societies: Cohesion, Conflict and Peacebuilding' Training from 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> January, Singapore, Singapore City. The Training was provided by the Singapore International Technical Cooperation. Unfortunately, the Officer was sick and could not complete the Training.

### Mindanao Annual Peacebuilding Training

While the administration and management courses are available in-country, the technical cadre requires learning and development on peacebuilding and other related courses which can only be provided outside the country. Subsequent to the MoU signed previously with the *Mindanao* Peacebuilding Institute (MPI) the Ministry has taken the partnership initiative to send 15 technical staff from both the P/R Division and the PPPD Division. The Training spans over a three week period from 8<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May at the Mergrande Resort, *Davao* City, Philippines.



Fig. 13 Group photo: From Understanding to Action: Designing Conflict Sensitive Interventions (FUA).

Week	Courses
Wk 1	From Understanding to Action: Designing Conflict Sensitive Interventions (FUA)
	Peter Mae, Morris Maitaki, Hegstad Koga, Chris Tabea, Fr. Philip Valusa, Francis Kairi
	Introduction to Conflict Transformation (ICT)
	Wilson Liligeto, Fleming Alick Pukakoqoro
	Fundamentals of Peacebuilding (FPB)
	William Kutini, Jerry Urahora, Bruno Manele, Peter Bochaligana, Glins Clay, Moses Aipuru, Ben Oto'ofa
Wk 2	Conflict Sensitive Economic Governance: Peace-Enabling Approaches in Complex and Fragile Contexts (CSEG)  Peter Mae, Morris Maitaki, Hegstad Koga, Jerry Urahora
	Understanding Culture and Identity as a Resource for Peacebuilding (UCIRP)
	Chris Tabea, Fr. Philip Valusa, Francis Kairi, Ben Oto'ofa
	Conflict Resolution Skills: Mediation and Dialogue (CRS)
	Wilson Liligeto, William Kutini, Fleming Alick Pukakogoro, Bruno Manele, Peter Bochaligana
	Interreligious Peacebuliding: Approaches for Cooperation, Social Cohesion and Reconciliation (IRPB)
	Glins Clay
	Be the Change: Designing Transformative Just Peace through the Power of Non-violence (ANV)
	Moses Aipuru
Wk 3	Human Centred Security: Reimaging Conflict Stakeholder Relationships (HCS)
	Peter Mae, Morris Maitaki, Hegstad Koga, Wilson Liligeto, Francis Kairi, Glins Clay
	Bottom-Up Transformation: Experiences and Practices of Grassroots Peacebuilding in Mindanao (BT)
	(Classroom and Field-Based Course)
	Chris Tabea, Jerry Urahora, Peter Bochaligana
	Dealing with Trauma in Times of Conflict (DTTC)
	Fr. Philip Valusa, Bruno Manele, Moses Aipuru, Ben Otoʻofa
	Arts Approaches to Community-Based Peacebuilding (AACP)
	William Kutini, Fleming Alick Pukakoqoro

### Table 7 Staffs and Courses undertaken at MPI, 2017.

Staffs attending the MPI Training were selected on grounds of technicality and relevance in the PRD including the PPPDD.



Fig. 14 MNURP and CSSI Staff discussing.



Fig. 15 Facilitator conducting the sessions.

### Torres Strait Islands Study Tour

The PS, Justus *Denni* was part of the Solomon Islands delegation on an observation and study tour of the Torres Strait from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> October. The other members of the visiting delegation comprise of Fiona Hoggart, Counsellor (Political), Australian High Commission, Honiara, Miriam *Lidimani*, Senior Legal Officer, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and External Trade (MFAET) and Vanessa *Rodie*, Chief Desk Officer (Regional Organisations), MFAET.



Fig. 16 Delegation meeting with TSIRC Mayor and Councillors.

Solomon Islands have similar situation with the PNG/Solomon Islands Border especially in the Western end of Solomon Islands. As emphasised in the PS Report, the visit was successful as it provides one of the vital insights on the need for tighter and effective border management to enhance security thereby building and sustaining peace within and between communities at the common border with the Autonomous Region of *Bougainville* (ARB) which is part of PNG. I also pointed out the family and cultural ties which exist between individuals and families at both side of the border. This means any mechanism established to manage the movement of people must recognise such traditional ties.



Fig. 17 Delegation with Torres Strait and PNG Treaty Villages Councillors at the landing ramp on Boigu island.

Fig. 17 above, interestingly the area on the photograph is the only spot that traditional inhabitants from Treaty Villages on the PNG mainland are allowed to land when arriving by OBM. From this spot, you can see PNG mainland which is only 10-15 minutes boat (OBM) ride.

The visit was organised and funded by the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Government of Australia, through the Australian High Commission in Honiara, Solomon Islands.

### Guadalcanal Province Fiji Study Tour

The Guadalcanal Province Fiji Study Tour is part of the Ministry's peacebuilding initiative. The primary objective was to look at how Fiji deal with their native or customary land. The delegation consists of members from the GPG led by the Deputy Premier Hon. Peter Aoraunisaka. Also included were two Ministry officials, a legal officer and the province's lands officer.

The Tour began by a visit to the Solomon Islands High Commission Office in Suva. The purpose of the visit was to get a briefing from the High Commissioner, His Excellency Patterson Oti.

The Study Tour takes into account learning about the land tenure system in Fiji, Native Land (Customary Land), Freehold Land, Crown Land, I-Taukei Land and Fisheries Commission- TLFC, I-Taukei Land Trust Board (ILTB), control of native land, customary landowners register, birth certificates, Fiji Electricity Authority (FEA), and as part of real practical experience visited to Monasavu Dam.

This Study Tour has given the knowledge and experience in reflecting and comparing the current customary land dealing practices and development in *Guadalcanal* important to the island itself and the country as a whole. Lessons learnt from the Study Tour is important as it can be applied to the local context of *Guadalcanal*.

Land presents the major source of security, both in a material, social and even psychological sense. Through the land an individual is tied to a social group. Closely related family groups live together in villages, cultivating well-defined land areas originally acquired by conquest or occupation of empty land. Several such family groups, claiming descent from a common ancestor, are linked in a larger social units.



Fig. 18 Solomon Islands High Commissioner, His Excellency Patteson Oti, Legal Personnel and the Guadalcanal Delegation in Suva, Fiji Islands.



Fig. 19 Guadalcanal Delegation visit to Monasavu Dam.

Likewise other provinces, *Guadalcanal* have locations which have been identified for development. However, this cannot proceed due to insecurity of title. The insecurity is caused by or a result of conflicts in institutional arrangements such as property rights, scarcity of financial resource and a lack of good governance and accountability in land administration.

Even locations which have been developed are not exempted, two good examples are the *Ziata* and *Kongulai* water sources which resulted in numerous court cases.

The following recommendations are important to foster economic development in *Guadalcanal* and the country.

- i. Before any reforms are made there is a great need to strengthen land rights. It can done through these;
  - facilitate land dealings;
  - > settle disputes effectively;
  - provide appropriate and adequate land administration services; and
  - provide land for public purposes and other special needs like schools, and clinics.
- ii. There is a need to assist indigenous landowners gain the maximum financial rewards from the use of their land and resources. A mere land rental is not enough.
- iii. A good model for the province is the out growers association at GPPOL. Royalty payments are paid to the association, the association then make payments to members. Using the Fijian system, the association is doing the role of the ITLB. Plans are being discussed by out growers association to venture into economic development using funds from their royalty payments.
- iv. Any fundamental reform should establish a middle course between the need to encourage growth and economic development, and the fundamental importance of protecting the social, political and cultural values reflected by customary land tenures.
- v. A new system should aim to protect land ownership at the customary group level, and land use at the individual land developer-investor level.
- vi. As a starting point the Provincial Assembly should check their powers under the devolution orders. This orders and the Provincial Government basically covers areas where the province can make ordinances on. GPG therefore subject to delegated powers under Act and Order can make regulations, for example with regards to registration of land owning tribes as a starting point.

### 3.9.3 Long-term Local Trainings

### Postgraduate Certificate in Diplomacy and International

The US/CS Margaret Qoloni pursued a Postgraduate Certificate in Diplomacy and International at USP Honiara campus during the year. The first leg was undertaken from 17<sup>th</sup> April to 29<sup>th</sup> May and the second leg was from 3<sup>rd</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> July. The programme was sponsored by the Ministry.

### Graduate Certificate in Public Administration

The Under Secretary (PPPDD), Peter *Mae* completed graduated on 29<sup>th</sup> September with Graduate Certificate in Public Administration at USP, Solomon Islands Campus, Honiara. The six-months programme was undertaken in partnership with IPAM providing graduate programmes designed for senior Public Officers.

### Certificate in Business Studies

The Clerical Officer, Suzie Leong continued with studies at SINU and completed her Certificate in Business Studies in 2017.

### Certificate in Customary Law

The Ministry staff enrolled and commenced in 2016 undertaking customary law studies at the *Solmalmaro* National Custom and Culture Institute. Director P/RD Ruben Lilo, Director PPPDD Kemuel *Laeta*, CMEO Hegstad *Koga* and CRTGO Jerry *Urahora* are continuing with their second year of studies. It is envisaged that these customary law students to graduate at the end of 2017.

### 3.9.4 Long-term Overseas Trainings

### Professional Development Certificate in Peacebuilding

The Deputy Director (PPPDD), Kemuel *Laeta* attended a Professional Development Certificate in Peacebuilding at Chulalongkorn University of Bangkok, Thailand, Bangkok from 16<sup>th</sup> January to 10<sup>th</sup> April. The programme was co-sponsored by the Rotary International and Ministry. The realisation gained during the Trainings were as follows;

- Gained good practical and theoretical knowledge in transitional justice and conflict transformation processes.
- Intervening in any conflict follows a certain pattern from negotiating ceasefire, peace agreement, DDR processes, and to much more structural reform and state building process.
- Interveners analyse conflict for thorough understanding.
- Spend quality time of interacting with other peacebuilding experts around the world member of a global network of peace fellows a platform for continuous interaction on peacebuilding and related issues.
- Affirm lifelong passion for peacebuilding.



Fig. 20 Participants of the Peace Fellowship Training at the Rotary Peace Centre, *Chulalongkorn* University, Bangkok Thailand

#### 3.9.5 In-house Trainings

The Ministry have been provided with experienced and qualified Peacebuilding practitioners and administrators. This enabled Provincial Offices to conduct their own in-house Trainings for their staffs. These learning and development exercises builds the capacity and confidence of staffs to execute their various roles and responsibilities.

#### **WPRO In-house Training**

The WPRO conducted a Two weeks in-house Training in September. The sessions were facilitated by WPRO senior staffs on conflict analysis, tools for peacebuilding, conflict resolution skills [dialogue and mediation], general office procedures, filing system and Office registry and work ethics.







Fig. 22 Session on Conflict Mapping.

#### PPPDD and PRD Provincial In-house Training

The PPPD and PR Divisions conducted a in-house Trainings to Provincial staffs. The Team included the DDPRD Christian *Tabea* and CMEO Hegstad *Koga*. The Accounts and Corporate Services were not able to send any officer. The series of Trainings were held in Gizo on 9<sup>th</sup> October and Auki on 14<sup>th</sup> October. The Training focuses on the importance of Reporting and how it contributes to measuring the strategic goals and vision of the Ministry. Also, Provincial staffs were taught how to use the Reconciliation Ceremony Reporting Template, Training Reporting Template and TG Workshops Reporting Template.

CMEO conducted the same Training with CPRO at the beginning of the year on 10<sup>th</sup> March. These Trainings were useful and valuable as staffs for the first time received such Trainings specifically relating to their work and enhancing their capacity in the monitoring and evaluation field.

There were sessions for updates and also use the opportunity to deliberate on things that may be of concern to officers relating to work that can be taken up with the Management Team for their action.

#### 3.10 Overseas Travel

There were two (3) overseas travels undertaken in 2017.

### 3.10.1 Public Forum on Rebuilding Solomon Islands

The Under Secretary (PPPDD) was a Key Note Speaker and Plenary Member on Public Forum on Rebuilding Solomon Islands: Leaving Crisis to Peaceful Co-existence through Peacebuilding Interventions at MPI on 13<sup>th</sup> May, Davao City, Philippines. He also signed on behalf of the Ministry an MoU with MPI on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016 purposely to foster relationship and partnership in offering professional peacebuilding trainings to Ministry officers.

Fig. 23 US/PPPDD, Peter *Mae* presenting the context of SI conflict during plenary session.

#### 3.10.2 g7+ Technical Meeting

The US/PPDD Peter *Mae* attended the g7+ Technical Meeting in Lisbon, Portugal at the g7+ European Branch Office from 24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> July.

As the National Focal Point of the g7+ incountry, this meeting is to discuss (1) The



activities agreed upon in the previous technical meeting, which was held in *Dili* in December 2016; (2) Preparations for the Forum of g7+ Ministers of Justice planned to take place during the UN General Assembly 2017; and (3) Agreement on the strategic priorities for the g7+ Ministerial Meeting. Though mostly was on the SDG 16 in the area of access to Justice in conflict-affected countries: opportunities for state legitimacy and dilemmas.





Fig. 24 Member countries Flags at the g7+ European Hub, Lisbon, Portugal

US/PPPDD previously attended the same meeting in *Dili*, Timor Leste from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> November 2016 discussing the progression on implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by member states especially SDG 16 which is related to conflict, peace and security.

### 3.10.3 Expert Group Meeting (EGM)

The US/PPPDD attended on invitation by the Division for Public Administration and Development Management (DPADM) under the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA) to an Expert Group Meeting (EGM) on Integrating Sustainable Development and Peace in Post-Conflict Situations: the Role of Public Institutions and Public Administration from 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> October, New York, USA. Discussion of this EGM covers the following objectives;

- (a) Create a window for dialogue and exchange of experiences among UN agencies and outside experts working on the integration of peace, humanitarian action and sustainable development on policy integration models, institutional processes and engagement modalities for SDG implementation in post-conflict and prevention contexts;
- (b) Examine innovative governance approaches that can enhance recovery and state-building for sustainable peace and development both at the national and local levels; *and*
- (c) Discuss the positive experiences of people engagement in peace and development processes within the framework of the 2030 Agenda for SDGs.



Fig. 25 US/PPPDD, Peter *Mae* speaking at the g7+ Technical Meeting, New York, USA.

### 3.10.4 Solomon Islands Fellow To The Asia-Pacific Advanced Security Cooperation Course

Solomon Islands Fellow To The Asia-Pacific Advanced Security Cooperation Course, Honolulu, Hawaii, United States of America was held from 21<sup>st</sup> September to 25<sup>th</sup> October. The Deputy Director (PPPDD), Morris Maitaki attended the course.

The Deputy Director shared his experience that the course has been a rather exciting, fulfilling, very interesting and very important five weeks dialogue of advanced security cooperation. He stated that before he joined the course, he associated security with armed military security, war and nuclear proliferation. After gone through the course, he discovered that it encompasses wider security cooperation issues in the Asia-Pacific region including non-traditional security threats such as transnational crime, economic and maritime security and the single most important security threat to the pacific islands: climate change. This is crucial becase these affect each the island countries. Upon graduating, he should be able write projects that are realistic to security in Solomon Islands.



Fig. 26 Solomon Islands Delegate, Morris Maitaki presented a gift to the Director DKI-ASCSS Institution.

### PART FOUR: MINISTRY PERFORMANCE

### 4.1 Coverage

In 2017, the Ministry continued its programme delivery in *Malaita, Guadalcanal*, Western and *Choiseul* Provinces as indicated in *Fig.* 26 below. The SI National Peacebuilding Policy (SINPP) in previous years have been consulted in Isabel Province, Central Province, *Makira/Ulawa* Province and Temotu Province. The Ministry extended its peacebuilding work to *Renbel* Province as SINPP Consultation and TG Workshop. This is a mile stone achievement as the Ministry intends to cover 8 Provinces with its mandate. The SINPP implementation ensures that people from the urban right down to the rural populace, TLs, Chiefs, Faith–based Organisations and TG bodies receive and benefit from Ministry's activities.

The Ministry did not conduct any activity in Makira/Ulawa Province In 2017 as shown in Fig. 26 below.

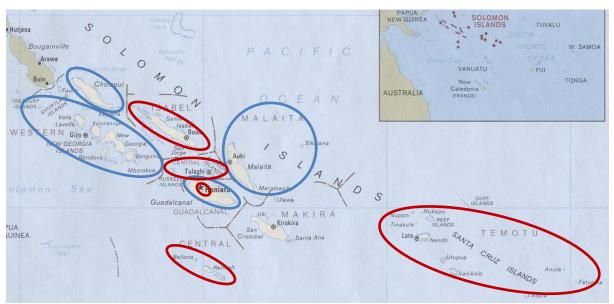


Fig. 27 Blue circles indicate current areas (Provinces) of programme delivery, dark red circles indicate new areas (Provinces) of programme delivery commencing in 2017.

### 4.2 Key Achievements

The Ministry 2017 program implementation was based on fulfilling DCCG policy areas on TG Systems and Structures, Traditional Culture and Identity, and Peace Rehabilitation and very minimal if not nothing on National Consciousness and Unity. The achievements for 2017 are based on reporting against strategic objectives outlined in the Ministry Corporate Plan 2016-19 with specific references to Key Priority Areas (KPA).

### 4.2.1 Peacebuilding and Post Conflict Rehabilitation Programs

The Ministry embarked on providing support and facilitate reconciliation through the integrated peacebuilding approach. This involves traditional means, Christian principles and community participation to render transformation and restoration to conflicting parties. There were also relevant Trainings provided to rehabilitate victims and encourage people to involve in valuable developments to promote peace and unity in the country.

#### Malaita Tribal Land Settlement and Reconciliation

MPRO facilitated a Tribal Land Settlement and Reconciliation between two tribal parties from 17<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June in Malaita. Topics discussed covered were mindset transformation process; spiritual transformation, freedom challenged and the restoration process by Esau and Jacob. After three days attending the mindset transformation presentation, the disputing parties Tribes reached an agreement and were reconciled, restored and shook hands followed by the Parish Priest praying for their restoration and concluded with an island feast.

### Barasipo Community Reconciliation Ceremony

WPRO conducted intra-reconciliation programmes within tribal communities in Western province. WPRO facilitated a reconciliation ceremony that results in eventual restoration of peace between two conflicting parties after 20 years conflict. Barasipo Community Reconciliation ceremony was held on 9<sup>th</sup> August between the Lamu and Niva Clan after 20 years of conflict.



Fig. 28 Pig offered by one of the parties during Reconciliation ceremony.



Fig. 29 Parties accepting the Reconciliation.

### Trauma, Mindset Transformation and Tailoring and Designing Training

MPRO conducted two-weeks long Training on Trauma, Mindset Transformation and Patterns/Sewing for Langa Langa women from 17<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> April. Topics covered were; ordinary trauma, small and big stress, positive mindset and adding values to life, cutting of materials, measurement and different sewing styles. The Training was successful with the Langa Langa women either adding value to or gained new knowledge and skills especially in tailoring and designing fabrics. An experienced Tailor was hired to conduct the sessions on tailoring and sewing.



Fig. 30 Participants of the Trauma, Mindset Transformation Fig. 31 Participant sewing her pre-cut blouse. and Tailoring and Designing Training.



### Honiara City Community Leaders Restorative Justice Training

HPRO conducted a one week on *Honiara* City Community Leaders Restorative Justice Training from 31st July to 4th August, Rock Haven Conference room, Honiara. The Training was facilitated by Teams from the Prison Fellowship Solomon Islands and Sycamore Tree. There were 24 (14 males and 10 females) Trainees comprising of CLs, women, and youth groups in East, Central and West Honiara. The Training was based on a concept grounded in Biblical truths and Solomon Islands culture and traditions of restoring relationships caused by crime and conflicts among victims and offenders. Participants expressed their appreciation as the Training was an eye opener and building their capacity in this area was worthwhile in understanding how to deal with community issues and finding solutions as CLs.



Fig. 32 Participants of the Honiara City Community Leaders Restorative Justice Training.

## Crime Prevention Strategy Workshop

The ICPPRO CPRO, Moses Aipuru was facilitated a session on the Crime Prevention Strategy Workshop held from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> August, *Samasodu* village, *Katova* Ward, *Isabel* Province. The Workshop outcomes were; the draft ToR was reviewed

and finalised during the workshop between the Crime Prevention Committee of *Katova* Ward and RSIPF, ecumenical services were conducted during the opening and at the conclusion of the workshop for thanksgiving, certificates issued to participants for their active participation and contributions for the two days' workshop. Participants have expressed what they have learnt from the workshop as vital for their roles and responsibilities in *Katova* Ward in relation to maintaining peace and order in their communities.

## **4.2.2 TG Systems and Structures**

MNURP continues to implement DCCG policy on recognising, strengthening and empowering TG systems and structures throughout the country. Though the SIDCCG took power in late 2017, the Ministry continued conducting TG consultations and empowerment workshops for chiefs and TLs, elders and CLs. This process involves identifying the existing CoCs and HoCs and those that have yet to be registered under the Charitable Trust Act (CTA) and provided support accordingly.

#### Zabana District HoCs Workshop

The ICPPRO conducted the *Zabana* HoCs Workshop from 21<sup>st</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> August, *Zabana, Isabel* Province. The objectives of the workshop were to empower TLs, churches, women, youth leaders, and stakeholders, gain understanding of TG and peacebuilding, to understand conflict violence, peace and peacebuilding as conflict is natural and its dynamics, able to resolve conflict in a nonviolent manner by addressing root causes of conflict in their field of work and be able to understand DCCG policy on recognising, strengthening and empowerment of TG systems and structures. The Workshop theme Workshop was centred on; *'Good Leadership Creates a Sense of Belonging'*. Among the many topics were the role, responsibilities, and values of chiefs, customary land dealings and land dispute resolutions and issues on land alienation and peacebuilding sessions

including trauma counselling, and the IPG policy framework. Important were the discussions on peace and development for instance, the achievements and benefits from IDC.



Fig. 33 Participants of the Zabana District HoCs Workshop.

#### Guadalcanal TG activities in 2017

GPRO implemented 10 TG Consultation and Empowerment Workshops in 15 Wards (1, 2, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21) in 2017 around *Guadalcanal*. The remaining 6 Wards were; 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 partly in the *Geana* and *Tasimauri* regions as shown in *Fig.* 33 below in brown coloured dotted line.

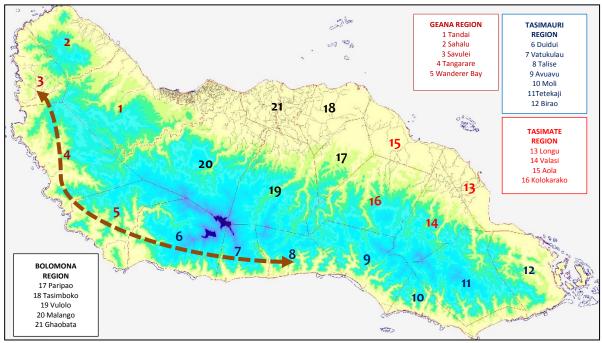


Fig. 34 Political Map of *Guadalcanal* showing the Wards and Traditional Boundaries according to four regions of GPRO activity implementations in 2017.

## Malango and Bahomea TG Awareness, Empowerment and Follow-up Workshop

The Malango/Bahomea TG Awareness, Empowerment and Follow-up Workshop was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June, Mataruka village, Ward 20, Central Guadalcanal Constituency. There were 61 participants comprised of Chiefs, TLs and church leaders.



Fig. 35 Malango HoCs discussing application of Customary laws in Malango.

The thought of establishing the Central Guadalcanal CoCs structure was discussed with the aim of having an agreed outcome of a CoCs for the three bodies namely Bohomea, Malango and Vulolo.

Discussions was made on whether or not both (*Malango and Bahomea*) HoCs to agree to come under one CoCs. It was consensually agreed that both HoCs to be under one CoC. Both Chiefs and TLs realised the need to collaborate on issues relating to land and socio-economic development as well as disputes since there are people within these areas that share genealogical links and Tribal land boundaries. A name was given and finalised as the Central *Guadalcanal* CoCs (CGCoCs) which was different from the name used for this body in the first Workshop in 2016.

The *Vulolo* HoCs although considered to be under the same CoCs. Unfortunately, no participants from the *Vulolo* HoCs attended and was consensually agreed that they would be informed of their intention and thereby would decide for themselves.



A notion was raised as to whether or not the youths and women to be included in the structure was not finalised. Important to note that the structure should be free from political influence. An issue was raised that *Bahomea* has four (4) Paramount Chiefs based on the four (4) Communities while *Malango* has 27 Paramount Chiefs based on the 27 Tribes. The vast difference of imbalance of the representative respectively of 4 Paramount Chiefs and 27 Paramount Chiefs had caused much disagreement on the grounds of unfair representations resulting in the matter not finalised.

There was in-depth discussion held and getting the consensus on the required number of membership was difficult. The HoCs were then instructed to fall into their respective HoCs and discussed how they will come about with their representatives in the Central Guadalcanal CoCs.

Paramount Chief	4
Chairman	2
Secretary	2
Resource persons	3
Tribal Chiefs (depends on no. of Tribes)	4
Community Rep. depends on no. of communities live in Bahomea;	
- Women Rep.	1
- Youth Rep.	1
- Church Rep.	1
Total	18 members

Table 8 The composition of the Bahomea HoCs.

The Malango HoCs decided that they should convene a meeting at a later time to talk about the issue of membership in the CoCs level and submit to Ministry at a later date.

## Gaubata TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

GPRO conducted the *Gaubata* TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 26<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup> June, Tetere CSSI Hall, Tetere CSSI, Ward 21, North *Guadalacanal* Constituency, *Guadalcanal* Province. The Workshop was primarily for the awareness sessions on TG Bill that was envisaged to be developed in 2018. There were 48 Participants. The *Gaubata* CoCs have been established and registered. The HoCs were arranged according to the five Tribes; *Gaubata*, *Thibo*, *Nekama*, *Lathi* and *Thongo* and were working on setting up their structures, constitution and common seal for registration under CTA. The *Gaubata* HoCs have shared their sentiments and support on the proposed TG Bill.

## **Vulolo TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop**

GPRO conducted the *Vulolo* TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 28<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> June, *Obo Obo ECE Hall, Obo Obo village, Ward 19, Central Guadalcanal Constituency, Guadalcanal Province.* The Workshop was primarily for the awareness sessions on TG Bill that was envisaged to be developed in 2018. There were 50 participants including Chiefs and TLs from four HoCs; *Suta, Koehoto, Geunaha* and *Lauvatale.* The HoCs made up the *Vulolo* CoCs which is yet to be registered. The HoCs have their structures but without constitutions. The *Vulolo* CoCs and HoCs were working on their establishments and constitutions.

## Sahalu TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

GPRO conducted the *Sahalu* TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> July, Divit Training Centre, *Visale*, Ward 2, North West *Guadalcanal* Constituency. There were 46 participants comprised of Chiefs, TLs, community elders, women, church leaders, GPG Executives and women organisations. The CoCs constitution was developed and envisaged to be adopted on 14<sup>th</sup> July. MNURP to provide support to establish 4 HoCs under the *Sahalu* CoCs. The participants supported the proposed TG Bill.



Fig. 36 Director PRD presenting the Esau and Jacob Bible Story of Reconciliation.

## A remarkable statement made by a participant stated during the Workshop;

"Traditional leaders in the past have been very structured with their work. Even though unwritten their work, they do it very good. The lack of good preparation by our leaders in the past in the national, provincial and etc... That is why we resort to war. We could have prevented the war if we start working on our traditional governance structures and systems in the past. Working together is very important. Compared to land reform workshop in the past three weeks, this is the best programme as it lays the foundation of our societies to prevent conflicts."

#### Tathiboko TG Awareness, Empowerment and Follow-up Workshop

GPRO conducted the *Tathiboko* TG Awareness, Empowerment and Follow-up Workshop from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 2<sup>nd</sup> August, *Komuvatha* community at the *Balesuna* Bible College, *Tahiboko*, Ward 18, North East Guadalcanal. There were 58 participants (51 males and 7 females) including Ministry staffs

facilitating the Workshop. Participants comprised of the North East *Guadalcanal* Constituency MP. Hon. Dr. Derick *Sikua*, GPG Executives, Chiefs and TLs, church leaders, women organisations, Faithbased Organisations, and youths.



Fig. 37 Chiefs and TLs presented shell money to Hon. Dr. Derick *Sikua* acknowledging his support as MP for the Constituency.



Fig. 38 MNURP Minister, Hon. Samson *Maneka* welcomed and acknowledged Chiefs and TLs presence for the Three Days Workshop.

There are three HoCs existing in *Tathiboko*; *Vithugabuni* (East *Balesuna* to West *Barande*) and *Kokutolu* (West *Barande* to East *Taivu* river) and have yet to be registered while *Kolamali/Manesavuni* (East *Taivu* to *Ruavatu* Secondary School) have draft constitution but have yet to be registered under CTA.

There is no existing CoCs in the *Tathiboko*. Seeing the importance of having a higher umbrella body the participants from the three HoCs have agreed consensually on the establishment of the North East *Guadalcanal* CoCs. Interestingly, the participants have realised the importance of linking the North East *Guadalcanal* CoCs Structure to the Provincial and National Government. Having a conceptual framework of the different layers of the traditional and formal government system enables the participants to foresee the line of power and authority from both bottom up and top down.

It was also noted that TLs from the North East Guadalcanal Constituency in Ward 17 (Lower Paripao and Upper Paripao) was not included in the Workshop. The communities in Lower Paripao consist of Magia, Luluga, Numbu and Tenakoga and Upper Paripao are Tenakosa, Lame, Kolosulu, Tenadoe, Komungelea and Papae. Discussion was also made on the possibility of including the HoCs of Ward 18 in the agreed CoCs. However, this may only be possible upon getting consent from the HoCs and TLs.

MNURP in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and Legal Affairs (MJLA), Legal Policy Unit (LPU) delivered a session for awareness of the TLDRPB. This consultation process is important for participants to understand the current state of the TG Bill and its application to resolve customary land disputes between disputing parties.

The Workshop also made participants to be aware of the DCCG's policy intentions and updates on its legislative programmes. Feedbacks from the Workshop were very important for participants to understand and identify ways to improve performance of their role and responsibilities.

The following recommendations were made at the conclusion of the Workshop that the Ministry;

• to convene the TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop in *Paripao* by the end of September, 2017;

- to support the *Tathiboko* HoCs to work on the completion of the Tathiboko HoCs' constitutions and registrations;
- to serve one or two weeks' notice to participants to attend workshops in the future;
- to inform *Paripao* community leaders to recommend participants for the upcoming workshop well in advance; and
- to convene a combined follow-up workshop (*Tathiboko/Paripao*) in 2018 to confirm the HoCs' Constitutions and Bylaws.

## Tandai TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

GPRO conducted the *Tandai* TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> July, *Buadoko* Conference Hall, *Buadoko* village, Ward 1, North West *Guadalcanal* Constituency, *Guadalcanal* Province. The Workshop was primarily for the awareness sessions on TG Bill that was envisaged to be developed in 2018. There were more than 48 participants attending the Workshop. Participants comprised of Chiefs, TLs, youth and women representatives and church leaders. The *Tandai* CoCs was formally established but working on the review of their constitution to provide avenue for establishment of their HoCs; *Matanikau*, *Valeato*, *Taboko* and *Betikama*. The HoCs were grouped under communities. MNURP provided support to establish a working committee to work on drafting the HoCs constitutions and structures.

## East Guadalcanal TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

The East Guadalcanal Constituency TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop was held at Komuvaolu village, Ward 10 East Central Guadalcanal from 30<sup>th</sup> October to 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Workshop was initiated by the Honourable Member of Parliament for East Guadalcanal Constituency, Hon. Bradley Tovosia. There were 77 participants (52 males and 25 females) including TLs and chiefs, and women attending the Workshop from Birao, Tetekaji, Moli and Avuavu Wards. Unlike other workshops held around Guadalcanal, this event was unique and special as the members of the Gaena-alu Movement were present and had an influence in the course of the Workshop.

Hon. Bradley *Tovosia* and the Chiefs and TLs called for an urgent action to recognize, strengthen and empower the TLs in their roles as auditors of their natural resources and traditional conflict resolution mechanism. They have raised their appreciation for the workshop as way forward for the advancement of legal recognition and empowerment of their traditional role and responsibilities.

Although the TG system is being widely used and practiced for generations in communities, particularly in conflict and land settlements, currently it is not empowered by modern laws, national Constitution and modern governance systems. This unfortunate situation has to certain degree contributed to the noncompliance of the TG resolution restitutions by certain parties, as required under the TG system.

The Workshop was a success as the chiefs have the opportunity to share and engage in in-depth discussion and resolving very important issues pertaining to the ongoing development process of the establishment and setting up of the respective East *Guadalcanal* HoCs. There were issues identified, resolved and others, such as the ethnic tension related issues, especially those relating to the *Are'are* speakers was deferred as they need further work and inputs.



Fig. 39 Participants and Facilitators of the East Guadalcanal TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop.

The third day was an information session that provides insight and clarification on TG and how the current developments in the legislative, policy and planning frameworks relate to each other. This sessions were not done in previous workshops and was highly commended by participants.

The Workshop was generally very effective in that Chiefs have increased their understanding in the current developments and administration of the Birao, Moli, Tetekiaji and Avuavu HoCs.

The Workshop instigated the re-establishment of TG systems and structures and to assist in the set-up of HoCs and CoCs in all the Wards in the Constituency considering the cultural demarcations according to traditional boundaries and migrations. The recommendations made at the conclusion of the Workshop were;

- GPG to legislate all the land in Guadalcanal Province.
- MNURP through GPRO initiate a Follow-up TG workshop to monitor progress of establishing the Birao, Tetekangji, Moli and Avuavu HoCs.
- The Birao, Tetekaji, Moli and Avuavu Wards MPA in East Guadalcanal Constituency to provide support for TG establishments with its Ward grants.
- The TG Bill must be forwarded to National Parliament for legislation and enactment.

## Paripao TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

GPRO conducted the *Paripao* TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> November at the new *Tenabuti* Community Hall, *Paripao* Community, Ward 17, North East *Guadalcanal.* 

Participants recommended at the conclusion of the Workshop that; selection of one representative from each Tribe from five Tribes to form a Working Committee for Upper *Paripao* and Lower *Paripao* respectively. Upper *Paripao* have 6 members all Chiefs including one women Representative. Lower *Paripao* with 4 Chiefs, one Pastor and a women representative; conduct awareness programme for Tribes in all the communities in the upper and lower *Paripao* to look at the structures, affiliations and cultural demarcation of cultural boundaries of Tribes and communities; convene a combined meeting for the Upper and Lower *Paripao* HoCs to compromise decisions and HoCs structures and a new *Tenabuti* Workshop intent report should be prepared and presented to the representatives of two HoCs prior to conducting awareness programs for the Tribes.



Fig. 40 Participant making a statement during the Workshop.

## Aola TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop

GPRO conducted the Aola TG Awareness and Empowerment Workshop from 5<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> December, Bulokalai village, Ward 15, East Central Guadalcanal Constituency. The Workshop was primarily for the awareness sessions on TG Bill that was envisaged to be developed in 2018. About 100 participants from Longu, Kolokarako, Valasi and Aola attended. Participants comprised of Chiefs, TLs, women and youth representatives. Aola HoCs formally established with a constitution and common seal but yet to be registered under CTA. The others; Longu, Kolokarako and Valasi were working on their structures, constitutions and common seal.

Ministry Officers also witnessed a Traditional Enthronement ceremony of the Aola HoCs paramount Chief, Robert Manengelea.

## TG Awareness and Administration Workshop

CPRO conducted the TG Awareness and Administration Workshop from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> March at the Allan Qurusu Hall, *Taro*, *Choiseul* Province. The Workshop was attended by 80 participants (72 were males and 8 females). The objectives of Workshop were achieved through the following outcomes;

- Lauru Pade Vato Vato was consensually agreed by participants as the name of Lauru House of Chiefs.
- Some of the *Kolaba* nominations for HoCs and panel membership were not accepted as the selections did not comply with *Lauru* traditional Chiefly system of Hereditary.
- Sky Blue shirts, black long pants and Ņajala (shell money) agreed to be the official ceremonial uniform for Lauru Pade Vato Vato.
- US/PPPDD Peter *Mae* informed participants DCCG policy statement on TG legislative program translated and implemented by MNURP.
- TG National advisor, Mr. Peter Boyers informed participants that the drafting of TG Bill commenced in 2017. This was well received and appreciated by participants.
- MCT Culture Division Deputy Director informed participants on MCT programs to develop, protect and promote Solomon Islands Culture, Art and Heritage'
- DCCG policy intention for MCT ongoing programs including, review of Copy Right Act 1987, Draft TKEC Bill 2015, Review Museum Act and Museum War Relics Bill 2015.
- MJLA LPU CLPO, Kyla Venokana introduced TLDRPB and explained clause by clause to participants and commended that Lauru have already established a Conflict Resolution Mechanism which can be applied instead of TLDRPB.



Fig. 41 Lauru TG Awareness and Administration Workshop from 6-9 March, Taro, Choiseul Province.

## Kolaba Activities Implementation Program Workshop

The Kolaba Activities Implementation Workshop was held from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> June, Provincial Government Chamber, *Taro*, Choiseul Province. There were 14 male participants attended the Workshop. The objectives of the workshop were achieved through the following areas; (a) fruitful discussions on issues concerning registration of *Lauru Pade Vato Vato* included the following: administration, leadership and fair decision making, structures, chiefs enquiry process and procedures and membership requirements; (b) established Lauru *Pade Vato Vato* administration and election of President and Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer, elaboration on second draft constitution, discussed and finalised.

#### Communities' Traditional Activities Implementation Programme

CPRO conducted the Communities Traditional Activities Implementation Programme was a three (3) days programme held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> August, United Church Hall, *Taro, Choiseul* Province. There were 40 male participants attending the programme. The programme was a success.

The Legal Advisor John Smith *Pitabelama's* delivered presentation on the National Constitution recognising chiefs as the sole custodians of *Lauru* custom and not other established organizations such as LLCTC or even High Court etc., chiefs have authority and power to address custom related conflicts or issues and Local Court established and administered by TLs with power to judge and penalise at certain level.

The Custom Coordinator Cornelius *Joi* presented the importance of establishing Communities Custom Committee, roles, responsibilities, level of authorities and penalties and code of ethics.

There were also testimonies of three Community Custom Committee members, endorsement and registration of *Pade Vato Vato*, *a*ppointment of trustees and registration of *Pade Vato Vato*, *Kolaba Popoloto* Reports, and compiling and updating chiefs registration records with a total of 160 chiefs throughout *Choiseul* island.

#### CPRO TG Consultation, Counselling, Mediation, Reconciliations, Chiefs Enthronements

CPRO also worked with communities, churches, schools and Tribes participating, organizing and implementing various activities which were not part of the AWP. These includes school trauma counselling, Tribal *Popoloto*, peacebuilding presentations in church programs, and participated in resolving conflicts in communities.

Activities	Facilitators	Communities	Months	Remarks
Mediation	DD	Loemuni	March	Sorcery Community TL and community members
Counselling	SPRO	PSS Choiseul	March & June	Students
Popoloto	DD	Polo	April	Parties reconciled
We are Commissioned to make peace (John 14: 27)	DD	Nukiki	June	Two families 15 years conflict reconciled.
Mediation	DD	Molevaga	July	Trespass – Chief of <i>Kabolasi</i> and <i>Malaita</i> and <i>Ogho</i> parties.
Conflict Resolution Skills	CPRO	Voruvoru	September	Conflict Resolution Skills Program Participants (93)
TG Consultation	USP/TGNC	Taro	November	Appreciated and encouraged elders.
Chiefs Enthronement	CPRO	<i>Tokata</i> Tribe	December	Participants (127)
Popoloto	CPRO	<i>Sirobesi</i> Tribe	December	Participants (90)

Table 9 Summary of CPRO various activities undertaken in 2017.

#### Temotu Province TG Consultation

The Ministry conducted *Temotu* Province TG Consultation Meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> March, *Lata, Temotu* Province. The Consultation Team comprised of 3 officers from the PMO TG Adviser Peter Boyers, MPGIS Audit Officer Peter Toli and MNURP CRTGO Jerry *Urahora*. The Team presented the TG policy issues and discussed with the Temotu Provincial Assembly (TPA).

The week scheduled for consultation meetings was supposed to take 3 days (29<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> March) however the recent change of the Premiership and TPA Executive forced us to do it only on 29 March. Despite political differences the overall support shown by all MPA's and Administration officers through their presence on the meeting day was excellent.

TPA fully supports the TG policy under the MNURP and had waited for this consultation. In fact, this consultation was a follow up to the NPP Mainstreaming Awareness Workshop done by the MNURP Policy Team in 2016. The absence of a formal linkage between the MNURP and TPA on this policy was the main issue of discussion as well as the overall intent of the TG policy and its challenges.

It has been established that unlike *Choiseul, Western, Isabel, Central, Guadalcanal, Honiara* and *Malaita* Provinces, *Temotu* has no focal point officer for this policy. And this also includes *Makira-Ulawa* and *Renbel* Provinces. These 3 Provinces falls under MNURP, PRD/HQ AWP for 2017 and the main intention of this consultation is to establish a position whereby the MNURP can link directly with the TPA on advancing this policy.

There has been an agreed position during the meeting that the TPA will embark on aligning the TG policy with a Ministry within the TPA Executive and the possibility of having the Ministry of Home Affairs and TG was the essence of the arrangement. By having the policy as a Provincial Ministerial mandate will be a first for all provinces and the TPA Executive prepares to take ownership of the policy through this means. Thus, unlike other Provinces with PR Offices and Officers Temotu intends to have a TG Ministry to link directly with the MNURP PRD/HQ CRTGO officer.

That was the position at that time and hopefully after the Executive settled down final decision on the matter can be made otherwise MNURP will be informed more on the strategy they intend to take in linking MNURP with TPG on this policy.

The issue of conflicting National Legislations and International Conventions with the policy and the proposed TG Bill was also raised and all agree that there are ways of compromising with such legislation and conventions. However, such matters will not hinder the policy and proposed TG Bill from being implemented by the Ministry and TPA.

## TG Drafting Instruction Consultations

The PPPDD and PRD provided overall leadership and coordination to the Drafting Instruction Consultations for the proposed TG Bill to the Lauru Pade Vato Vato and Lauru Land Conference from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> November, Taro, Choiseul Province and Isabel CoCs from 27<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November, Ole White Beach, Isabel Province.



Fig. 42 Isabel Council of Chiefs

The TG institutions of the *Isabel* CoCs and *Lauru Pande Vato Vato* and *Lauru* Land Conference have positively and productively contributed to the discussions and deliberations during these drafting instruction consultations. Members of these TG institutions were optimistic in their perspective and were equally firm and direct in terms of their expectations to this proposed law.

Much of these were because they have earlier conceptualized this initiative locally and have done so since 1980s or so, under these TG initiatives of the *Isabel* CoCs and the TRIPOD system arrangement, and *Lauru Pande Vato Vato* and *Lauru* Land Conference and since then have advocated and made awareness on the importance of these throughout *Isabel* and *Choiseul* Provinces. They see these as moment of fruition and an environment that will affirm to their historical quest for recognition, strengthening and empowering of their traditional structures and systems throughout *Isabel* and *Choiseul* Provinces.



Fig. 43 *Lauru Pade Vatovato* Chiefs

The Team have fully benefited and appreciated the Isabel CoCs and Lauru Pande Vato Vato and Lauru Land Conference for their inputs, insights and contributions during the discussions and for making these comparative

consultations meaningful and productive towards perfecting the status of the drafting instructions for the purpose of the Government Caucus and the Cabinet.

## Kulanga Bangara TG Workshop

WPRO conducted the Kulanga Bangara TG Workshop held from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> February, Chacha XL Building Conference room, Gizo, Western Province. Kulanga Bangara CoCs formally established and registered on 10<sup>th</sup> April, [CT 50/2017]. There are three HoC/Es with structures in place; South Kolombangara, Central Kolombangara and North Kolombangara under Kulanga Bangara CoCs formally identified but still to be established and registered.

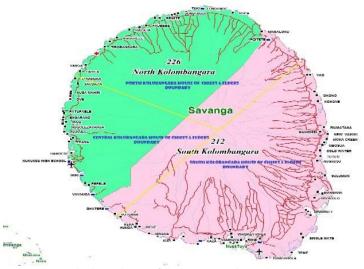


Fig. 44 shows the boundaries of the 3 HoCs under *Kulanga Bangara* CoCs (KBCCA) designated by yellow lines.



# Kulanga Bangara CoCs Association logo

The three HoCs namely South Kolo, Central Kolo and North Kolo were working on their logos, structures and constitutions.



Fig. 45 Kulanga Bangara TG Workshop held from 21 – 23 Feb, Gizo, Western Province.

#### Rendova-Tetepare TG Follow-up Workshop

The Rendova-Tetepare TG Follow-up Workshop was held from 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> March. The outcome of the Workshop transpired in the Rendova-Tetepare CoCs registration (CT 43/2017).







Fig. 47 Participants register for the Workshop.

There were four HoC/Es identified under Rendova-Tetepare CoCs namely Baniata, Louro, Ughele-Moka and Tetepare. Their structures, logos and constitutions were in place and needs to organize themselves. There was also signing of the 4 HoC/Es constitutions and still to be registered under CTA.









## Roviana TG Follow-up Workshop

The Roviana TG Follow-up Workshop was held from 4<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April, Boboe village, Western Province. The Workshop have identified 7 Vetu Bangara Associations (VBA); Parara, Saikile, Central Roviana, Kalina, Munda, Kalikogu and West Kohingo and have completed their structures, logos and constitutions; Barasipo Village Community, Saikile and Kalina Vetu Bangara were prepared and ready for registration. Village Communities of Barasipo, Boboe and Parara Vetu Bangara have already registered under CTA.



Saikile VBA logo



Central Roviana VBA logo



Munda VBA logo



Parara VBA logo



West Kohingo VBA logo

The following VBAs logos; the *Kalina* VBA logo, *Kidu* and East *Kohingo* VBA logo and *Kalikogu* VBA logo were not provided during the Workshop and will be collected in due time.

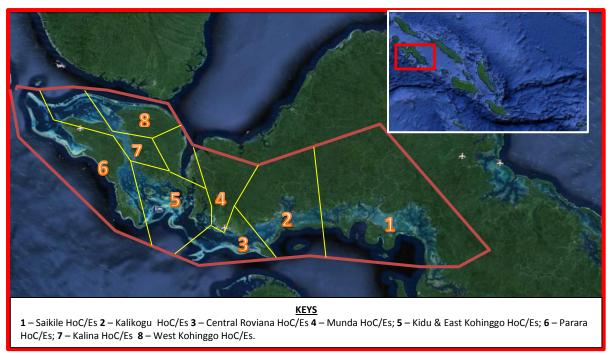


Fig. 48 Map of Roviana region Vetu Banagara Association areas.

## Vella Lavella TG Follow-up Workshop

*Vella Lavella* TG Follow-up Workshop held from  $4^{th}$  to  $6^{th}$  June. Vella La Vella have established 4 HoC/Es with logos, structures and constitutions and registered under CTA during the year.



JADO HoC/Es logo



Vonusakaoula HoC/Es logo



Maelean HoC/Es logo



Sabina HoC/Es logo



Fig. 49 Chief leading the discussion.



Fig. 50 Chiefs presenting their HoC/Es structures.

## Malaita TG and Land Reform Summit

While other Provinces pursuing TG as a means to achieving peace and unity, *Malaita* Province approached peacebuilding through the lenses of land reform. A Land Reform Workshop was held from 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June in *Buma*, West *Kwara'ae*, *Malaita* Province. MPRO in collaboration with the MPG and in particular the key facilitator Willie *Hiuare* of HM Lawyers supported by DD MPRO and US (PPPDD) facilitated the Workshop. The issues discussed were all relating to the land of *Malaita* to be owned by the tribes and should be registered by the Commission. The Summit was very successful and resolutions formulated were submitted and approved by the *Malaita* Provincial Assembly.



Fig. 51 HoC/Es boundary demarcations in Vella la



Fig. 52 Malaita Land Reform Summit session.

#### 4.2.2 Our Organic Tradition and Culture

The Ministry implemented activities on empowering traditional and church leaders and built capacity of Cultural groups in Honiara during the year. These activities contributes to maintaining traditional and cultural practices in this contemporary age.

## Honiara City Cultural Group Capacity Development Training

The Honiara City Cultural Group Capacity Development Training was jointly conducted by MNURP, MCT Culture Division and SISBEC Team from 31<sup>st</sup> July to 4<sup>th</sup> August at the Mother's Union Conference room, Honiara. There were 32 Trainees comprised of artists, dancing groups, musicians, caterers and floral, weavers, shell money makers and sculptures. The Training theme was 'Unity in Diversity'.

MNURP through HPRO in partnership with MCT Arts Division collectively supported the Training for the Honiara-based cultural groups who were promoting national identity via diverse cultures during significant events in Honiara. Their different roles are very important for the peacebuilding process in Solomon Islands. The groups also represented various Provinces.

The opportunity was important to implement common national policy objectives together and work in unity to promote unity and peace in Honiara city and the nation. Culture is an important element in the peacebuilding process. It is vital to help Solomon Islanders understand each other's culture through training and awareness programmes. Understanding cultural norms and beliefs are fundamental ingredients for the country's peacebuilding process.

It is an invaluable experience to promote and maintain the country's cultural diversity and national identity as a sovereign nation, and so very important to preserve and keep reminding Solomon Islanders through culture, arts and performance for unity and peace.

## Support Enthronement of Traditionally Appointed Chiefs

Likewise, CPRO and GPRO, WPRO supported the Roviana Lavata Paele Binangara enthronement of a chief of Vuraghare Tribal community, Chief Nicely Zongahite on 3<sup>rd</sup> May, Bebea village, Roviana Lagoon. WPRO also supported enthronement of traditionally appointed Chiefs of Simbo [1], Vella [1], and Ranogga [1] during the year.







Fig. 54 Mr. and Mrs. Chief Nicely Zongahite.

## 4.2.3 Infrastructure and Communication Development

In terms of infrastructure development, the retention wall and concrete Fencing for land parcel 191 - 041 - 264 at the *Papaho* Heights residence. For some reasons, the Title copy of the Papaho residence was withheld by the person selling the property in pervious years.

The CPRO and MPRO still faced difficulties to communicate to MNURP Headquarter in Honiara as the Office is not connected to SIG-Connect.

#### 4.2.3 Policy, Planning Programme Development and Coordination

## Renbel, SINPP Mainstreaming and TG Awareness Workshop

The PPPDD conducted SINPP Mainstreaming and TG Awareness Workshop in Rennel and Bellona from 18<sup>th</sup> July to 3<sup>rd</sup> August. The Awareness Team were the Director PRD Reuben Lilo, DDPPPDD Morris Maitaki, CRTGO Jerry Urahora and CMEO Hegstad Koga. The consultation was organised by the Ministry in partnership with the Renbel Provincial Administration. There were 60 participants comprised of Provincial Administration and MPAs and stakeholders such as CoCs, churches, youth groups, women organization, and community-based organisation (CBOs) and community officers (COs) participated and delivered presentations. Participants consensually agreed and noted that;

- The RPG through Education, Youth, Sport and Community Affairs Department to develop peacebuilding policy objective which can be linked with the SINPP,
- RPG to develop peacebuilding policy engaging stakeholders and TLs of Rennell,
- MNURP to provide peacebuilding trainings for Provincial staffs and stakeholders,

- RPG to support and promote sport and agricultural farming as a practical tool for peacebuilding,
- Provide support for Renbel existing churches programmes as churches have been instrumental in keeping peace in villages,
- Provide support to CoCs to effectively deliver their role and responsibilities as peacebuilders in their communities,
- Consider Renbel's traditional system different from other provinces especially in approaching peace intervention (Hakaiho),
- Consult the Renbel administration for the establishment of a peace committee in the Province,
- Establish Peace Desk Office in the Province in 2018 to be supported and facilitated by the Ministry (recruit chief peace and reconciliation officer on secondment arrangement).

In terms of TG systems and structures, participants agreed that;

- Ministry to develop clear and precise TG legislation that reflects respective provincial practices and customs,
- Ministry to continuously dialogue with the Province and TLs to ensure CoCs properly established, structured and empowered,
- Conduct follow up workshop both in *Bellona* and *Rennell* to properly establish and support each CoCs and proposed Great CoCs (*Hange-Hakahua*) develop own constitution,
- Support HoCs properly established with written constitutions and registered under the CTA.
- Conduct more trainings tailored specifically to assist chiefs in their roles in the legal processes involved.
- Collectively address the identified capacity needs and challenges relating to TLs roles.
- Review national flag (outdated) especially the five (5) stars representing bigger provinces.
- Chiefs, Elders and participants of Renbel agreed on these resolutions and recommendations;
  - 1. Agreed to adopt proposed structure as working document of Mungaba Mungiki Hange-Hakahua, Hange-Maatu'a and Hange-Angiki,
  - 2. Agreed to work on the Bellona, West and East Rennell HoCs with MNURP,
  - 3. Agreed for Ministry to facilitate and consult local lawyers to assist drafting CoCs constitutions.
  - 4. Agreed that each CoCs to work on respective priorities and recommendations.
  - 5. Agreed to establish the Rennell Bellona Great CoCs (Hange-Hakahua) and HoCs (Hange-Angiki) and Hange-Matu'a.
  - 6. Agreed that Ministry provide capacity building support towards establishment of traditional systems and traditional leadership empowerment.



Fig. 55 Bellona SINPP Mainstreaming and TG Awareness Workshop participants.

The next steps will be to review and identify further areas for capacity building, including requirement for technical and policy assistance on conflict prevention, relevant ordinance and CoCs' constitutions and creating dialogue for NGOs and chiefs, Renbel Province and stakeholders.

## TG Concept Paper

The PPPDD developed and completed the concept paper on policy to recognize, strengthen and empower TG systems and structures in Solomon Islands on 18<sup>th</sup> September.

## WP 5 Year Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Validation Workshop

DD West attended the WP 5 Year Strategic Plan 2018-2022 Validation Workshop from 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> October, hosted by the WPG. WPRO contribution and imput in the planning workshop was in the area of '*Traditional Governance System*' for Western Province. The Provincial goal in the area of CG/TG is to '*Improve Community [traditional] Governance and Leadership*'. The WP 5 year objectives on TG/CG are [1] Recognize, strengthen and empower TG/CG structures and systems; and [2] Strengthen the Western Provincial Government State and Community Governance Division.

## 4.2.4 Stakeholder and Partner Engagement

Unlike other Peace Offices, worthy to note that the HPRO and I/CPPRO have just been established towards the end of 2016. The nature of work carried out in 2017 mainly on consultations and dialogues with Provincial Governments, Honiara City Council and relevant Stakeholders. These dialogues aids these Offices to identify and determine the nature of programme design and the required resources for programme and activity implementations.

#### **MNURP** and **SICA** MoU

MNURP signed MoU with SICA on 24<sup>th</sup> March at the ACOM Headquarter, Honiara. The purpose of the MoU is to outline and regulate the relationship between the MNURP and SICA the umbrella body of major churches in Solomon Islands as agreed to by the parties, especially in strengthening the relationship and collaboration between them in addressing the atrocities, violence, inhuman and illegal activities committed by all defunct militia groupings during the period of unrest in Solomon Islands and also to advance post conflict peacebuilding programs in Solomon Islands.



Fig. 56 Chairman of SICA, Archbishop Rev. George *Takeli* and members of SICA during the signing of MoU with SICA, ACOM Headquarters, Honiara.

## Border Chiefs and TLs Peace Dialogue

One of the Ministry's strategies is to facilitate the dialogue processes on outstanding issues important to peacebuilding in the country. Also, the Ministry engaged traditional and church structures, and other eminent groups to consult and coordinate with relevant bodies to pursue peace and reconciliation issues of national security and priority.

The WPRO and CPRO have collaboratively conducted the Border Chiefs and TLs Peace Dialogue: peacebuilding from the lenses of the Chiefs and TLs from 28<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November, Gizo, Western Province. The Dialogue was attended by 70 participants; 53 were Chiefs and 17 from Government Ministries and UNDP. There were 11 women participants and 2 youth representatives. The Dialogue was funded by UNDP.

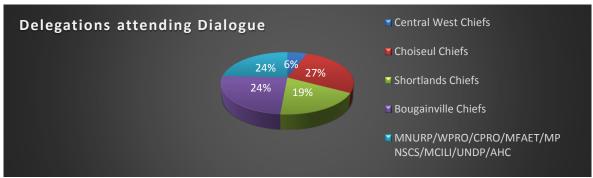


Fig. 57 shows % of Delegations attending Border Chiefs and TLs Peace Dialogue.

The Theme of the Dialogue was 'Peace building from the lenses of Chiefs and Traditional Leaders'. Dialogue sessions includes; traditional/customary rights and ties, resource use and management regime, movement within Bougainville-SI Border, law and order-border security, local market and trade: economic opportunities, Bougainville Crisis Spill-over Effects, processes involving in compensation claims, 2014 MOU and way forward for Border Chiefs Peacebuilding and Reconciliation Framework and Resolutions.



Fig. 58 Bougainville-Solomon Islands Border showing Settlement Areas of Three Dialogue Parties.

There were two working documents produced at the end of the Dialogue; (1) Border Peace MOU and Communique. The first dialogue document reinforces the fulfilment of traditional methods of reconciliation between the dialogue parties (Bouganivilleans, Shortland Islanders and Choiseulese) and the second document is an Agreement that binds the commitment required from the Government to remit technical and financial support to restore normalcy and peaceful living amongst innocent victims of Choiseul and Shortland Islands.



Fig. 59 Participants of the Border Chiefs and TLs Peace Dialogue.



Fig. 60 Female Rep. of the ARB presenting a comment.



Fig. 61 Signing of the MoU at Gizo Hotel, Gizo.

The Border Dialogue Communique states the following;

- The Dialogue were guided by MNURP as moderator through steps towards a planning process for the customary reconciliation to be held between the Chiefs and TLs of Choiseul Province, Shortland Islands and ARB under the framework of the 2014 MoU signed in Buka between leader representatives of Choiseul, Shortlands and ARB. The Dialogue further reviewed the 2014 MoU.
- Representatives of the MoU are prepared to advance further negotiations with the respective Government Agencies to achieve lasting peace.
- On the margins of the Border Dialogue, the Representatives of Choiseul Province, Shortland Islands and Western Region hereby demand on the National Government of the day:

- To assist financing the National Healing and Forgiveness Program as agreed in the MOU signed by Chiefs, TLs and Representatives of the Government Agencies on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at *Gizo*, Western Province.
- To settle the compensation claims by *Choiseul* Province, Shortland Islands and the Western Region of Western Province prior to the National Healing and Forgiveness Program in 2018 in line with our customary reconciliation together with ARB.
- Failure by the National Government to settle the claims by the Parties, the Parties shall boycott the National Healing and Forgiveness Program in 2018.

## Honiara City Urban Stakeholders & CLs Familiarization Meeting

HPRO conducted the Honiara City Urban Stakeholders and CLs Familiarisation Meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, Rock Haven Conference room, Honiara. There were 54 participants comprised of the MPNSCS, RAMSI, MNURP, Journalist, Community Chiefs, Honiara Urban Communities, Faith-based Organisations, Women Organisations and World Vision. Discussions were based on the linkage with HCC, post RAMSI bilateral arrangements, and other stakeholders relating to collaborative approach to peacebuilding programmes and activities.

The Meeting was concluded with the following proposals; HPRO will continue to liaise with the community leaders and stakeholders on any updates and future peacebuilding activities for Honiara City Urban, HPRO will follow up with other key stakeholders in the area of Peacebuilding community engagements and crime prevention programme with the RSIPF in the Honiara City Urban communities and HPRO will work closely with community leaders to do one on one consultations meetings to start working on concept document on peace and reconciliation strategies when dealing with conflicts and disputes in Honiara.

## Central Province Stakeholders Dialogue and Consultation

ICPPRO conducted the Central Province Stakeholders Dialogue and Consultation from 28<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> August at the Central Province Conference room, *Tulagi*, Central Province. The audience comprised of the CPG officers, (Deputy Premier, PS, Speaker and Clerk to the Assembly) Chiefs, Church leaders, Central Province Women Desk. The sessions includes; stakeholder dialogue and consultation, TG policy nationwide implementation, Central *Gela* Tribes, clans and Wards information and roles and functions of TL.



Fig. 62 CRTGO delivered presentation on TG during the Central Province Stakeholders Dialogue and Consultation.

The agreed way forward was discussed and came up with; a discussion paper develop by MNURP USP Peter *Mae* to discuss way forward to establish or incorporate community affairs or peace

function and responsibility in an existing position or to create new one within the CPG administration and structure; in response to this discussion the PS and the Provincial Speaker assured the MNURP of the availability of office space and the commitment of the Province for peace office and provincial officer (Tourism Officer Simon *Teva*) to liaise with MNURP for office establishment; the PS will work on job description and other necessary documents for chief peace officer and office establishment and there is a need for reconciliation to hold between government and people of *Gela* for the many blood that spilt on Tulagi during the colonial error where their TLs, chiefs and prisoners were captured, imprisoned and tortured in the Islands.

## Isabel Stakeholders Dialogue and Consultation

ICPPRO conducted the Isabel Stakeholders Dialogue and Consultation from 17<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> April in Buala, Isabel Province. The Ministry Team comprised of Peter Mae (USP), Jerry Urahora (CRTGO), Moses Aipuru (CPRO Isabel & Central). There were 31 (23 males and 8 females) participants from the IPG officers, chiefs, church leaders, Isabel women desk, youths, Minister for Community Affairs, cultural officer and community liaison officers. The Dialogue objective was to explore and have fair knowledge on Isabel TG structures and systems, establishment of new working relationship with partners stakeholder and provincial government officials, seeking opportunity for peace office in Isabel and gathering of logistics information for chiefs, partners, stakeholders and provincial government official peacebuilding and TG training in July.

The recommendations for way forward includes; the Minister for Community Affairs and his officers to identify an area for peace office in Isabel, capacity building for traditional and church leaders, more collaboration and dialogue between HoCs, provincial government and partners and stakeholders for better implementation of programs, all HoCs policy to be standardized, cultural/customs values to be taught at primary level and more support from MNURP for program implementation.

#### Western Provincial Dialogue

WPRO in collaboration with stakeholders such as RAMSI conducted the Western Provincial Dialogue from 23<sup>rd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> May, Gizo, Western Province. There were 66 (56 males and 10 females) participants attending the Dialogue comprising of MPAs, Speaker, Clerk and HoDs, representatives from CoCs, HoC/Es, community women, church, youths, business houses.

The theme of the Dialogue was 'Sustaining Peace and Accelerating Development in Western Province'. Dialogue sessions includes; stocktaking peace, rule of law and governance reform as critical foundations of sustainable peace and development; education as a key driver for peace and sustainable development in WP, nexus between peace and development: sustainable tourism and development in WP, devolution, community governance and peacebuilding efforts in WP; linking women empowerment to sustainable development goals in WP, engaging youth in sustainable peace and development, resourcing peace and security for sustainable development, promoting sustainable development through anti-corruption and rule of law and the alternative future for WP?

The original intention was to host the dialogue to revisit all the resolutions passed by the Chiefs and TLs in the course of all workshops held and to chart the future road map for Ministry peacebuilding and TG in WP. This was not achieved, instead, the focus was more on the work of RAMSI which was reported in the UN General Assembly on the peacebuilding work in Solomon Islands.

#### Ranogga TLs Dialogue

WPRO Officers attended the Ranogga TLs Dialogue held from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> October, Koriovuku village, Ranogga, Western Province. Dialogue fully funded by the Hon. Charles Sigoto, MP for

Ranogga/Simbo Constituency. WPRO DD Wilson Liligeto delivered a presentation on 'Identification of Landownership; The roles of chiefs and TLs in peacebuilding'. The Chiefs appreciated the presentation as it strengthens their understanding of the Island's land tenure system.

## Youth@Work Peacebuilding Awareness: Simbo and Ranoga

WPRO have been instrumental in providing internship for the Youth@Work programme over the years. WPRO participated in the Youth@Work Peacebuilding Awareness: Simbo and Ranoga, 9<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> October. Participants commended the support rendered by the WPRO.

# 4.2 Key Challenges

The Ministry have gone through a number of challenges both long-term and short-term in nature. Some of these issues were now have ripen and institutionalised and accepted. Unlike other years, 2017 is just another year of persisting issues that continues to breed and waiting to be addressed.

## **Human Resource Development**

Ministry delay in reviewing the HRDP 2013-2017 as stipulated in the 2017 AWP. Trainings therefore were not coordinated and monitored. Post Report Trainings were not forthcoming.

### **Finance**

WPRO have produced outstanding Reports throughout the year. Large sum of money spent on activities without good Reports from other Peace Offices.

## **Human Resource Management**

Increase staff absenteeism from work undertaking private work within official hours without action taken upon them.

Lack of proper Human Resource Information Systems in place. This makes it very difficult to access required data for Reporting. Data have to be accessed manually via files.

## Training and Workshop materials

Training and Workshop materials sometimes not contextualised to the local circumstances of Solomons Islands.

## Reporting

Delay reporting on completed programs. Lack of quality reports, that captures of required information on gender disaggregated data, number of participants, lack of reporting on objectives and outcomes of activivties according ro designed Reporting Templates.

#### *Infrastructure*

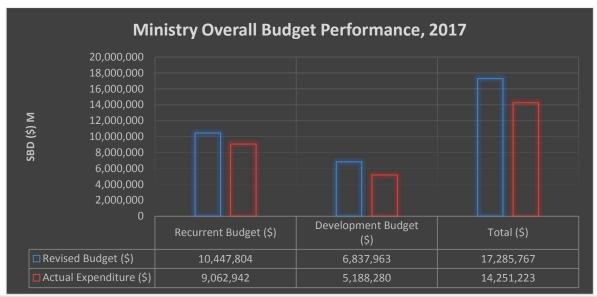
A residential property at *Papaho* in Honiara was purchased by the Ministry for 1.5 million dollars without transferring of property title to the Ministry and not in the Ministry Work Plan for 2017.

Lack of investigation for missing tanks, water pumps and other Ministry properties at the Ministry Housing Estate at *Panatina*.

## PART FIVE: FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

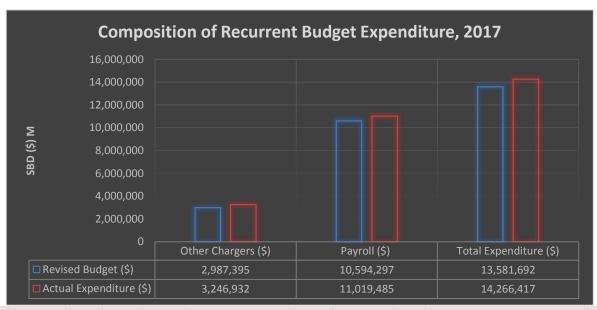
The Ministry implemented its work programmes according to DCCG policies aligned to annual budget in the financial year ending 2017.

## 5.1 Ministry Overall Budget Performance, 2017



The Bar Chart above illustrates the overall performance of the Ministry Recurrent and Development Budgets for 2017. The Development Budget used to complete the Ministry Residential Buildings at Panatina and Recurrent Budget to facilitate reconciliation programmes and activities. The total Recurrent Budget used was 89% and total Development Budget used was 74%.

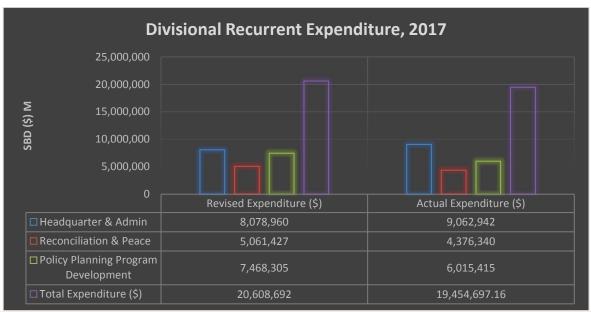
## 5.2 Composition of Recurrent Budget Expenditure, 2017



The Bar Chart above shows the Ministry actual spending on Other Charges was over spent with 105% from Revised Budget due to payment of outstanding expenses for Ex-Militants during the

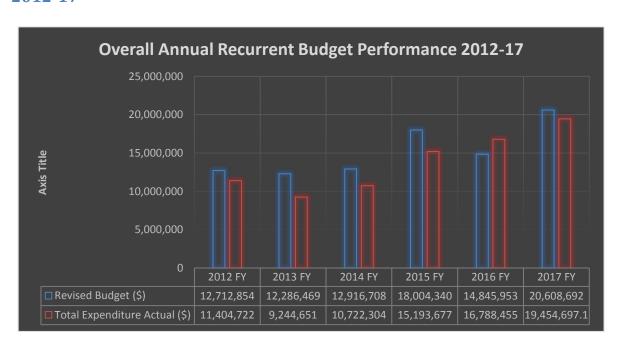
National Healing and Apology programme in 2016 and Payroll actual spending was spent within the Budget with 85% for 2017.

# 5.3 Recurrent Budget Performance by Division, 2017



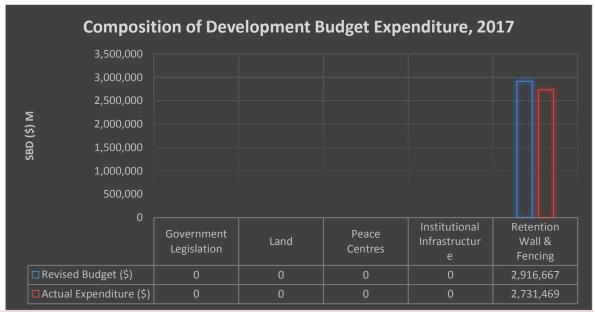
The Bar Chart above illustrates the Divisional Budget Performance for the three Divisions in 2017. The Headquarter and Administration Division used 96%, Reconciliation and Peace Division used 92% and Policy Planning Programme Development Division used 96%. The Headquarter and Administration actual expenditure is slightly more than the revised expenditure due to the fact that the Service Providers of the National Healing and Apology programme previously held in 2016 have pressurised payment for outstanding bills resulting in various vire ments made from other Divisional Budgets to meet the required amount.

# 5.4 Summary of Annual Recurrent Budget Performance Comparative Data: 2012-17



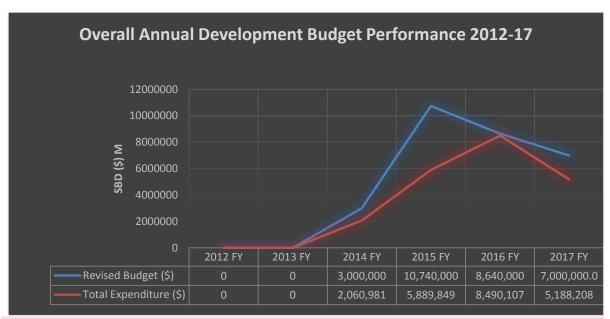
The Bar Chart above shows that extra Expenditure recovered 95% within Recurrent Budget to settle outstanding bills of 2016 National Healing and Apology programme in 2016.

# 5.5 Composition of Development Budget Expenditure, 2017



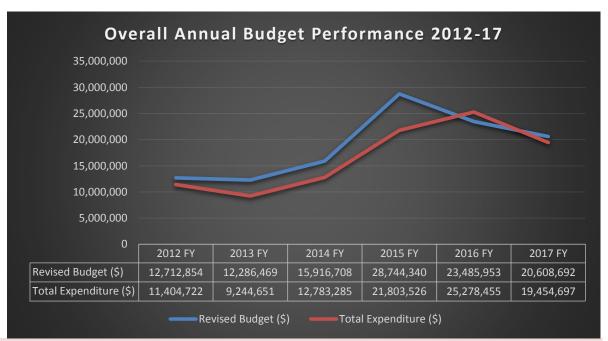
The Bar Chart above shows that Ministry have utilised only 93% for Retention Wall at Papaho Heights Residence. Allocated funds for Government Legislation, Land, Peace Centres and Institutional Housing were vired to complete variance for the Ministry Residential buildings at Panatina.

**5.6 Summary of Annual Development Budget Performance Comparative** Data: 2012-2017



The Bar Chart above illustrates that there were unutilised funds of about \$1.8 million returns to the Treasury at the end of the financial period 2017.

# 5.7 Summary of Overall Annual Budget Performance Comparative Data: 2012-17



The Bar Chart above shows the Ministry have spent within the Budget from the period starting 2012-15. In 2016, the Ministry overspent on Ministry Residential buildings at Panatina and Papaho Heights and in 2017 the Ministry have applied controlled measures in its expenditures.