



Correctional Service of Solomon Islands

Month of August Nius

CSSI give Awareness Talk to Inakona Association.

Leaders, women, men, youths and children from the South Sea Evangelical Church SSEC – Inakona Association has benefited from the CSSI awareness talk, facilitated by CSSI Media officer Mr. Davidson Ledi at Peochakuri Village, weather coast south Guadalcanal province on August 1st 2021.

The awareness talk from CSSI presentation focus on Domestic Violence and drivers of crime that challenge our society today and how we together prevent it so that our association or community can be safe place to live and work.

Speaking during the presentation Media officer of CSSI told the Leaders and the congregations who are there Family Protection Act 2014 objects are to ensure the safety of protection of all persons who experience or witness domestic violence and to facilitate the issue and enforcement of police safety notices and protection orders to stop domestic violence

Mr. Ledi also elaborated on domestic violence, Rehabilitations, Reintegration, Crime, Law and life in prison



Inakona Association office Bearers pose for a photo shot with CSSI Media officer Mr. Davidson Ledi after the awareness talk.

Mr. Ledi reminded Leaders, women and youths of Inakona Association to abide to the three sources of law in their association to their families, Wards, and Province. That we must all adhered to the basics of the Divine Law (Holy Bible), Customary Law and the Constitution Law.

A successful association, are normally those who live and adhered to these three basic principles under the Grace of God.



Part of the crowd listened to the awareness talk presented by CSSI Media

He challenge the Association leaders that our Association needs to fight against how we together prevent illegal behaviors' in our respective families, Wards and Association, the root drivers of crime such as, family violence, issues affecting youth, alcohol and drugs, environment and resources and other emerging issues so that we grow our nation Solomon Islands in nation building safe and peaceful environment as we once called Happy Inakona association.

Beside these our nation has been faced with COVID 19 pandemic globally which is extra challenge in our families, Association and nation.

Mr. Ledi thank the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) to allow me to facilitate this awareness talk for more than hundreds of people who attended the Inakona Association Annual Business Meeting on the weekend. He acknowledged the Leaders, women, youths and the chiefs for giving their time with me to complete the awareness talk successfully

In responds to Media officer Mr. Davidson Ledi, Inakona Association chief Elder Mr. Zachariah Upe acknowledge Mr. Ledi for the great awareness information for leaders and the people of Inakona Association and how we can share responsibility together.

CSSI chief Visit Tetere Correction



Tetere Correctional Centre Staff mounting a guard of honour parade for the visiting Commissioner at TCC on 29 July.

Tetere Correction was given an official welcome to Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Gabriel Manelusi when he visited Tetere Correctional Centre (TCC) East Guadalcanal on July 29.

Manelusi was there to update and manipulate his officers on the projection of TCC, as well as to see for himself the performance and professional standards of his officers and inmates.

He reinforced to staff on their capacity and capability development plan, restructuring and succession planning, rehabilitation and reintegration framework, the government redirection policy, CSSI achievement for the six months and the Corrections infrastructure develop plans.



Tetere Correctional Centre Staffs

Manelusi highlight to his officers the key priority areas and focuses that collaborates with the national government redirection policy.

He encourage the TCC management and his staff during the muster to maintain a high level of discipline and professionalism that displayed in honor of his official visit.

Tetere Corrections Commandant Superintendent Steve Machaiah thanked the Commissioner for his visit to the Centre and the moral support rendered by his Executive office.



CSSI Deputy Commissioner Operation Michael Nagu inspecting the guard of honour mounted by ACC staff during his annual official visit

Auki Corrections welcome Deputy Operation

Deputy Commissioner Operation of the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) Michael Nagu was given an official welcome when he visited Auki Correctional Centre (ACC) in Malaita Province on August 4, 2021.

Deputy Commissioner was there on a three – day visit from 4th – 6th August 2021

Deputy Commissioner Operation visitation is a part of his roles and responsibilities and Leadership, to manage CSSI operation including security and safety of staff and prisoners, to ensure that the commandant's build the capability development of their staff to effectively lead and manage all operational requirement of respective correctional Centres

He reiterates to staff on their current annual visit is to oversee the implementation of his directive to be improved by responsible Commandant and line managers as per centre standing order requirements are in operational standard according to operational procedure

He encourage the ACC management and his staff during the muster to maintain a high level of discipline and professionalism that displayed in honor of his official visit.

Auki Corrections Commandant Inspector Lawrence Meke thanked the Deputy Commissioner operation for his visit to the Centre and the moral support rendered by his Executive office.

Nagu also made a courtesy call to the Auki Magistrate, to deliberate on the overpopulated of prisoners at Auki Correctional Centre and update the Auki PPC the long term remands in jail

He urged the acting PPC Inspector Michael Ramosae to work closely with the Auki Magistrate on how to address remand cases in Auki Correctional Centre

Deputy Commissioner Operation Michael Nagu thank the Commandant and staff of Auki Correctional Centre (ACC) for the hospitality of his visit and also extended his acknowledgement to stake holders for accepted his courtesy call to their office

9 CSSI OFFICERS PROMOTED.



Correctional officer Andrew Matea of Tetere Correctional Centre promoted to a rank of Sergeant receive his award appointment from Commissioner



Sergeant George Tui of Rove Central Correctional Centre promoted to a rank of Staff Sergeant receive his appointment from Commissioner

Nine officers of The Correctional Service Solomon Island (CSSI) got their promotion last Friday.

CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi has announced the promotion during a ceremony on 6th August 2021 held at the Correctional Service Headquarter Rove

The promotion saw five sergeant promoted to the rank of staff sergeant while four officers were promoted to position of sergeants

All officers currently served at Rove and Tetere correctional Centres.

Speaking during the event, Manelusi encouraged the officers to continue to strive for excellence in the execution of their duties and to remain positive.

“Each of you has completed your duties as a correctional officers/supervisor, and satisfied the administration that you are ready to train officers under your charge, while preparing for the next level of advancement. Manelusi told the officers

You are now considered to be Sergeant and Staff Sergeant “He added

“Today, you stand among some of the hardest working, committed, loyal and dedicated men and women who are serving this noble organisation.

“We are proud of all your accomplishments thus far and we admonish you to continue to demonstrate your ability to lead and organize.

“More importantly, all of you are part of the organisation transition from a punitive facility to a correctional service organisation

Manelusi reminded the officers that they been trained in corrections best practices and are well able to assist the organisation with its mandate to reform and rehabilitate

“To date, all of you have done an excellent job with your primary duties, which is to maintain security while reforming and rehabilitating inmates for re-entry into society, which resulted in zero escapes”.

He also reminded the newly promoted officers that they are mandated to continue serve the organisation and the people of Solomon Islands with honesty, dignity and integrity and to wear your uniforms proudly.

Speaking on behalf of the nine, Staff Sergeant Max Hairiu thanked God for his blessing and also thanked Manelusi and his Executive for their sound judgment through his Leadership and strong support in continue to build up the future of all his Officers.



Newly promoted officers pose for a photo shot with CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and Executive staffs after the ceremony on 6th August in front of the CSSI head quarter Rove

Correctional officers told to maintain discipline

Officers serving at Lata Correctional Centre in Temotu have been urged to maintain a high level of discipline at all times

Deputy Commissioner Operation of the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) Michael Nagu made the reminder during his recent visit to Lata

“You must maintain a high level of discipline and professionalism at all times” Nagu told the officers

He was in Lata for four days as part of his annual provincial visits.



Deputy Commissioner Operation Michael Nagu pose for a group photo with LCC Commandant and Staffs

During the visit, he encourages officers there to maintain operational standards and procedures

Lata Correctional supervising Commandant SSgt John Vaka thanked Nagu for his visit and the moral support

While there, Nagu made a courtesy call to the Lata Magistrate where they discussed the crowded situation at the Lata Correctional Centre

He also called on the Anglican Diocesan Bishop Willie Tugale where they discussed chaplaincy work to the Correctional Centre

Nagu also encourages program and service providers to the Lata Correctional Centre to continue with their service to the inmates

Two Inmates attended Vocational Training Centre

Two male inmates from Tetere Correctional Centre are enrolled in Certificate Agriculture and Agriculture Business courses from Don Bosco, commenced on the 13 July 2021 for the period of three years.

The two inmates are Derol Havimana the life prisoners served 13 years in jail and Philip Hina Bonnie the long term prisoner serving 16 years in jail

Commissioner CSSI Gabriel Manelusi says, a new program initiated by CSSI and Don Bosco College administration that allow prison inmates to take courses to prepare for life after incarceration. This is on trial purpose and my Executive will observe how it progress.

“Offering inmates the skills and training they need to find productive lives after prison. By bringing education to those who are currently in the prison system, the hope is that once they leave the system, they will never return” Manelusi added

The program offers inmates the chance to cultivate marketable skills that will help them with their employment efforts after their release. The hope is that programs like this will reduce the rate of recidivism, and as a result, save a significant amount of taxpayer dollars in the future.

The programs offered through Don Bosco registered Vocational School under Roman Catholic Church are funded by SIG Development Budget under Rehabilitation, Regeneration and Reintegration Process through Yellow Ribbon Project.

Commissioner re-enforced for purpose of educational awareness to general public. That in 2007/2008 our National Parliament passed the Correctional Service Act and Regulations (2007/2008) and had change the name **Prison Service** to **Correctional Service of Solomon Islands** so my target is to continue give Correctional Education to inmates and officers.

Correctional education means education given to inmates to enable them leave correctional Centres with more skills to be in the position to find meaningful and long-term employment. The correctional professionals operate on the principles that attitude, ideas and behavior can be corrected and that educated humans are capable of progressing to higher thresholds of awareness and continuity to connect to Rehabilitation programs.

Commissioner Manelusi say that the Rehabilitation in correctional means for correctional inmates, to restore to a useful life through therapy, education, operation, or capacity. The assumption of rehabilitation is that people are not permanently criminal and that it is possible to restore a criminal as useful member of society, they are our country human resource assets to focus on **Nation building** and that we need to understand the Human Right and Manelusi says that “Human right” is a modern term but the principle that it invokes is as old as humanity.

It is that certain rights and freedoms are fundamental to human existence. They are inherent entitlements that come to every person as a consequence of being human, and are founded on respect for the dignity and worth of each person. They are not privileges, nor gifts given at the whim of a ruler or a Government. Nor can they be taken away by any arbitrary power. They cannot be denied, nor can they be forfeited because an individual has committed any offence or broken any law. Based on that my Executive re-focus on regeneration and reintegration approach with key partners, to prevent –Recidivism back to Correctional Centres. Manelusi said;

Auki Correctional Centre Signs deal with APSD



Photo: Asia Pacific Sustainable Development (APSD) Rural Training Centre Principle Allen Billy and Auki Correction Commandant Supt Lawrence Meke signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

Auki Correctional Centre (ACC) Commandant, Superintendent Lawrence Meke has recently made history for the Centre, on signing an International Memorandum of Understanding with Principle of the Asia Pacific Sustainable Development (APSD) rural training Centre, Malaita Province

The MOU between CSSI and APSD is in relation to “twining partnership for delivery of training programs to low classified prisoners at the school as part of the rehabilitation and reintegration before release from correctional facility” a statement issued by CSSI Media Unit said.

“The purpose of this prisoner Reintegration Service Memorandum of Understanding is to ensure that prisoners in Correction Centre’s receive Reintegration services in accordance with the Correctional Services Act 2008, and the right as citizens of Solomon Islands” the statement said

The signing of the MOU was conducted by the Principle of the Asia Pacific Sustainable Development (APSD) Mr. Allen Billy and Auki Correction Commandant Lawrence Meke

It was endorsed by Deputy Commissioner Operation Michael Nagu and approved by the Commissioner of the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Gabriel Manelusi on the 19th August 2021.