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COVID Supplies donated to CSSI

The global pandemic is destructive and cause a lot of challenges in our work places, communities and families.

In our country today, thousands of people been infected, nearly hundreds have died and more than thousands are recovered, this indicates a rapid transmission and needs all hands on the bridge as we sail our organization and the country.

Recently, the CSSI Commissioner, Gabriel Manelusi has optimistically received a free of charge COVID 19 supplies from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).

Materials donated were 600 face shield, 1000 reusable mask, 8000 gloves, 20 can spray (disinfection) 5 litres, 8000 surgical masks, 1000 sanitizers, 100 chlorine/bleach 5%, 1000 PE aprons, 6 oximeter and 4000 isolation gowns.

The formal handing over of COVID supplies was held at CSSI Headquarter with the Secretary General, SIRCS Clement Manuri.

During this handing over, the Secretary General conveyed a message and greetings from the ICRC Regional delegation in Suva. The organization is delighted in donating items and materials for the prevention of the spread of COVID-19.

They anticipated that the donation will be put to best use by the CSSI in their endeavor to fight the pandemic in your places of detention in the country.

ICRC also pledged their continuous support to the CSSI in this regard and offered them to reach out in cases where further assistance is required.

General Secretary Manuri urged all officers to work together to fight against the spread of COVID-19 in the country.

CSSI Commissioner sincerely thanked the ICRC Regional delegation in Suva and Secretary General, SIRCS Mr. Clement Manuri for their ongoing support to Corrections.



CSSI Commissioner receives the COVID supplies from SIRCS General Secretary Clement Manuri.



Secretary General, SIRCS Clement Manuri and Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi sign the handing over certificate.



Aussie Government Supports CSSI



In the past month the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) has encountered important challenges leading to the necessity to strategically manage the delivery of essential services for the preservation of safety, security and welfare of all inmates being detained in the Correctional Centre's across the country, likewise as its employees.

The introduction of COVID-19 into most communities of Solomon Islands has necessitated these actions, likewise as a modification in approach by CSSI on how-ever these services square measure provided and maintained. This has been particularly so during the lockdown for Honiara and therefore the ulterior changes in reference to curfew hours.

CSSI fleetly completed that to take care of 24/7 operations at the RCCC, the maximum facility of Solomon Islands, there was a necessity to initiate operational support for officers to be accommodated within the general neighborhood of RCCC. This concerned a necessity to determine acceptable short temporary accommodation and support facilities.

The Australian High Commission, through Australia's Solomon Islands Justice Program (ASIJP), supported by

Australia's Solomon Islands Resource Facility (ASIRF), quickly skillful the aborning wants of CSSI and has within the past weeks provided important supplying support and procurement needs from Solomon Islands and Australia.

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This has enclosed massive tent structures, bed stretchers, laundry machines and dryers, electrical fans and lights, mobile bathroom lavation units and a variety of alternative supporting items.

This timely help has allowed CSSI to initiate normal SOP's to support COVID-19 Triage Procedures for all officers operating in RCCC and at CSSI Headquarters.

These procedures embody clear protocols for the on-site management and accommodation of officers who squared measure positive for COVID-19. They

additionally incorporate the continued management of officers who are negative for COVID-19, in accordance with the protocols for such management as directed by Health Authorities.

The Australian High Commission, through their Australian Defense Force, have additionally provided a lot of required help in promptly transporting COVID-19 supplies to Provincial Centers.

CSSI is very grateful for the support provided by Australian Government and values the link that exists between the agency and the Australian Government.



Trusting God Means Looking Beyond What We Can See, To What God Sees. (1Sam 17:41-46)

By: Fr Reginald Tohutohuniu

CSSI Chaplain

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elcome to CSSI COVID 19 Spiritual Link. As way of reflecting upon the above text; I wish to ponder this question. What do you think that makes David to defeat the greatest Philistinian warrior Goliath?

The secret of David's success was his ability to trust and obey God. Had he looked merely at the giant challenge facing him, he would have turned around and run away, as did the rest of the Israelites. But through faith, David saw what his countrymen did not see.

Dear CSSI ranks and files in our times of extreme pressure, fear and anxieties like the current situation of COVID 19, God stretches our dependence on Him. Without a strong, abiding faith, we can quickly yield to fear, especially when the trial or difficulty is intense or prolonged.

Every challenge in life pre-



sents an opportunity for God to display His faithfulness and love. Instead of yielding to thoughts of fear and failures, we must make a commitment to trust God, even when we do not know what the next day will bring.

We must train ourselves to look beyond what we can see to what God sees. David founded his faith in the sovereignty of God; that's why he knew he would not fail in his quest to defeat the Philistine giant.

How can we gain that kind of faith?

Here are six Christian tips or 6Rs: Recall past victories. Reject discouraging words. Rec-

ognize the true nature of battle. Respond to the challenge with positive confession. Rely on the power of God and Reckon that victory is not ours but God.

Fellow CSSI ranks and files, we must learn to face this Covid19 situation with confidence and hope, because it is not our strength, wisdom, energy, or power that bring healing and victory. Triumph comes because of God's ability, and when we place our trust in

Him, our tap into an irresistible force that no one and nothing can successfully oppose. Trusting God means looking beyond what we can see to what God sees.

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RCCC calibers on high alert

Rove Central Correctional Centre (RCCC) staff has played a significant role and on high alert during this COVID-19 Community transmission, to avoid the invasion of the virus into the Centre.

RCCC is our maximum-security facility in the country and accommodates all classes of inmates with various charges and convictions.

The COVID-19 pandemic in Solomon Islands is part of the ongoing worldwide pandemic of coronavirus disease 2019 caused by severe acute respiratory syndrome coronavirus 2. The virus was confirmed to have reached Solomon Islands on 3 October 2020.

Since then, CSSI has strategically mandates several administration and operation functions in collaboration with other government agencies to proactively put in place relevant mechanism as part of planning, preparedness and response.

Comes 2022, the COVID-19 virus finally brings devastation to our shores with rapid community transmission, as thousands of people been infected, nearly hundreds have died, and more than thousands are recovered.

Despite COVID-19 community transmission in the city and across the country, RCCC never let down the caliber of their silver bullets but to penetrate the climax of two years planning and preparation under the banner of lumi Tugeda Against COVID 19.

Relevant RCCC COVID-19 SOPs and SOs in conjunction with other external stakeholders are optimistically hands-on as they execute their daily operations and routines during this time of uncertainties.

The RCCC Commandant Supt Derick Tenai assured family members, spouses, children and relatives of inmates on the significant status of the Centre.

“There are more than 300 inmates in the Centre, few are fully vaccinated, and others just received their first jab as well as their second jab” he said.

According to Supervising Commandant Tenai, so far there’s no positive cases of COVID-19 for inmates recorded in the center during the month of February.

Vaccination for Officers and family members.

The second jab of AstraZeneca vaccine been rolled out at Cor-

rectional Service Headquarter, Rove, on 19th February 2022, following the three months extension period effective 9 February 2022 for public servants who have taken their first vaccination during the extended grace to complete their second dose.

The vaccination team from the Honiara City Council Health Division and RCCC Nurses conducted this vaccination for officers, spouses and children.

This is in pursuant to the Government’s policy decision on no jab-no-job.



This exercise will continue until all officers completed their second jab of both vaccines (AstraZeneca and Sinopharm)

CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi do thank hard working staff of the Honiara City Council Health Division for rolling out the COVID-19 vaccination for his officers and their family members.

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Vaccination for officers and family members conducted by HCC Medics at the CSSI head quarter.

COVID-19 RAT training for CSSI Medics



6 Correctional nurses have attended a day long COVID-19 Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) training facilitated by the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) at the IPAM conference room recently.

The COVID-19 RAT and Infection Prevention Control (IPC) trainings are very timely and paramount as it is structured, comprehensive collection of training resources and

tools to support relevant institutions to organize, run and evaluate training of health workers and front liners who will be performing RAT testing.

The Antigen tests are used for diagnosing an acute, active COVID-19 infection. The main advantage of Rapid Antigen Testing (RAT) is that results can be available as soon as 15 minutes after the sample is taken.

CSSI Medical OIC, Inspector

Hansford Afia and his staff are expected to implement the COVID-19 RAT in RCCC, CHQ and TCC as per ECC Planning Team schedules for antigen testing.

Inspector Afia thanked the Ministry of Health and Medical Services (MHMS) staff for their continuous support and trainings to equip our nurses and front liners during this outbreak.

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Our vision

An effective, ethical, committed and professional organization and to be a leader in correctional management in the region

Our mission

To enhance the safety of the community by providing secure and humane containment through facilitating the rehabilitation and reintegration of prisoners

Our Goals

- ◆ *Safe, secure and humane environments with improved opportunities for prisoner rehabilitation and reintegration*
- ◆ *Capability development through a professional, skilled and valued workforce that embraces gender equality*
- ◆ *Accountable and sustainable cost effective services and deliveries*
- ◆ *Improved professional standards and corporate governance*
- ◆ *Developed infrastructure strategies and planning that provide “value for mon-*

Our Values

- ◆ *Commitment to the Constitution and Legislative Frameworks of Solomon Islands*
- ◆ *Justice & Fairness*
- ◆ *Accountability & Transparency*
- ◆ *Respect & Ethical Responsibility*
- ◆ *Diversity*
- ◆ *Professionalism & Integrity*
- ◆ *Collaborative Partnership and Engagement*

