



# Correctional Service Solomon Islands Monthly News Bulletin

## 2022 Easter Greetings from the Office of Commissioner Correctional Service of Solomon Islands

To the Head of State, Prime Minister, Ministers, Honorable Members of Parliament, Heads and Members of all Diplomatic Missions, Constitutional Post Holders, Social and Economic Development Partners, Premiers, Lord Mayor, Provincial Assembly Members, Honiara City Council Members, SICA and SIFGA Church Leaders, Non-Governmental Organizations, Community Traditional Leaders, Media, Women, Youth, Children, Farmers, Fishermen, Sick Patients in our rural and urban Hospitals, People Living With Disability, Correctional Service of Solomon Islands Senior Executive Members, Commandants, Directors, Ranks and Files, Inmates in Honiara and Provincial Correctional Centres and our National Citizens throughout our country and abroad. May I, as the Commis-



**Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi**

sioner of Correctional Service of Solomon Islands, prominently thank God who has led us from the very beginning with hope, providence and guidance. ***"I would like to sincerely acknowledge each of you for your prayers and support to the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands staff and inmates over the years"***

In this Easter season, may we be encouraged to reflect and embrace the death and resurrection of our one and only Savior Jesus Christ. In life, we all have triumphed and experienced a lot of challenges and difficulties. Therefore, let

the Easter message of triumph give us hope, renewal and newness in life.

According to our Christian faith and belief, let us continue to cherish and uphold the supremacy of God and the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ for the salvation of humanity.

Easter is the perfect reminder for us to abstain from our wicked habits and ask God to instill virtuous habits in our lives. Make this our goal this Easter. At Jesus's resurrection, the angel said to the woman, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, as he said"

By the grace of God, let this Easter season be filled with confidence, joy and bring you hope for a better tomorrow, to fear the Lord and to trust God for His continuous guidance and protection.

May God bless our Solomon Islands from shore to shore.

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# Inmates Early Release on License Order



*Commissioner and his Executives pose for a group photo with the 35 Early Release on License Order inmates at Rove CCC.*

Commissioner Correctional Services of Solomon Islands Gabriel MANELUSI has formally announced the Early Release of 65 inmates that are currently accommodated in our Correctional Centres across the country; Rove, Tere, Gizo, Auki and Lata.

These inmates are recommended for Early Release, in accordance with the Correctional Service Act and Regulations 2007/2008, in particular Regulation 198 which states:

“Upon the recommendation of the Commissioner or the Parole Board, a convicted prisoner may be granted remission of the whole or any part of a sentence at the discretion of the Minister. In exercising the discretion, the Minister may consider the age, good conduct, mental or physical health and any other special circumstances of the prisoner.”

In making these recommendations, Commissioner Manelusi highlights the solemn emergent situation the country now facing with the rapid community transmission of COVID-19.

Manelusi reiterates that it is important to note that custodial environments are susceptible to COVID-19 outbreaks given the confined conditions and potential for overcrowding.

Moreover, Correctional Centre populations are often more vulnerable, having poor physical and mental health and other social challenges compared with the general population, says Manelusi.

“This vulnerable situation puts CSSI in an awkward position, more especially our Correctional Centres been challenged, with respect to strive and provide safe and secure environments for officers and inmates to work and live

in”.

He adds, understanding the very limited infrastructure to support best practice in COVID-19 protocols around health and safety requirements, necessitates this priority consideration.

That all inmates being recommended for Early Release consideration have less than six (6) months left to serve of their remaining sentences.

That all inmates have satisfactorily completed all Rehabilitation, Regeneration and Reintegration programs despite the challenges of the past two years with interruptions from COVID-19 for program deliveries to inmates.

That all inmates have demonstrated positive behavioral changes in their lives and are classified Low Security with positive case management reports in relation to compliance and supervision.

That all inmates if approved for Early Release, have identified Reintegration strategies, and plans that are inclusive of thorough understanding of the current Emergency situation in Honiara and other provinces and that they have identified confirmed support if they are released.

And that the release of these recommended inmates will assist greatly in alleviating the current pressures being encountered in the Centre with regards to high density of inmate numbers in most units and assist in being able to mitigate

the possible introduction of COVID-19 into the Centre, through the decrease in overall numbers and providing space to strategize future management options, such as isolation areas for inmates identified as at risk.

CSSI Commissioner reiterates that the current situations of COVID-19 in the Agency and the knowledge that we have officers who are unable to participate in official duties because of infection to COVID-19. This leaves the agency significantly exposed in many areas of the operations and administrative functions.

Nevertheless, the CSSI strategically mobilize its staff from the Correctional headquarters to support Rove Central Correctional Centre manpower in doing general duties, as well as providing manpower support to Quarantine Sites and the RSIPF combined operations.

Commissioner Manelusi again thank the Honorable Minister of Police National Security & Correctional Services, Parole Board Members, Correctional Centre Commandants, Inmate Supervisors, Rehabilitation Regeneration & Reintegration staff and relevant key stakeholders for their effort and support in ensuring the early release of prisoner's provision are done in accordance to CSSI Acts and Regulation 2007/2008.



*Commissioner and his Executive pose for a group photo with the three Parolees*



## ERG undergo Training Program with PRC Police



*A group photo with China (PRC) Police Liaison Team after the official opening*

The Correctional Service Solomon Islands Emergency Response Group (ERG) has undergone a two-week training program conducted by China (PRC) Police Liaison Team at Rove Police Headquarter.

Speaking during the official opening on Monday 11 April, Commissioner Zhang Guangbao, Leader of the China Police Liaison Team conveyed the message on behalf of the Ministry of Public Security of China and the China Police Liaison Team in extending their warm congratulations to CSSI.

Zhang Guangbao said, “CSSI is one of the two main agencies of MPNS&CS and plays an important role in the law enforcement of Solomon Islands. ERG is an important strength of CSSI in cooperate with the RSIPF in any emergency situations for the safety and security of Solomon Islands”.

“You are professional in your field and most of you have attended different trainings and have a good foundation in exchange with my professional and special team”. Commissioner Guangbao expressed to ERG personnel’s.

“I believe that through the training and exchange, your technical skills and tactics, operational capability and cooperation will be improved evidently”, says Guangbao  
“Upon arrival, China Police Liaison Team have developed a very good cooperation with MPNS&CS and RSIPF and today, I am very pleased to have partnership with ‘CSSI’”, says Guangbao.

Guangbao highlights to CSSI Executives and ERG personnel’s that the Ministry of Public Security of China and MPNS&CS of Solomon Islands has held a virtual meeting

with the Party Secretary of CPC Committee and Executive Vice Minister Mr. Wang Xiaohong and Hon. Minister Mr. Anthony Veke attended the virtual meeting and signed the MOU between the two Ministries, laid a good foundation of bilateral law enforcement cooperation.

Commissioner Guangbao adds in the coming days, China Police Liaison Team will uphold the spirit of “transparency, inclusiveness, professionalism, and high-efficiency” for the purpose of friendship and goodwill, support RSIPF and CSSI to strengthen capacity building and maintain peace and security in Solomon Islands, promote long and stable bilateral law enforcement cooperation and make Solomon Islands truly safe, happy and prosperous.

Supervising Deputy Commissioner Administration Mrs. Needy Topue on behalf of the Commissioner of the Correctional Services Solomon Islands and his Executive do officiate the official opening of another intensive yet significant training for the CSSI ERG training program.

“Capacity development has been and ongoing key priority area for the two agencies RSIPF and CSSI”.

“Learning is a process to which you are here today and for the next two weeks to grow and build on to your skills set to deliver your service to this nation Solomon Islands in providing security and maintaining public order. You are expected to display and prove yourself with the highest standards, integrity, professionalism and discipline”, says Topue.

“You are being selected to attend this training because we have chosen hope over fear, unity of pur-

pose over conflict and discord, to be able respond to and manage efficiently and effectively on emergency situations in our beloved nation Solomon Islands”, says Topue

She adds today we witness a changing environment impacting on our two agencies’ capacity and capability thus, this training will prepare us to embrace what is ahead of us. I would like to say to the participants and all of us, that the challenges we face are real. They are serious and they are many. They will not be met easily or in a short span of time. Deputy Commissioner Administration Mrs. Topue thanked the PRC Chancellor, Commissioner China Police Liaison Team and Members of your Executive for your service to our nation, as well as the generosity and cooperation shown through such bilateral partnerships.

“It is indeed an added value to both the RSIPF and CSSI to up skill and build the necessary capacity and capability needed to meet the ongoing developments and environment changes to our organizations and workforce”.

Deputy Commissioner Administration highly appreciates and thank the Commissioner RSIPF and his Executive for providing the opportunity to allow the CSSI Emergency Response Group to merge and form part of this training program.

## CSSI officers promoted to senior ranks

Two officers of the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) has recently promoted to the rank of inspector and upper segment within the Force during a brief ceremony at the Rove Correctional Headquarters in Honiara.

Speaking during a brief ceremony, Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi told the officers, “Your promotions are challenging as you take on the new leadership positions to drive the CSSI.”

“Your promotions are significant for CSSI and the people of Solomon Islands. The future of CSSI is vested on your shoulders and you must lead by example and be God fearing person”.



*Group photo with newly promoted staff after the formal announcement by CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi*

“I as your Commissioner, I would like to say that the commitments and all of your inputs in the work, helps our inmates, officers and citizens to show the result of stepping forward in your carrier”.

“Leadership comes with responsibilities, responsibilities come with challenges but as a team we can archive our goals. The CSSI Strategic Directions and core values set a clear direction for us”, says Commissioner Manelusi.

The two promoted officers are: Senior Sergeant Chris Moli promoted to the rank of Inspector for Rove Central Correctional Centre and Superintendent Steve Machai-ah received his upper segment promotion as the Commandant Tetera Correctional Centre.

Commissioner Manelusi again congratulate the two senior officers for their well-deserved promotions.

## CSSI signs Corporate Agent Agreement with SolRice



*(Pic L-R) Solomon Rice Company Ltd Country Man-ager James Bradford and CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi signs the Corporate Agent Agreement.*

The Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) has recently signed a Corporate Agent Agreement with the major supplier of Rice company in Solomon Islands.

The agreement is between the Solomon Rice Company Limited (SOLRICE) and Correctional Services of Solomon Islands (CSSI) an assigned Corporate Agent of

Solomon Rice Company Limited for the purposes of distributing SolRice products to the respective Correctional Centers across the country.

The Agreement content stated during the continuance of this agreement the Corporate Agent shall: supply SolRice products direct from our distribution centre in Honiara. In case that any SolRice product needs to be released to provincial station, distributor agents will release stock from their distribution centres in the province on their behalf at no additional cost to CSSI.

All shipping costs to the Provincial Correctional Centres includes: Lata, Kirakira, Auki and Gizo are covered by SOLRICE Company Limited, products will only be released to CSSI on presentation of an approved purchase order and CSSI is to complete a GT22 form

for every purchase order. CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi signed the agreement with James Bradford Country Manager Solomon Rice Company Limited and the pricing will remain as per the pricing schedule on the signed agreement dated for a period of 12 months.

Manelusi said the signing is a milestone for CSSI to continue work together in partnership during this challenging time of budget responsibilities and constraints.

“It is CSSI’s endeavor and commitment to look at all areas of operations and where possible redress that are outdated and no longer in accordance with good fiscal management practices” Manelusi said

Commissioner Manelusi thanked the Solomon Rice Company Limited country Manager James Bradford for continuous supporting the Correctional Service Solomon Islands.



## Inmates Celebrate Christ's Victory

*RCCC Inmates in red costumes when escorting the Commissioner and his delegation during the Easter Sunday Service at Rove CCC Chapel*



As part of the Christian tradition, Rove Central Correctional Centre inmates joined the global family to commemorate the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

The celebration was held on Easter Sunday in St. Paul's Chapel at RCCC.

While serving time behind bars, inmate brothers and sisters were given the opportunity to leave their cells for a short period of time for the service. The tradition, depicts the Lord's death, burial and resurrection from the tomb. They gathered for prayers, wor-

ship, sharing the Lord's supper and singing of hymns to express their love and faith in Jesus, the Saviour of the world.

There's not a lot they can do in the Correctional Centres just because of their crime committed, sin and attitude problem, it doesn't mean they are exempted from the celebration to mark Christ's victory and hope for humanity. Wherever we are, Christ paid the penalty for our sin on the cross.

During the service, inmates were encouraged to reflect and embrace the death and resurrection of our

one and only Saviour Jesus Christ. Regardless of our status, we all are experiencing a lot of challenges and difficulties in life. Therefore, let the Easter message of triumph and victory, give us hope, renewal and newness in life.

Protocol wise and in cultural tradition, ten selected inmates in red ordinary cloths escorted the CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and RCCC Commandant and Management to St. Paul's Chapel for the service.

Supervising Commandant RCCC, Lawrence Meke sincerely acknowledged the Commissioner for accepting his invitation to participate and witness the celebration of the Lord's resurrection with the inmates. For inmates and humanity, there is forgiveness of sin through what Christ has done for us.

*Inmates receive their Holy Communion at St. Paul's Chapel in Rove Central Correctional Centre during the Easter Sunday Holy Eucharist*





## ERG Personals complete training Program with PRC Police



*Group photo after the official closing of ERG training program with China Police Liaison Team*

22 April 2022 at Rove Police Headquarter 24 personal of the CSSI Emergency Response Group (ERG) have completed the first Public Order Management (POM) training conducted by China Police Liaison Team (CPLT)

During their two weeks training, they accomplished drills, unarmed combat skills, advanced usage of long sticks, round shields, tactical batons-shape batons, handcuffs, basic rifle tactics and crowd control.

Speaking during the graduation ceremony Commissioner Yin Wei said, today it is a great honor to attend the graduation ceremony of the first batch of anti-riot training for the Correctional Service Solomon Islands officers.

He said with the joint efforts of the Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF), the Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) and the China Police Liaison Team have successfully completed the first training.

Commissioner Wei says, I felt the passion and enthusiasm of the correctional officers for their active participation. They trained seriously, actively interacted, overcome difficulties, persevered, complete various subjects according to the

plan, pass all assessments, met the training requirements and demonstrates the spirit and discipline of the Correctional Service Solomon Islands.

PRC Chief Instructor Mr Yin Wei says, during the training he felt the perspiration and effort of the Instructors. As such everyone is prepared for lessons, rigorously taught, opinions, and shared their knowledge and skills with the Correctional Officers without reservation, they demonstrate excellent style of professionalism, friendliness and efficiency of the Chinese Police with practical actions.

Instructor Wei said, through this training activity the development of police cooperation between China and the Solomon Islands has been further promoted.

“I believe that through training, exchanges, and cooperation, the police of the two

countries will unite and work together to create a better future.

Meanwhile, on behalf of the Office of Commissioner and Executive, Deputy Commissioner Operation Mr. Michael Nagu in his remarks has expressed sincere gratitude to the PRC Chancellor Yao Ming, leader of China Police Liaison Team Zhang Guangbao and Deputy Commissioner RSIPF Ian Vaevaso for their tremendous support towards CSSI officers by receiving such policing capacity development training to enhance the capability of CSSI officers to handle various situation when it comes to public disorder. Nagu said, CSSI are looking forward to continue build a strong and close friendship with People Republic China (PRC) Police and Solomon Island Police Force (RSIPF).

*ERG officers showcase their defensive tactical skills during the closing program*



## QCS Remote Learning Diploma program starts



*QCS officials who presents during the opening of EMDP training on zoom*

The Correctional Service Solomon Islands (CSSI) ongoing training with Queensland Corrective Services (QCS) on Early Management Development Program (EMDP) officially opened via zoom for in country candidates.

There are six senior officers been selected to undertake this one-year diploma program with QCS. The official opening ceremony was held virtually via zoom at the Correctional Service Headquarters, Rove on 20 April 2022.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, QCS Commissioner Mr. Paul Stewart reiterates the strong ties in relation to the twinning partnership for the delivery of training programs to CSSI staff. Thus, EMDP is a great training program for professional developments in leadership capabilities.

Meanwhile, CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi, acknowledged the QCS Commissioner for his ongoing support to CSSI and special thanks to QCS General Manager Capability Learning Development Chief Superintendent Allan Butler and his Facilitators who

will deliver the program which offers high value of ongoing contribution and support to CSSI. Commissioner Manelusi highlighted to six senior officers who are recipients of this remote learning Diploma Program with QCS to make use of this training and also to help yourself in preparing for higher levels in the organization. “Your knowledge and experience in collaboration with the EMDP will give you an extra confidence in your ability to make decisions, the ability to assess and respond to emergencies and other associated security risks”, says Manelusi

He adds there is a generational shift already happening, as work continues to implement the fundamental changes brought about by the QCS for CSSI by previous graduated Diploma students. The expectation of the Government, people of SI and CSSI Executive is to put to good use and value the golden opportunity invested to us by the Government and people of Australia.

*CSSI Senior Executives and EMDP Participants during the official opening of the training program via zooming.*







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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 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

### **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 money" outcomes and use of resources

## **Brief History of Rehabilitation Focus**

Rehabilitation aim is to "decrease the likelihood of re-offending" (CSSI Corporate Business Plan 2020-2022). CSSI prepare and engage inmates through;

- ♦ Effective rehabilitation framework
- ♦ Effective pre-release and reintegration preparation and programs
- ♦ Effective monitoring and evaluation tool for implementation of rehabilitation programs
- ♦ Engagement of the community in rehabilitation and reintegration programs
- ♦ Provision of a minimal service within our limited capacity for offenders with special needs

## **Acknowledgement**



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