



Correctional Service Solomon Islands Monthly News Bulletin



CSSI women observe IWD 2022

Special Points of Interest:

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"eliminate the spread of virus in the Centre".

"NPPRAB preparations underway".

"Jabbing & swabbing to inmates".

"Proposed unsound facility for RCCC".



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Women from the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) are delighted to join the globe in commemorating the International Women's Day 2022 with the theme "Break The Bias"

CSSI members has recognized and respects all women and girls who are working in the organization since the establishment of the Prison Service to now then Correctional Service to remember their important day with their colleague women around the globe.

Congratulation correctional women officers for

your achievement to perform energetic roles in the field of correctional service to provide safety, security and good governance and also to maintain law and order in our country.

Referred to the global theme "Break The Bias" Office of the Commissioner and his Executives has taken an initiative to recruit women and girls and also has equal chance to hold some top position in the office as Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners and other Directors positions.

CSSI Assistant Commissioner- Corporate Service Mrs. Needy Taingeia and CSSI Gender Officer Mrs. Catherine Nalakia

are also part of this IWD global commemoration as they play an important roles in the Covid Response by coordinating the CSSI COVID 19 Response Plan of Action and strengthening and advancing gender equality and social inclusion practices within CSSI.

They acknowledge all Women officers across all Centre's who are actively involved in the COVID – 19 operations to achieve the Mission and Vision of the CSSI as an organization in partnership with our Government together to eliminate the spread of virus in our Community and Country as a whole

RCCC Isolation Facility

Rove Central Correctional Centre (RCCC) has prepared its battle against the global pandemic outbreak if there's any positive cases in the Centre, this was expressed by the Supervising Accommodation Manager Mr. Felix Manemuri during the Commissioner's visit to facility recently.

Manemuri said, it is very vital because if we have new admission inmates positive with COVID-19 coming into the Centre, it will rapidly spread because of its capacity and settings to which its vulnerable for such a trans-



Commissioner and team in the Isolation facility

mission like C19.

He adds once the virus intrudes the Centre, we will use the Isolation facility to isolate

and contain the positive inmates to prevent spreading of the virus to other inmates cell blocks.

Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi said to maintain C-19 free in the Centre, we need support and cooperation from the Emergency Co-ordination Centre planning team and the RCCC Management in partnership with relevant government agencies to eliminate the spread of virus in the Centre.

“As Iumi Tugeda against COVID 19”.

National Peacebuilding, Prevention, Rehabilitation Advisory Board

From the Correctional Service of Solomon Islands (CSSI) Senior Management Conferences in 2020 and the forum held last year 2021, the establishment of a formalized committee at the national, provincial and ward level was highlighted. CSSI intends now to establish a Rehabilitation, Regeneration, Reintegration Board.

Recently, the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace, and Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGPEA) established the National Peace building Advisory Committee (NPAC). This is based mainly on the Truth and Reconciliation Commission recommendations and peace building as far as national safety and security is concerned.



National Peacebuilding Prevention Rehabilitation Advisory Board Working Group on session

On Friday 29th October 2021, the idea to incorporate ‘prevention’, ‘peacebuilding’ and ‘rehabilitation’ in conjunction with NPAC was highly noted by the Commissioner. This then, was raised to the MTGPEA Director of Policy and a consultation was held on Tuesday 2nd November. The aim of the meeting was to discuss the possibility of establishing a board that is inclusive of national peace, rehabilitation, crime prevention to ex-offenders, former convicts and victims of the ethnic conflict and ordinary citi-

zens at the national, provincial and ward level throughout the country.

After the NPAC in 2021, a Working Group comprising of CSSI, MTGPEA and RSIPF was formed to carry forward the initiatives. The naming of the board was initiated and adopted (NPPRAB)

CSSI Health Lead Officers Conduct RAT

As part of our campaign against the global pandemic transmission in our country and communities, the Correctional Service Solomon Islands Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) in collaboration with the CSSI Health Lead are on high note in executing the CSSI COVID-19 strategies and protocols across Correctional Centre's.

Despite the limited resources on the ground, the ECC lead continues to salvage the core business of COVID 19 response plans and Standard Operating Procedures



CSSI Health Lead Officers conduct RAT at Tetere Correctional Centre.

(SOP).

ECC Health Lead officers are

front lining the Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) at Tetere Correctional Centre on random bases and also conduct contact tracing of positive cases in the Centre for inmates, officers and officer's family.

CSSI do acknowledge the Ministry of Health and Medical Services for the support in providing PPEs, RAT trainings for CSSI health workers and for their assistance in jabbing and swabbing of inmates across all Correctional Centres.

Auki inmates get second jab behind bars

Auki Correctional Centre (ACC) inmates get their second jab of AstraZeneca vaccine in the Centre provided by the vaccination team from the Malaita Health Division and ACC Nurse.

There are 14 convict inmates that received and completed their second jab of the AstraZeneca vaccine

The vaccination rollout continues until all inmates receive and completed their second jab in both AstraZeneca and Sinopharm vaccine respectively.

ACC Commandant and Management on behalf of the Commissioner's office do acknowledge and thank the Malaita Health Division staff for their unwavering support in rolling out the COVID -19 vaccination for the inmates.



Malaita Health Team conduct vaccination to inmates in the Centre

Unsound mind facility proposed to be built in RCCC



CSSI Advisor Mr. George Samuel brief the Commissioner and his Executives at the proposed site in RCCC

CSSI are proposing to build an unsound mind facility within Rove Central Correctional Centre (RCCC) to accommodate unsound mind inmates.

Unsound mind inmates are increasing in the Centre and there's no proper facility to accommodate them, rather they accommodate with normal inmates.

A site visit been conducted at RCCC to identify the prime site by the Island Enterprise Civil Engineer with the Commissioner and his Executives.

However, RCCC Management will take the lead with the support from the Infrastructure Team in scrutinizing the proposal that best suit the agenda before recommending to the Commissioner for further deliberations with the Engineers in designing the proposed plan.

This proposal needs a collaborative partnership with relevant government agencies in order to mitigate and rectify the increasing number of unsound mind inmates. Thus CSSI cannot do this alone but needs support and working together in progressing this activity for the betterment our society and nation as a whole.



Pic Above; Commissioner Gabriel Manelusi and Chief of Staff Thompson Pada looks on while Island Enterprise Engineer Mr. Kelvin explaining the proposed design suitable for the site.



Commissioner Manelusi and delegation during the site visit in RCCC

NPPRAB meet with Singapore Prison.

Singapore Prison Service Deputy Director Rehabilitation and Reintegration Mrs. Jean CHIANG during her zoom presentations to NPPRAB working group.



The National Peacebuilding, Prevention, Rehabilitation Advisory Board (NPPRAB) working group recently meets with Singapore Prison Service (SPS) via zooming.

The meeting was made possible through the invitation by CSSI Commissioner Gabriel Mane-lusi with the support from the Ministry of Traditional Governance, Peace and Ecclesiastical Affairs (MTGPEA) and Royal Solomon Islands Police Force (RSIPF) Crime Prevention.

The meeting via zoom brings some informative insights for the group when the SPS Deputy Director Rehabilitation and Reintegration Mrs. Jean CHIANG, presents the Yellow Ribbon Project (YRP).

YRP concepts paves a way forward on rehabilitation and reintegration of offenders and ex-offenders with a mechanism for

peacebuilding, prevention, rehabilitation and reintegration.

The symbol of the yellow ribbon become widely known in civilian life in the 1970s, as a reminder that an absent loved one, either in the military or in jail, would be welcome home on their return.

The NPPRAB is established purposely to provide the following; professional, technical and ethical advice to instigate social and health safety and security issues at National, Provincial and Ward levels across Solomon Islands, Supplement Inter-Ministerial Policy Management and implement Strategic Action Plans, Promote peaceful enhancement and Crime Prevention initiatives, Provide rehabilitation support

through the Yellow Ribbon Project to ex-offenders, Provide best practices to Provincial, Ward Council and Committee to be the sustenance of peace, stability and cohesiveness in our country, Treat with the strategic issues highlighted in the national dialogues and provincial communiques and implementation of the United Nation Peacebuilding Fund (UNPBF) project.

The Working Group comprises of CSSI, MTGPEA and RSIPF to provide advice, support, monitoring and recommendation services at the National level in collaboration with National Peacebuilding Advisory Committee (NPAC).-

The National Peacebuilding, Prevention, Rehabilitation Advisory Board working group attentively listen to the presentation by SPS Deputy Director Rehabilitation and Reintegration Mrs. Jean CHIANG



ACC Joinery Projects nearly completes

The Inmates Joinery Project in Auki Correctional Centre (ACC), Malaita Province now reach 95% of completion.

A local contractor JF Construction Limited been awarded to build this project late last year 2021 and started the building works in September for a year contract.

At the moment contractor are working on concrete slab at the main entrance, installation of doors, toilet and cistern, wiring and lights, roof ceilings and few finishing works, this was revealed by the Company Foreman Mr. Festus

He adds Solomon Power has assessed the service line and awaiting few materials to send over from Honiara before installation.

Festus highlights the challenges faced by the Company is on financial constraints due to pending of payments from the Ministry responsible and this impacts the delay of materials procurement and project durations of completions.

The ACC Joinery Project was funded under the Solomon Islands Government Development Budget



ACC Joinery Project are progressing well as contractors are gearing up for its final phases.

RCCC Inmates RAT swabbing



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Health Of-
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of inmates*

Rove Central Correctional Centre (RCCC) Health officers has recently conducts Rapid Antigen Test (RAT) swabbing to inmates in the Centre.

This is to provide a healthy, safe and secure working and living environment for all prisoners, detainees, staff and stakeholders in RCCC and to

establish specific measures to mitigate the risk of high transmission of COVID-19 and rapidly detect and contain outbreak in the Centre.

RCCC COVID-19 SOP mandates the Commandant as an overall in-charge of the operation in the Centre and to oversee the administration and operation of RCCC quarantine and isolation site by providing clear directions for maintaining safety, security and good govern-

ance and liaise with ECC for updates on COVID-19 emergency situation and Office of the Commissioner to provide daily briefing which may include incident reporting.

The RAT swabbing to inmates commenced on 24 March, by RCCC Health Officers with the support from ECC Health Lead from the Correctional Headquarters.



Inmate get his RAT from the RCCC Heath staff

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CSSI Code of Conduct

- ◆ ***Loyalty***
- ◆ ***Honesty and Integrity***
- ◆ ***Respect***
- ◆ ***Discipline***
- ◆ ***Use of Office***
- ◆ ***Fairness***
- ◆ ***Accountability***
- ◆ ***Acceptance***

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

The Correctional Services Act 2007 and Regulations Part II, 7, determines occupancy capacities for each Correctional Centre in the Solomon Islands as follows;

Rove Central Correctional Centre is located in Honiara City (High Security) with a capacity of 396 inmates

Auki Correctional Centre is located in Malaita Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 60 inmates

Gizo Correctional Centre is located in Western Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 50 inmates

Kirakira Correctional Centre is located in Makira Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 28 inmates

Lata Correctional Centre is located in Temotu Province (Medium/Low Security) with a capacity of 25 inmates

Tetere Correctional Centre is located in Guadalcanal Province (Low Security) with a capacity of 80 inmates

The total holding capacity of CSSI across the country is 639 inmates and by looking at this figure in comparison to crime rates in the country, the capacity is not enough we need more Correctional Centres...



Brief History of Correctional Services of Solomon Island

In 1897 British Solomon Islands Protectorate had its first Resident Commissioner, Mr. Charles M.

Woodford. He took up residence on Tulagi.

That year he brought prisoners back from Guadalcanal and had them

chained to house posts. There was no proper prison built.

In 1898 Mr. Woodford built Tulagi and the main facilities then were; The Court house, Police headquarters & Prison, Post Office and the Government Hospital.

The Prison and the small Police headquarters were a useful advance for Mr. Woodford.

The murder of government tax collector Mr. Bell in 1927 by Basiana and his associates of the Kwaio

ethnic group on Malaita saw Mr. Basiana arrested, found guilty and hanged, with *his young sons being forced to witness the execution.*

In 1966 the Prison system was introduced by the Colonial office and was administered by the RSIPF.

In 1975 the country was formally renamed "Solomon Islands"

And on July 7, 1978, the Solomon

Islands attained independence

The year 1982 saw the separation of the Solomon Islands Prison Service from RSIPF.

Solomon Islands Prison Service was based on the colonial punitive model which focused mainly on "securing" and "containing" nothing more

Between 2005 to 2006 the Solomon Islands Prison Service reviewed the *Acts and Regulations*.

In 2007 & 2008 the Acts and Regulations were passed and enacted by the Solomon Islands Parliament;

Solomon Island Prison Service then changed to Correctional Service of Solomon Islands.

