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Special Coordinator Visits Choiseul Province

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RAMSI's Special Coordinator, Graeme Wilson, has held wide-ranging and constructive discussions with the Premier of Choiseul, Jackson Kiloe.

During the meeting at the provincial headquarters in Taro, the Special Coordinator provided a briefing on the Partnership Framework between RAMSI and the Solomon Islands Government.

He noted that the focus of the Framework was on developing the capacity of the institutions of government, building a sustainable economy and preserving a stable and secure environment. All of these areas were directly relevant to the provinces he said.

“The Partnership Framework was jointly developed by the Solomon Islands Government and RAMSI and progress against the targets and objectives will be jointly assessed,” Mr Wilson said.

Mr Wilson added that systematic implementation of the Framework would be of great benefit to Solomon Islands both at the national and provincial levels by providing an enabling environment for capacity development and better delivery of services.

Mr Wilson visited Choiseul Province for the first time from 20 to 22 October.

Premier Kiloe thanked the Special Coordinator for choosing to visit Choiseul and personally thanked him for the contribution RAMSI had made to re-establishing law and order, and to improving economic governance and accountability.

“By restoring security and stability following the Tensions, RAMSI has given people back their freedom and the ability to go about their lives normally,” Mr Kiloe said.

Premier Kiloe and Mr Wilson discussed the importance of promoting national unity and giving young people a sense of identity through instilling appropriate values and providing economic opportunities.

Mr Wilson congratulated the Premier for his commitment to good governance and for the appropriate use that had been made of the Provincial Government Strengthening Program (PGSP), for which RAMSI is one of the two key funders with the European Union.

Specific proposals under the program, for which the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) is the implementing agency, included support for Early Childhood Education Centres, the construction of a Hospital Rest House and rehabilitation of the Wagina Seaweed Farm.

Premier Kiloe said the PGSP delivered tangible results which could have a big impact. He noted that one area of focus for 2009/10 under the program would be the upgrading of the Taro Airport Terminal.

Premier Kiloe and the Special Coordinator also discussed policing issues, the importance of reinvigorating the circuit court system, and the need to continue to give priority to reducing corruption.

Premier Kiloe welcomed the five anti-corruption workshops that RAMSI is currently funding and Mr Wilson thanked the Premier for Choiseul's active participation in the first workshop that was held in Honiara on 8-9 October.

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