

# Family is the School of Love, educate for Character, GWPN Seminar

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Women's Federation World Peace Solomon Islands (WFWP SI) expanded its Global Women's Peace Network (GWPN) during a Community Women Leaders Seminar on 1<sup>st</sup> June. The topic theme was: the *Family is the School of Love, educate for Character*. The event brought 70 participants, both women and men.



Group Photo of WFWP SI Seminar Participants



Alice Anthonia Houanihau, member of WFWP SI and President of Guadalcanal Provincial Women was the main presenter for the event. During her Keynote address titled, *the family is the school of love, educate for character*, Alice shared that as a parent it is our responsibility to create true love within our families. Building a

'family of love' creates a character model, where children can be educated to become peace builders and peace ambassadors.

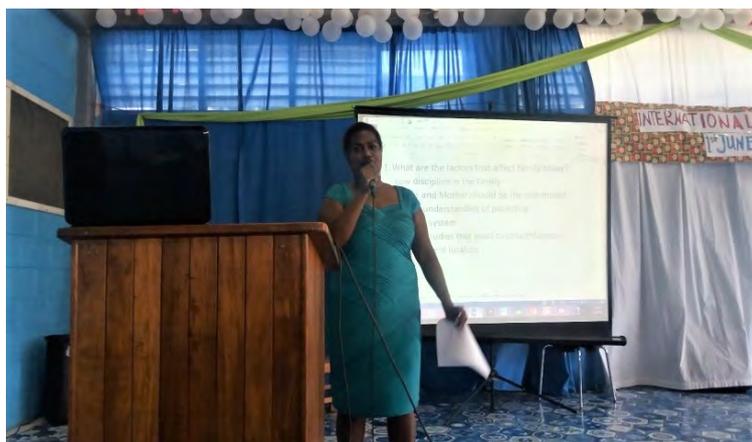


Group discussion on the topic: *What are key Social Factors that Affect the Family?*



Hilda Houalea gave a brief summary from her group discussion on *what are the key social factors that affect the family?* She shared that the misuse of technology is one of the major social factors that affect the family and has helped create a downturn in family support. She elaborate that parents

are spending more time watching TV and interacting on social media outlets, such as Facebook.



Virginia Kevu is a High School Teacher at White River Community High School. She commented positively that Character Education is vital for a School Curriculum to be successful. The summary points from her group discussion on *what are key social factors that affect the family* were: the husband and the wife have little

understanding of their roles within the family, and there is little discipline.



Raynick Marlon Baka is a parent member of the New Hope Academy Kindergarten. Raynick accompany his wife to the Seminar and testified that he is so blessed to have attended the half day Seminar together with his wife, because the information he can take home is beneficial to strengthen and support his family growth and family relationships.



WFWP SI Members who were the working team during the seminar and the main entertainment group for the event.

### **Concluding Remarks:**

The value and importance of the family is crucial in our society today. As we celebrate the International day of Families, let's educate ourselves and understand our roles as a husband and wife within the family, and create a family of peace. The family is the school of love, and within the family we need to educate for character.

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