

BBC Media Action concludes Digital Media Literacy workshop in Isabel Province

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Deputy Premier Tony Vahia opened the two-day workshop, which centred on the theme "Strengthening community voices and understanding misinformation and disinformation".

An inaugural Digital Media Literacy Workshop was held in Buala, Isabel Province, this month, representing a significant advancement in media development within the region.

17 participants took part in the event, representing various departmental heads from the Isabel Provincial government and community stakeholders from across Buala. The cohort included government officials, community leaders, and civil society representatives, united in their objective to enhance digital media literacy and address misinformation locally. Their participation highlighted the provincial government's dedication to cultivating informed communities and reinforcing collaboration with media development partners.

Facilitated by the BBC Media Action and led by experienced community-based trainer and Island Sun Senior Journalist Ben Bilua, the workshop delivered practical training in several key areas:

- identifying and countering misinformation and disinformation
- responsible use of digital platforms
- fostering trust between communities and media
- amplifying local voices on issues such as mining and climate adaptation

Participants actively contributed to discussions, shared relevant experiences, and examined how digital tools can promote accurate information and strengthen community cohesion.

The workshop concluded on Wednesday 11 March, with attendees receiving certificates of participation and being encouraged to formulate actionable strategies to apply their newfound skills within their workplaces and communities.

This initiative is part of BBC Media Action's ongoing efforts to promote media development and community resilience across the Pacific, in partnership with local media organisations including the Solomon Islands Broadcasting Corporation (SIBC), Island Sun, Solomon Star, Tavuli News, In-depth Solomons, SBM Online, and the Media Association of Solomon Islands (MASI).

BBC Media Action, the international charity of the British Broadcasting Corporation, works globally to empower individuals through access to information and support for healthy, resilient, and inclusive communities. The project receives funding from the UK government.

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