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## <u>DPP's Chambers – Outreach to Mocura, Sub-Region 1</u>

The Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) in collaboration with the Women and Gender Equality Commission (W&GEC) on Saturday 15th April, 2023, concluded a 3-day Outreach to Moruca, Sub Region 1.

The DPP's Office was represented by Communications Officer Liz Rahaman and State Counsel Marisa Edwards.

Residents of Manawarin and Kewbana came out in large numbers to make known their grievances, among which were criminal offences that are committed in their communities and the seemingly lack of action by respective toshaos.

The residents claimed that the toshaos sometimes do not report incidents to the police at the Acquero Police Station. This issue was addressed and current Toshaos have undertaken to better this situation.

The major offences residents spoke out against were the consumption of alcohol by teenage children, teenage pregnancies, use of marijuana by schoolchildren and sexual offences committed on children.

State Counsel Marisa Edwards addressed the concerns and was given assurances that all known criminal activities committed in the areas will be reported to the police.