

The Deputy Inspector General of Police (DIGP) in charge of Operations, Felix Namuhoranye has urged Police officers to work with communities and to lay a sustainable framework in identifying and addressing community security challenges.

The Deputy IGP made the call on Wednesday, September 15, while officially opening a four-day workshop on 'community policing approach' for 110 Police officers held at the Rwanda National Police (RNP) General Headquarters in Kacyiru.

The workshop brought together District Police Commanders (DPCs), directors and Police station commanders.

It was conducted in compliance with the national COVID-19 prevention measures including prior negative test results for each participant.

"Human security has been the priority not only for Rwanda National Police community programmes but also to other security organs since it serves as a major pillar of good governance and security as a whole. So, RNP through its community policing structures should serve as an architecture for promoting human security," DIGP Namuhoranye said.

He added that poverty, natural disasters and diseases are part of insecurity and that RNP looks at the wider aspect to address causes of criminality or insecurity.

DIGP Namuhoranye reminded the officers to involve the public in all policing activities adding that sustainable human security requires collective participation, identifying community priority needs and joint implementation.

He emphasized the importation of promoting and sustaining community trust and confidence in policing and to be seen as part of the solution to community challenges.

CP Bruce Munyambo, Commissioner for Community Policing in RNP said that the workshop was organized to further enrich the knowledge and skills of officers in community oriented policing.

"This course will enable police officers to have the same view and approach towards sustainable security," CP Munyambo said.

The workshop, the second of its kind, will cover key aspects of policing including the

general security situation, force discipline, impact of Ndi Umunyarwanda on national cohesion and building post Genocide society in Rwanda; stress management and counseling; role of social media in crime prevention, crime prevention strategies and the role of RNP in promoting gender equality.