



## **“The Voice Inc calls for applications for Harvard Course”**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> of June 2023** – The Voice Inc (TVI), a civil society organization dedicated to empowering citizens to build a sustainable future, is calling for applications for a Harvard University course supporting public policy reform in Papua New Guinea (PNG).

The course, ‘Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation’ (PDIA) is delivered by Harvard’s ‘Building State Capability’ team from the Harvard Kennedy School and forms part of TVI’s Local Leadership and Collective Action Program (LLCAP) funded by the Australian Government.

“We believe that a focus on supporting collective action is crucial for driving structural change. Collective action raises awareness, educates, and challenges misconceptions. It has the potential to influence policies, institutions, and laws. A key way in which we do this is by supporting developmental leaders who are working on solving some of our society's difficult problems, linking them with other like-minded leaders and amplifying their collective impact around a shared change agenda” shared Barbara Thomas, TVI Senior Programs Manager.

During a media launch and information session held at the TVI head office, it was shared that the PDIA course has places for a limited number of leaders from government, civil society and the private sector working with their communities to create transformational change.

The PDIA course will run for 12 weeks from August- November, and forms part of the ongoing LLCAP program, providing resources and training to individuals and groups taking action on complex problems. There is no cost to participants, and delivery by the Harvard team will be a mix of Port Moresby based sessions and online learning.

“We are fortunate to be working with the Building State Capability team from the Harvard Kennedy School to run this course, a relationship we have built since 2018. The Voice Inc. (TVI) is one of only two civil society organizations that Harvard Kennedy School has collaborated with to deliver the PDIA program globally”.

Applications are welcomed from teams of 4 – 6 people, especially those working in the areas of sorcery accusation related violence (SARV), youth unemployment & pathways, drug & alcohol abuse among young people and improving democracy through National elections.

Applications for the PDIA program can be found at [www.thevoicepng.org/llcap](http://www.thevoicepng.org/llcap). The application period closes in mid-July for screening and the official cohort for 2023 will be announced shortly after. This will be the second cohort of developmental leaders to undertake the PDIA course from PNG.

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