



“The Voice Inc. honors Developmental Leaders”

Friday 25th of August 2023 – A total of 31 Developmental Leaders from across seven provinces working to reduce Sorcery Accusation Related Violence (SARV) and other complex problems have successfully completed a course by the Harvard Kennedy School of Government.

The 31 Developmental Leaders were honored on Wednesday the 23rd of August during a graduation ceremony in Port Moresby for successfully completing the Problem Driven Iterative Adaptation (PDIA) course facilitated by the Building State Capability Team of the Harvard Kennedy School of Government. The course is offered by civil society organization The Voice Inc. (TVI) through its Local Leadership and Collective Action Program (LLCAP) funded by the Australian Government.

The PDIA builds the capacity of developmental leaders through sharing tools and a conceptual framework to think through the process of change and building state capability. This cohort consisted of front-line developmental leaders working on the issues of SARV, Youth Opportunities, Education, Higher Education, Drug & Alcohol Abuse and Decentralization.

Speaking at the graduation, Minister Counselor for the Australian High Commission Paul Lehmann commended TVI for its continued efforts in building coalitions and empowering local leaders to create local solutions for some of the country’s most complex issues. He urged the graduating cohort to continue their critical work to effect sustainable change.

The graduating cohort was represented by Dr Preston Karue who thanked TVI for providing a platform for local leaders through the LLCAP and the opportunity to participate in the PDIA course.

“Through the PDIA course, we were able to fully understand the problems in our local context and learn strategies to better address these problems. The PDIA is extremely valuable as it allows you to create solutions using the skills and resources that you have available to you”, shared Dr Karue in his speech.

TVI Board Chair Dame Meg Taylor in her closing remarks congratulated the development leaders and acknowledged the continued support received by the People and Government of Australia. Dame Meg further challenged the cohort to take full advantage of the resources provided by TVI, including the networks and ongoing opportunity to collaborate for collective action on reform issues that they were working on.

TVI has now commenced its second iteration of the PDIA course, bringing together a total of 38 developmental leaders after a rigorous application and selection process. The second cohort of the PDIA will focus on the issues of Taxation, Early Childhood Learning, Drug & Alcohol Abuse, Youth Employment and SARV. A two-day introductory workshop for the second cohort commenced after the completion of the graduation ceremony.

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