Personal reflection on the Economic Policy Analysis Course - 2019

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As someone once said, we never stop growing unless we stop learning. Learning has become part of our life that it enables us to appreciate our surroundings and what is happening around us. It also broadens our perspectives to see things on various lenses and give us insights to be innovative and wiser.

I am sure that we have our own stories in life of learning something which has inspired us to become successful or taught us great lessons about life. For me, I am privileged to be part of a group of participants who underwent an eight weeks intensive training on Economic Policy Analysis facilitated by the Papua New Guinea National Research Institute (PNG NRI) in Port Moresby.

The training on Economic Policy Analysis is an annual course which is offered to workers in the public and private sectors who are interested in understanding the impacts of public policies on development issues in PNG. The training enables participants to understand basic social research skills that can be used to analyse public policies. It also provides rationale behind appropriate management of public policies and its effectiveness to serve the interest of our people and the country.

It was a hectic week for many of us who participated. This includes public servants from various government agencies, representatives from political parties, and non-government organisations. This was a trying time for many who had left school long time ago and an experience for someone like me who graduated recently from the university and finding my space in the real world.

The training was an enlightenment for me personally to see and understand the role of public service and underpinning behind public policies in the country. It gave me an in-depth knowledge into understanding the role of evidence-based research in propelling public policies in the country.

What I gained in the course is an added bonus to my career. I am determined and looking forward to contributing meaningfully to PNG’s development in whatever capacity I may be engaged in.

If someone wish to take part in this course in the near future, I would encourage the person to enrol. It has the potential to enhance the person’s knowledge. Furthermore, it enables the person to understand the government’s structure and its strategies to achieve its vision and the national goals.

Finally, I want to give my sincere thanks to the PNG NRI Council and the Economic Policy Analysis Course Committee for giving me the opportunity to participate in the 2019 Economic Policy Analysis Course. Truly, it was worth going through.
I learned a lot from the course and now looking forward to contributing to PNG’s development in any capacity.