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PNG NRI offers research methods course

Students registered for the PNG National Research Institute (PNG NRI) Certificate in Social Science Research Methods (SSRM) Course began classes on Friday 14 May 2021 after registration and orientation on Thursday 13 May 2021.

The course has been developed for people who are interested in enriching their knowledge and having more understanding in research design, data collection and data analytical methods in the Social Sciences.

More than 20 participants including policy analysts, consultants, researchers and other officials from the government and private sector have registered for this week-long course.

The course program consists of:

- Planning of social science research;
- Qualitative research methods in theory and in practice;
- Quantitative research methods in theory and in practice; and
- Report writing.

Speaking during orientation day, PNG NRI Acting Director Dr. Osborne Sanida, on behalf of the PNG NRI Council and staff, welcomed the students to the PNG NRI Campus.

“Your decision to apply and be considered for this course is evidence of your quest to learn more about research and the important role it plays in generating information for decision making. I hope that you finish with a much broader appreciation and knowledge of SSRM and that, the concepts you learn will help you do quality research in whatever area you may be engaged in,” he said.

According to course Coordinator PNG NRI Deputy Director for Research Prof. Eugene Ezebilo, this is the first time the Institute is offering this course and are planning to do this each year.

He said the motivation to offer this course was to assist people in conducting quality research that can contribute in evidence-based public policy and strategies.

“Through our experience, we found out that some of the government workers have things to do with research and so they need assistance in terms of upskilling them on how to conduct quality research. Not only that, some of the graduates are not well-versed on how to conduct research so this is an opportunity for them to build their capacity on how to conduct quality research.”

Prof. Ezebilo said also, some people have learnt how to do research a long time ago and this can be a refresher course for them as well.

“This will contribute to the human capital development in PNG. We need people who can conduct quality research so that it can help in making informed decisions.”

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