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Parliament staff attend ANZ financial literacy training

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WED 04.03.2020 | MORE than 300 National Parliamentary Service (NPS) staff are attending a financial literacy workshop since last week to equip them with improving money skills, knowledge and confidence, following the signing of an agreement with ANZ Banking Group (PNG) to facilitate this training.

The program, MoneyMinded is a full day session and conducted free-of-charge as ANZ's Corporate Social Responsibility initiative to give back to the community.

Acting Clerk of Parliament Kala Aufa expressed his appreciation to ANZ for providing a vital and enriching initiative that fosters financial independence.

“MoneyMinded is timely for our staff as there are a lot of problems involving money that is affecting everyday Papua New Guineans,” he said. “Equipping them with information they need to better plan for their future, make their money last until the next payday and achieve their financial goals goes a long way to helping them solve these issues.”

Kevani Geita, ANZ's Lead Facilitator for MoneyMinded said the program was a flagship platform for the bank to create viable and thriving communities through financial literacy training.

“Adding value to a person's life is important,” she said. “MoneyMinded is different from other financial literacy programs; it is about changing the mindset and behaviour of how someone manages their money.”

Ms Geita said seeing an economically empowered person making good, informed financial choices and become financially independent was what made facilitating the program worthwhile.

Meanwhile, there has been an overwhelming response to the program by NPS staff who are grateful for the training.

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“This workshop is educational, interesting and challenging and gave me a new mindset on how to manage money”, said Loa Willie, an Administration Assistant with the Policy, Planning and Research Division. “I have learnt how to plan, budget and prioritise on my spending so I can achieve my 2020 goals.”

“The MoneyMinded program teaches skills such as planning for the future and becoming aware of spending patterns, thus has a direct impact on participants’ behaviour on managing their finances,” said IT Technician, Ula Virobo.

Acting Learning and Training Officer, Joan Semesoa said she has learnt how to make better financial choices and that saving a small amount of money every fortnight does add up in the end.

Developed in 2003, MoneyMinded was ANZ’s response to adult financial literacy research in Australia and was rolled out in the Pacific, including Papua New Guinea in 2010. The program has reached out to more than 800,000 people in the 24 markets where ANZ operates, including the Pacific and South-east Asia regions.

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