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NGOs Engage in Impact Assessment Training

Social accounting allows Non Governmental Organisations (NGOs) to assess the impact they have on members, stakeholders and development partners.

This was highlighted by Lindsay Jeff, lead trainer at the recent Social Accounting course attended by more than 24 participants from NGOs around the region.

Social Accounting is part of the Not for Profit Management Programme provided by the Pacific Islands Association of Non Governmental Organisations (PIANGO) in collaboration with UNITEC.

“People can report back to the donors about the actual impact they have on the programmes. They can actually measure their performance, particularly their impacts, and basically be able to prove what they say that they do with their performance,” Lindsay said.

Toka Abiete, Office Manager for FSP Kiribati and a participant, said the course allowed her to understand NGOs more and come up with ways to approach stakeholders and management in improving the work that NGOs do for the community.

“You cannot focus on only one but you have to accept all other responsibilities while working for the organisation as a volunteer or as a staff member,” Abiete said.

Another participant Dorothy Bryce, a volunteer for the Tonga National Youth Congress, said the course opened her eyes to new things and appreciate what they had.

“This course helped me understand what social accounting, social auditing is and what the measures, the indicators were and what needed to be improved on,” she said.

Carlos Perera, the Executive Director for Equal Ground Pasifik in Fiji, shared similar sentiments.

“This course has opened my eyes to a lot of things. To talk about the structured process is wonderful because it helps us see that there are structures in place which makes it easier for us to slot our work in those structures,” Perera said.

Lindsay said the course related very closely to some of the requirements to result based monitoring evaluation because the emphasis on it is from the impact of the organisation.

“Unlike monitoring and evaluation which is normally externally driven, this is the driving it internally, looking at its own performance against its own objectives, own values and its own missions.”

The GDP courses are designed for managers and co-ordinators of not-for-profit (NFP) organisations, team leaders, volunteers and board members. It supports NFP leaders and their organisations in achieving effective management and leadership.

The social audit course was held at Nadave, Nausori from the 6th – 10th August. For more information contact Bakanebo Tamaroa on 9411632 or email on bakanebo@piango.net

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