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Australia Awards Counselling Short Courses: empowering individuals, strengthening communities



Participants prepared a set of counselling cards to share techniques with each other and fellow professionals

25 participants completed the inaugural Australia Awards Graduate Certificate in Counselling in 2019 and concurrently studied a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment.



100 per cent completion rate



80 percent of participants female



Participants from 13 PNG provinces

Australia Awards Short Courses in Counselling empower participants to develop their practical knowledge and skills and provide professional, effective support to individuals, families and communities across PNG.

Graduates achieve an internationally recognised qualification and the skills to drive change and make positive contributions to PNG's development priorities.

The inaugural Australia Awards Graduate Certificate in Counselling in 2018/19 included concurrent study of a Certificate IV in Training and Assessment and completion of a Mental Health First Aid Certificate. This enabled participants to improve their own training capacity and maximise skills sharing on return to PNG.

The Short Course included two blocks of full-time study at Griffith University in Australia, pre- and post-course workshops in PNG and work-based projects in fields as diverse as gender-based violence research, juvenile justice and counselling service delivery.

Participants represented a range of PNG Government agencies, the private sector and NGOs. This included officers from the Departments of Health, Education and Justice and Attorney-General, as well as the Royal Papua New Guinea Constabulary.





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“ Since completing my studies, I have been sharing what I learned with my colleagues and I can see a change in our work. We’re working more efficiently to manage our own priorities as well as our clients. ”

Short Course Award participant and Lae Women’s Refuge Home Manager Wendy Tame (above)

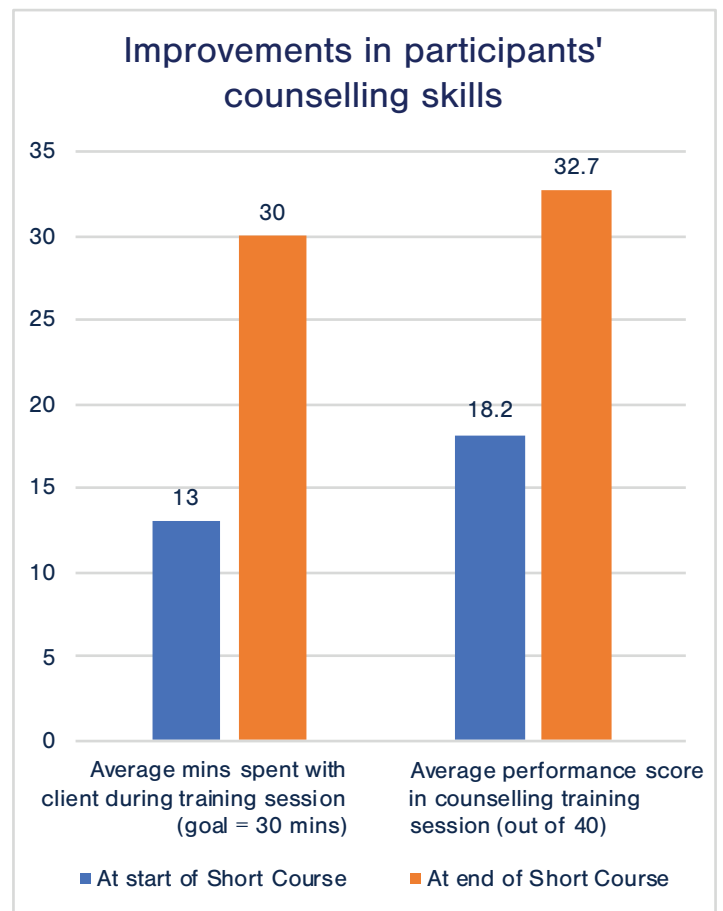


“ The Australia Awards Short Course supported me to become a critical thinker and pose questions to understand a client’s underlying feelings as well as the external issues at play. ”

Short Course Award participant and Sandaun Provincial Administration Welfare and Protection Officer Wilson Wilo (above)

Australia Awards’ investment in Counselling puts an emphasis on sub-national participation and skills development in a priority area for PNG. The inaugural Counselling Short Course involved participants from 13 PNG provinces, representing all four of PNG’s regions.

During their studies, all participants made significant improvements in terms of the quality of their counselling and engagement with clients.



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