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Navigating New Horizons

The DMADD team carries out monthly workshops named 'ThursdayTraining'. These short trainings aim to facilitate knowledge sharing among its members. The sessions are planned to be conducted on the last Thursday of every month.

The primary objective of these workshops is to enhance mutual understanding and upskilling among team members, ultimately contributing to the achievement of the project's overarching goals. The D'MADD team will share insights related to their work as well as have the chance to impart valuable experiences and life lessons that could benefit the entire team.

This initiative not only promotes professional growth but also strengthens the bonds within the DMADD team, setting a positive tone for collaborations and teamwork.



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“LUCK” Can often be increased, even if it cannot be completely controlled

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As part of the June 2026 Thursday Training Series, Dr. Waheed delivered an engaging session exploring the concept that while luck cannot be fully controlled, individuals and teams can create conditions that increase their chances of success. The session challenged participants to rethink luck not as a matter of chance alone, but as the result of habits, attitudes, and actions that help people recognize and capitalize on opportunities.

The presentation introduced four key principles that contribute to becoming “luckier”: Opportunism, Intuition, Optimism, and Resilience. These principles were presented as practical approaches that can help individuals and project teams navigate uncertainty, respond effectively to challenges, and achieve better outcomes.

Participants learned how opportunism involves actively identifying and acting on new opportunities before they pass by. The session emphasized the importance of encouraging innovation, sharing ideas, and remaining open to new tools, methods, and partnerships that can create unexpected advantages. Teams that actively seek opportunities are often better positioned to benefit from positive developments when they arise.

The discussion also highlighted the role of intuition, particularly in situations where complete information may not be available. Drawing on experience, observations, and lessons learned can support sound decision-making when uncertainties exist. Participants were encouraged to value early warning signals, listen to team insights, and make informed decisions while balancing available evidence with professional judgment.

Another key theme was optimism, which was presented as a mindset that helps teams remain focused on solutions rather than obstacles. By viewing challenges as opportunities for improvement and celebrating small achievements along the way, teams can maintain motivation and momentum even during difficult periods.

Finally, the session emphasized the importance of resilience. Participants explored how setbacks and failures can become valuable learning opportunities when teams take time to reflect, adapt, and improve. Remaining persistent, flexible, and committed to objectives allows projects to continue progressing despite changing circumstances and unexpected challenges.

Through practical examples and project-focused discussion, Dr. Waheed demonstrated how these

four principles can be applied within project environments to strengthen decision-making, improve team performance, and increase the likelihood of positive outcomes. The session

reinforced a key message: success is often not simply the product of luck, but of preparation, awareness, positive thinking, and perseverance

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ThursdayTraining



4 PRINCIPLES TO BECOME LUCKY



1

OPPORTUNISM

Recognize and act on opportunities when they arise. Stay alert, prepared, and willing to take calculated risks.



2

INTUITION

Trust your informed instincts. Experience and observation often help you identify possibilities that others may overlook.



3

OPTIMISM

Maintain a positive outlook. Optimistic people are more likely to pursue opportunities, build relationships, and persevere through challenges.



4

RESILIENCE

Learn from setbacks and keep moving forward. What often appears as "luck" is the result of persistence through difficulties and failures.



KEY MESSAGE | Luck is not merely chance—it is often the outcome of being prepared, recognizing opportunities, maintaining a positive mindset, trusting your judgment, and persevering when faced with obstacles.

Applying the Four Principles in a Project



Opportunism: Spot and act on new opportunities early. Encourage idea sharing and innovation. Pilot new tools, methods, or partnerships



Intuition: Use experience-based judgment when data is limited. Encourage early warning signals from team members. Support quick but informed decision-making



Optimism: Maintain a solution-focused team mindset. Treat challenges as opportunities to improve. Celebrate small wins to sustain motivation



Resilience: Learn from failures through reviews and reflection. Adapt plans when conditions change. Stay consistent and persistent under pressure



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