VOPE: Honduran Network of Professionals in Evaluation, Monitoring and Systematization (REDHPRESS)

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Context:

- Population: 8,200,795 inhabitants
- Poverty. 5.5 million people
  - 1.7 million people (relative poverty)
  - > 3.8 million in extreme poverty
- Population versus economic growth
- Agricultural Country (vegetable, grains, coffee, and wood...)
- Emigration as important contributor to Gross National Product.
- Millennium Development Goals, Poverty Reduction Strategy and National Development Plan
- Need of EVALUATION FOR DEVELOPMENT.
Country Status of Evaluation

Need for organizational capacity building

Need for training in PME

More demand than supply of professionals on the issues of planning, monitoring and evaluation (PME).

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College Degrees

Practical experience
Country Status of Evaluation

• Human capacity (professionals/practitioners)
• Academic offer
• Demand for Evaluation
• Political impact
• Use of Evaluation Results
• Methods and Approaches
• Publications
• First step researching about ourselves.
Main Results

Members working in universities, GO’s and NGO’s as qualified professionals
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Profesional Network

Conference Call in the Region

National Reference for Evaluators (Specialists)
Main Results

✓ Central American Conference on Evaluation and Development in November 2005 in Tegucigalpa, 17 countries represented (UNICEF (NY), BCIE, IFAD (PREVAL) and ReLAC).

✓ Networking with ReLAC and other related groups in the region.

✓ 8 years as a network and reference for professionals in evaluation in the country.

✓ Triangulation: Academia, Individuals, NGO and Government (work relations within The Social Development Secretary).

✓ Strategic planning (First Steps)
Plan 2013

- Planning
- Communication
- Training
- Data Base
- Conferences
Challenges/Bottlenecks:

- Legal representation.
- Plan for own organizational capacity building.
- University training programs on PME.
- Strategic planning for REDHPRESS.
- Members' selection.
- Members own training (M&M Spanish).
Contributors to Success

- Board Members’ commitment for the VOPE’s work.
- Networking within REDHHPRESS, as well with ReLAC and other networks of Latin America and the Caribbean.
- Current membership capacity and background.
- Legitimacy of members in the field.
- Demand for evaluation.
Lessons Learned

• Board Members’ voluntary participation is crucial to keep the network active.
• Fund raising for carrying out activities
• Legal representation
• Members’ selection is crucial to the success of the VOPE. (Many staff for evaluation units, lacks solid background and understanding of our VOPE’s philosophy.
• Virtual communication (distribution of readings, announcing events and news) contributes to members' training, working and updating.
• Need for strategic planning that included: outreach and training activities.
Thanks
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