Historical Day at the Sri Lanka Parliament
October 7, 2016

Parliamentarians Session on Evaluation

On 7th October, a session for parliamentarians was held at the parliament of Sri Lanka, organized by the Parliamentarians Forum for Development Evaluation - South Asia (PFDE) together with Department of Project Management and Monitoring (DPMM), Ministry of National Policies and Economic Development and Ministry of Public Enterprise Development. Parliamentarians from various parties attended the meeting and emphasized the need for evaluation culture in the country. Minister Hon. Kabir Hashim and State Minister Niroshan Perera chaired the meeting and also spoke about importance of evaluation. Mr. V. Sivagnanasothy, Secretary - Ministry of Prison Reforms, Rehabilitation, Resettlement and Hindu Religious Affairs, gave introduction to evaluation. Mrs. Drashana Senanayake, Director General - DPMM, presented the key findings of the National Evaluation Plan. The parliamentarians suggested for a "parliamentary committee on evaluation". This was a historical event held at the Sri Lanka parliament as the "Sri Lanka Parliamentarians Forum for Evaluation" also was launched at the event. Hon. Ananda Kumarasiri, Member of Parliament was appointed as the convener of the forum and the first meeting of the forum will be held on 11th of November.
The National Evaluation Plan was developed in a workshop held on 4th and 6th October with stakeholders. A working committee led by DPMM was also appointed to finalize the plan and to ensure the implementation.

The parliament session, stakeholders’ workshop and related events are part of the series of activities implemented under a project supported by EvalPartners/ EvalGender+ and UNICEF.

**Adjournment Motion on Allocating Funds for Evaluation**

On the same day afternoon, a parliament debate was held on the adjournment motion submitted by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana, Member of Parliament on allocating funds from the national budget for evaluation. Hon. Parliamentarians attended the parliament debate with very interesting views and all were in favour of the motion. In the debate, two parliamentarians read “Ten reasons why NEP is important” documents published by PFDE. They also mentioned the global trends led by the Global Parliamentarians forum for Evaluation. Hon. Niroshan Perera, State Minister of National Policies and Economic Development made concluding remarks as the responsible minister and ensured government’s commitment for evaluation.

This is the second motion submitted by Hon. Buddhika Pathirana after the first motion proposing the national evaluation policy.

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