

# Community of Evaluators-Nepal

## **An Effort in the Process of Promoting Quality Evaluation**

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# Evaluation in National Plan in NEPAL

**TYP**  
(10-13)

M&E system a result-oriented and utilizing the results in program cycle

**TYIP**  
(07-10)

Institutionalized M&E in each sector including Poverty Alleviation and focus on Gender & Equity issues

**10<sup>th</sup> PLAN**  
(02-07)

Introduced Logical Framework for 20 Development Sectors

**9<sup>th</sup> PLAN**  
(97-02)

Special Chapter with Vision, Mission and Objective, Structural Set-up in all Ministries

**8<sup>th</sup> PLAN**  
(92-97)

M&E Introduced, Guidelines developed

**EVOLUTION**

# Evaluators

- **NPC: responsible for government implemented projects**
- **SWC: responsible for (I)NGO implemented projects**
- **Evaluation services providers: Consultancy firms and individuals**
- **The firms capacity has in doing research rather than evaluation**
- **Few evaluation-focused agencies**
- **No forum for sharing evaluation knowledge**

# Implementation

- **Government efforts limited more to monitoring**
- **Evaluation of externally funded projects**
- **Non-utilisation of feedback and low level of policy commitment**
- **Evaluation management: M&E staff not trained on how to manage evaluation—selecting projects for evaluation, TOR, comments on eval report**

# COE-Nepal

- Conceptualised in 2009/10 and Established in 2011
- Purpose: Promotion of evaluation field building
- 3 broad themes: knowledge building, capacity enhancement and promotion of evaluation theories and practices
- Linkages with: CoE-South Asia, EvalPartners, SLEvA, IOCE, SIAS
- Evaluation conclave, training on evaluation management using TESA curriculum

# Capacity building

COE members capacity: Participation in

- TESA training
- Other professional development trainings of evaluators on evaluation standards, ethics, norms and code of conducts
- National and international conferences, conclaves, webinars, seminars, and workshops on topics related to evaluation
- Working together in collaborative research on evaluation theory, practices, models, methods and approaches

# **Innovative Approaches of Interest**

- Appreciative inquiry
- Contribution analysis
- Impact assessment
- Equity-focused evaluation

# Innovative Themes

- Climate change
- Disaster risk management
- Conservation and natural resources management
- Livelihoods
- Food security
- Security system reforms
- Peace and development



# Challenges

- Strong and continuous advocacy for long time by small number of organisations established recently
- Capacity of COE members to develop human resources of stakeholders of evaluation
- Getting business by new organisations

# Lessons Learned

- Members need to commit time and funds for long time
- Investment of time and money by founder members do die away in course of time
- External supports both - technical and financial would ease promote evaluation in the beginning, being a non-profit organization
- Strong advocacy through network of national organisations to promote quality evaluation

# Recommendations

- **Be prepared for putting both time and funds for establishing national VOPE**
- **Develop network with other likeminded national organisations**
- **Launch strong and continuous advocacy to convince that quality evaluation matters in development effectiveness**
- **Support of Funding agencies for conducting evaluation and building the capacity of national/sub-national evaluators**

# Recommendations

**National VOPE should have:**

- **Long term solidarity among members – not to kill initial enthusiasm**
- **Well thought strategic plan - not just to start a new organization, but also ways forward - both short term and long term**
- **Initiate programs providing direct benefit to potential partners** (Government, Donors, UN organizations and like minded collaborators etc.)