

IOCE EvalPartners profile survey of Voluntary Organizations of Professional Evaluators (VOPEs)

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Community of Evaluators (CoE) Afghanistan
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Afghanistan
3. Contact Details	Name of main contact person: Dr. Abdul Ghani E-address: dr.ab_ghani@yahoo.com , dhamdard@hotmail.com Postal address: NA Telephone: +93 799 590,953 VOPE website URL: www.
4. Current membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total)	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: Number of People shown interest but as it is not registered so there is no formal membership so far Total membership:
5. Year VOPE was founded	
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal network <p>It is not registered and we have developed a constitution for it so we intend to register it soon if unforeseen obstacle did not come through. Till registration and official structure we two will be the contact as we are COE South Asia members</p>
7. Information about growth : evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	This initiative was supported by IDRC be facilitating two afghans to become member of COE south Asia
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	In our constitution developed we have proposed “To promote and enhance the quality of theory and practice of evaluation in Afghanistan through reflection, networking and learning, from Afghanistan perspective and contribute to South-Asian Perspective”.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	<p>In our constitution we have emphasized on the following objective:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Capacity Building for enhancing the skills and knowledge of existing evaluators, encouraging new entrants to be trained as evaluators by developing curricula and offering courses, organizing and conducting trainings and workshops, dissemination of tools and techniques etc; 2. Advancing theory by undertaking, promoting and supporting evaluation studies, operational researches, epidemiologic researches, financial and social auditing etc. and documentation and publications of the findings; 3. Improving Practice by developing ethical standards and guidelines, advocacy for and encouraging evaluations especially impact evaluations and their use, dissemination of findings; and 4. Institutionalizing by connecting evaluators, acting as a self-regulatory body by inculcating professionalism and discipline among evaluators and promoting ethical behavior and standards in evaluations. 5. Informing national policy dialogue: Assisting different sectors of the Government of Afghanistan by development of evidence based knowledge tank to be used in development of national policies and strategies

	6. Innovation in evaluation: by piloting and testing new evaluation techniques and methodologies in Afghanistan context
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	The proposed structure include The Director, Deputy Director, Admin Finance for operation where the organization will be run by Executive board and overseen by Board of Director
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Mostly it will be through meeting and e-mail communication initially
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	NA
13. Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location	NA
14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information	Dr. Abdul Ghani, dr.ab_ghani@yahoo.com COE South Asia Founding Member
15. Date of this update	15/04/12

II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

1. Background: Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE). 1.1 Who were/are the key players? 1.2 How many members do you have on your governing board/ committee? 1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on? 1.4 What are the main challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?	Currently on official VOPE do not exist in the country we are try to establish one, taking the model of COE south Asia in to consideration.
2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?	NA
3. Evaluation Capacity Building: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?	NA
4. Context / target entities: More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example: 4.1 Technical capacities to <i>supply</i> quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.; 4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself; 4.3 Enhancing the enabling	Our proposed objectives are: 1. Capacity Building for enhancing the skills and knowledge of existing evaluators, encouraging new entrants to be trained as evaluators by developing curricula and offering courses, organizing and conducting trainings and workshops, dissemination of tools and techniques etc; 2. Advancing theory by undertaking, promoting and supporting evaluation studies, operational researches, epidemiologic researches, financial and social auditing etc. and documentation and publications of the findings; 3. Improving Practice by developing ethical standards and guidelines,

<p>environment for evaluation, including strengthening the <i>demand</i> for and use of evaluations by policy makers;</p> <p>4.4 Influencing governmental policies related to evaluation, evaluation designs and implementation of M&E systems, etc.</p>	<p>advocacy for and encouraging evaluations especially impact evaluations and their use, dissemination of findings; and</p> <p>4. Institutionalizing by connecting evaluators, acting as a self-regulatory body by inculcating professionalism and discipline among evaluators and promoting ethical behavior and standards in evaluations.</p> <p>5. Informing national policy dialogue: Assisting different sectors of the Government of Afghanistan by development of evidence based knowledge tank to be used in development of national policies and strategies</p> <p>6. Innovation in evaluation: by piloting and testing new evaluation techniques and methodologies in Afghanistan context</p>
<p>5. Public accountability: Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or others promoting public accountability?</p>	<p>NA now</p>
<p>6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate? For example, are you promoting issues related to cultural sensitivity, equity, social justice, empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.</p>	<p>Promoting inform decision making and advocating of institutionalization of Evaluation</p>
<p>7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • organizing workshops led by local experts; • organizing webinars with international speakers; • designing and delivering e-learning programmes; • administering mentoring programmes; etc. 	<p>NA</p>
<p>8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	<p>NA</p>
<p>10. Progress and results: What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?</p>	<p>NA</p>

<p>11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.</p>	NA
<p>12. Next steps:What does your organization plan to do next?</p>	NA
<p>13. Willing to share with other VOPEs?For example, would you be interested in forming peer-to-peer partnerships with one or more other VOPEs to share lessons learned, advise each other? If so, describe what you would be willing to share / advice you would seek.</p>	NA
<p>14. Suggestions:What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?</p>	Build local capacities at country level and promote the institutionalization of evaluation
<p>15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?</p>	Once established we would be happy to be