

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

### I. Basic profile information

<b>1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)</b>	<b>Botswana Association of Monitoring and Evaluation (BAME)</b>
<b>2. Geographic scope of organization</b>	National: <b>Botswana</b>
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<b>4. a. Current formal/ registered membership</b> –numbers of individuals, by their affiliation ( <i>if known; please at least give total</i> ) <b>4. b. Informal membership</b> (persons on your mailing list)	Government: NGOs/CSOs: Academics: Private sector (consultants): Other: <b>a. Total official membership: _31_</b> <b>b. Total informal membership: ___</b>
<b>5. Year VOPE was founded</b>	2010
<b>6. Current status</b> (identify which)	Formal network
<b>7. Information about growth:</b>	The organisation is still at its infancy stage
<b>8. Purpose and mission of VOPE</b>	To build monitoring & evaluation and research capacity in Botswana
<b>9. Current strategy and emphasis</b>	a. Provide advice on evaluation to Public, Civil, Private sectors and individuals (locally, regionally and internationally) b. Provide a link with other regional & international associations on Evaluations c. Create a platform for evaluation practitioners to share ideas and discuss issues d. Develop a database for all functioning evaluation systems in the country
<b>10. Organizational capacity:</b> Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	BAME has an executive committee entrusted with administration for the organisation. The committee consisting of three additional member plus the following: Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, Vice Secretary, Treasurer Currently, the organisation does not provide much besides a networking platform. BAME mainly funded by the Vision 2016 Council in addition to membership fees. The organisation does not have any full time staff.
<b>11. Means of communication with members,</b> e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Listserv
<b>12. Past events</b> (e.g. during past year)	Annual General Meeting
<b>13. Forthcoming key events/conferences</b> – dates, location	Official Launch Annual General Meeting Monitoring and Evaluation Conference (NB: Details still to be finalised)
<b>14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information</b>	Judith Shongwe <a href="mailto:Shongwe@unfpa.org">Shongwe@unfpa.org</a>
<b>15. Date of this update</b>	

### II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

<b>1. Background:</b> 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	In 2009 a technical working group was assembled after the Vision 2016 Council and other stakeholders realised the need for an association to help build M&E capacity across all the sectors of Government. The Technical Working Group comprised of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Judith Shongwe (Taskforce Leader)</li> <li>Mr. Edwin Ramothwa (Taskforce Secretariat)</li> </ul>
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<p>have on your governing board/ committee?</p> <p>1.3 What are the main existing strengths that your VOPE is trying to capitalize on?</p> <p>1.4 What are the main challenges that your VOPE is trying to address?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms R.T. Dialwa</li> <li>• Ms Kemelo Mophuting</li> <li>• Mr. M.B Motlhako</li> <li>• Ms. Mpho Mmelesi</li> <li>• Mr Nonofu Mokwakwa</li> <li>• Ms G. Sedisa</li> </ul> <p>The Task Force managed to come up with a constitution and registered the association. In 2010, a committee was duly elected in the Annual General Meeting, and the following were elected into office.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms Judith Shongwe – Chairperson</li> <li>• Mr Ringo Hule – Vice Chairperson</li> <li>• Ms Goaba Mosianyane – Treasurer</li> <li>• Mr Nonofu Mokwakwa – Secretary</li> <li>• Mr Edwin Ramothwa – Vice Secretary</li> </ul> <p><u>Additional Members:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mr Keamogetse Molebatsi</li> <li>• Dr Boga Fidzani</li> <li>• Ms Kemelo Mophuting</li> </ul> <p>1.1) Besides the Vision 2016 Council, there were no other key players.</p> <p>1.2) The Executive Committee has eight members.</p> <p>1.3) Since the adoption of National Development Plan 10 (NDP 10) in 2009, M&amp;E has been identified as one of the priority areas</p> <p>1.4) The organisation does not have much financial support; as a result there is no fulltime secretariat. Executive Committee members volunteer their time.</p>
<p><b>2. Organizational motivation:</b> What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	<p>Vision 2016 progress reviews have highlighted some gaps in monitoring at the levels of programs/projects and policies.</p>
<p><b>3. Evaluation Capacity Building:</b> What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&amp;E) capacity?</p>	<p>So far, nothing much</p>
<p><b>4. Context / target entities:</b> More specifically, who are the persons or institutions your organization seeks to influence (to strengthen evaluation capacity)? For example:</p> <p>4.1 Technical capacities to <i>supply</i> quality evaluations, partnering with experts, local universities or others to provide training for members, etc.;</p> <p>4.2 Strengthening VOPE organizational capacity itself;</p> <p>4.3 Enhancing the enabling 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&amp;E systems, etc.</p>	<p>All the three sectors:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Public sector</li> <li>-Civil Society</li> <li>-Private Sector</li> </ul>
<p><b>5. Public accountability:</b> Is your VOPE helping to strengthen oversight and transparency of</p>	<p>The organization is still starting up, there is not much done so far.</p>

government programs? If so, in what ways? Can you share any success stories of evaluators or others promoting public accountability?	
<b>6. More specifically, what are some of the key themes for which you advocate?</b> 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.	Not yet
<b>7. Methods:</b> Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• organizing workshops led by local experts;</li> <li>• organizing webinars with international speakers;</li> <li>• designing and delivering e-learning programmes;</li> <li>• administering mentoring programmes; etc.</li> </ul>	None so far.
<b>8. Standards:</b> Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.	We are still in the process of doing so.
<b>9. Job opportunities:</b> Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?	Yes
<b>10. Progress and results:</b> What progress has been achieved so far in any of the above or other domains? What are expected and unexpected results achieved?	Not much
<b>11. Lessons learned:</b> Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	It helps to have membership that is broad, and have the association exist outside government structures.
<b>12. Next steps:</b> What does your organization plan to do next?	Raise the organisation profile
<b>13. Willing to share with other VOPEs?</b> 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.	Yes, since we are still establishing ourselves we are open to anything.
<b>14. Suggestions:</b> What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?	Nothing so far
<b>15. Want to be actively involved?</b> Does your VOPE want to be actively	Yes. Share with us any upcoming evaluation events and any other relevant information.

involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	
<b>16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?<sup>1</sup></b>	Yes

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<sup>1</sup> Again: If you already have documentation describing the 'story' of your organization, we would appreciate your sharing it with us (IOCE members).