

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

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	The Israeli Association for Program Evaluation (IAPE)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Israel
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4. Current membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total)	Government:6 NGOs/CSOs:14 Academics:26 Private sector (consultants):22 Other:5 Total membership: 83
5. Year VOPE was founded	1998
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Charter and bylaws adopted
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	Our membership fluctuates between 70-120 depending upon our conference schedule and membership recruitment efforts. We have NO financial support other than membership and conference fees and this greatly limits our activities. We have recently received a grant to improve our website and hopefully that will bring greater expansion and support.
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	Our mission is to promote the proper practice and use of evaluation.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	Our strategy is mainly keeping our membership informed of evaluation events and advances and holding frequent study days and conferences. We are now placing emphasis on improving the website to server evaluators and users of evaluation alike.
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	We have an executive committee chosen by the membership Unfortunately the onus of the work falls on the same volunteers years after year. We hve links with other organizations for information purposes and as partners in study days and conference.
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	Email, website,
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	Conference Feb. 22, 2011 (Guest lecture, Jean King), Lectures: Brad Cousins May 2011, Abe Wandersmann June 2011, Marv Alkin 2011,
13. Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location	Conference April 1, 2012 (Guest Lecture, video conference Michael Q. Patton)
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15. Date of this update	March 26, 2012

II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

<p>1. Background: Please provide a brief history of the formation of this organization (VOPE).</p> <p>1.1 Who were/are the key players?</p> <p>1.2 How many members do you 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>	<p>This information appears on the IOCE website and publications.</p>
<p>2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	
<p>3. Evaluation Capacity Building: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?</p>	
<p>4. Context / target entities: 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&E systems, etc.</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>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,</p>	

empowerment, transformation, gender, environment, poverty? If so, please describe or attach relevant documents.	
7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example): <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. 	
8. Standards: Has your VOPE developed professional standards/ ethical codes/ competencies (or adheres to those developed by others)? If so, please provide documentation.	Yes, we have developed Guidelines for Responsible Evaluation in three languages, English, Hebrew and Arabic. The guidelines appear on our website and were sent to the IOCE when they first came out – 2008.
9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?	Yes
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?	
11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	Try to get as many people involved as possible. Organize evaluators into Topic Interest groups. Delegate responsibilities. Develop partnerships with other organizations.
12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?	Improve and expand our website.
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.	Yes
14. Suggestions: What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?	
15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	