

IOCE EvalPartners profile survey of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluations (VOPEs)

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Cambodian Evaluation Society (CamES)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Cambodia
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4. a. Current formal/ registered membership – numbers of individuals, by their affiliation (if known; please at least give total) 4. b. Informal membership (persons on your mailing list)	Government: 6 NGOs/CSOs: 1 Academics: 1 Private sector (consultants): 2 Other: 2 (International development agencies) a. Total official membership: 12____ b. Total informal membership: ____
5. Year VOPE was founded	2009
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal network
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	The members have been expanded from 7 to 12. CamES was set up on a voluntary basis with time and financial contributions made by each member.
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	CamES has the following objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To facilitate and promote the exchange of ideas, experiences, and resources pertaining to matters of mutual interest related to all aspects of M&E; • To promote research and development in the field of M&E; and • To represent the M&E professionals in Cambodia at relevant regional and international events and forums
9. Current strategy and emphasis	Our current strategy emphasis on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthening the current network by having a secretariat in place Improving capacities of existing members in theory and practices through idea exchanges, training, research, and studies Disseminating ideas and experiences to M&E practitioners outside our network Expansion of our network locally and connecting CamES to regional and international evaluation networks.
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	<p>Governance structure and leadership</p> <p>CamES is led by the President. The President is assisted by one Vice-President and one Secretary General, who formed executive committee. The executive committee is reported to Board of Directors.</p> <p>Services Training, seminar, conference, and research and consultancy</p> <p>Finances Currently, we do not have financial supports from any partner institutions. We are operating with contributions from individual members.</p> <p>Human Resources We do not have any staff. Executive committee and Board of Directors devote their own time and resources to making the activities of the society to</p>

	take place. Linkages with other organisations We have been connected with a number of local CSOs and regional M&E networks such as Malaysian Evaluation Society and Asia-Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA)
11.Means of communication with members , e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	mailing list and website
12.Past events (e.g. during past year)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal meetings of members on a regular basis
13.Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Informal meetings of members on a regular basis, Phnom Penh, Cambodia • NGO Working Group on M&E, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
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15.Date of this update	March 4, 2013

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>Cambodian Evaluation Society was formed in 2009 by a group of training of trainers who had intensive training on M&E—Integrated-Result Based Management (IRBM)— in 2008 and 2009 by CeDRE International under Asian Development Bank's regional technical assistance project.</p> <p>The key players are Neak Samsen (Presiden) Hay Sovuthea (Vice-President), Hell Tony (Board of Directors Member), Sourn Sokhim (Board of Directors Member), Phanna Veunida (Board of Directors Member), and Sok Narom (Board of Directors Member) Chunly Serey Vichet (Secretary General),.</p> <p>The main strength of CES is a good mixture of M&E practitioners from both public and non-public sectors, who familiar with national and sub-national planning and budgeting systems. This provides us a unique opportunity to leverage their knowledge and insights in strengthening a stronger network of M&E practitioners and system in Cambodia.</p> <p>Our challenge is not about expansion the number of members and outreach. Our challenge is setting-up and sustaining a strong secretariat, where it could coordinate all activities of the society. We are working to address this challenge.</p>
<p>2. Organizational motivation: What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	<p>Our motivation is to have an M&E society that is sustained and would contribute to the process of development of Cambodia. Our vision is to have a Cambodian professional society that is at least on par with neighboring countries.</p>
<p>3. Evaluation Capacity Building: What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&E) capacity?</p>	<p>The activities so far have been limited to (i) promote the exchanges of knowledge and practices of M&E to our members; (ii) participate in events and debates on M&E organized by CSOs in Cambodia; (iii) encourage members to participate in international and regional M&E events</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>Our current target audiences are individual members of the society and other practitioners not in our professional society, but work on M&E in Cambodia. By working with our members, we are also hoping to increase the demand for a better M&E in public and non-public sectors in Cambodia.</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>This is an area we are aiming in medium to longer-term.</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>7. Methods: Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example): organizing workshops led by local experts; organizing webinars with international speakers; designing and delivering e-learning programmes; administering mentoring programmes; etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizing informal meetings and discussions • Delivering presentations
<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>Not yet</p>
<p>9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?</p>	<p>Not yet</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>	

11. Lessons learned: Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	
12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Have a secretariat in place and sustain it ii) Build capacity of members iii) Conduct assessment of evaluation capacity and develop a capacity building program iv) Expand the network with international and regional M&E networks v) Expand the membership vi) Organize annual M&E forum
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>Yes, we are interested to form a partnership with a more advanced VOPEs. We are particular interested in learning how to:</p> <p>Sustain the secretariat that would be set-up Expand the network with international and regional M&E networks Develop a capacity building programs for M&E practitioners</p>
14. Suggestions: What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of the EvalPartners Initiative?	<p>The EvalPartners Initiative should:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • have a core funding for new VOPEs to start to operationalise its core functions such as secretariat, meetings, and training programs • have research budget for M&E theory and practices through competitive processes • create a special fellowship program for new VOPEs in low-income countries • promote M&E curriculum and roll-out at academic institutions
15. Want to be actively involved? Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	<p>Yes, we are grateful for becoming part of the network. From our perspectives, we are interested in building partnership with EvalPartners through organizing events and undertaking studies pertaining to M&E.</p>
16. Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?	<p>Yes, we are happy to do the detailed analysis.</p>