

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

I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Ethiopian Evaluation Association (EEvA)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Ethiopia
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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: 25% NGOs/CSOs: 60% Academics: 5% Private sector (consultants): 10% Other: a. Total official membership: ___ Over 150 b. Total informal membership: ___
5. Year VOPE was founded	Established in 2008, and recognised by government in the same year
6. Current status (identify which)	<u>Legally recognized by government</u>
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	The membership grew from around 50 during 2008 to over 150 in 2013
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	To engage and enable M&E professionals to contribute to significant part in the socio-economic development of the country by way of knowledge generation, awareness creation, capacity building, advocacy and rendering model service in evaluation.
9. Current strategy and emphasis	capacity building, awareness creation and service provision on M&E
10. Organizational capacity: Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	The general assembly is the highest body which elects board members who leads the association. The board constitutes 5 members (president, vice-president, secretary, accountant and member). In addition to the board members the association has also 9 sub-committee members.
11. Means of communication with members, e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	listserv
12. Past events (e.g. during past year)	Training for members, government institutions, regular annual conference Most recent annual conference on 12 January 2013
13. Forthcoming key events/conferences – dates, location	
14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information	Fasika Kelemework; fasikak@yahoo.com
15. Date of this update	20 April 2013

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?	A number of professionals had felt the need for an evaluation association that would help them to organize and discuss their joint professional problems and experiences. This expressed need and the wish for an association was supported by UNICEF-Ethiopia. The association was formally registered on
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<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>August 13, 2008, by Ministry of Justice. It was also re-registered with the new law of Charities and Societies as Ethiopian Professional Association. The governing body constitutes 7 executive committee members and an internal auditor. The main strength of the association is its diversified membership base. Members of the association are professionals from various fields including agriculture, health, education, etc. To make use of the expertise of the members, the association developed a service delivery guideline to mobilise its members to provide evaluative services. The main challenges of the association are limited capital and office related equipment. It has only 1 full-time staff to undertake the day to day activities of the association. Other tasks are performed by voluntary executive committee members, in addition to their regular duties.</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>Provided training for members and governmental organisations</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>All of these</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>None so far</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</p>	<p>organizing workshops led by local experts;</p>

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.	The association developed its code of conduct and service delivery guidelines.
9. Job opportunities: Do you share employment/ consultancy opportunities with evaluators on your database?	Yes, since recently
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.	
12. Next steps: What does your organization plan to do next?	Organise regular capacity building activities and provide evaluation services
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.	EEvA is keen to learn from other likeminded association on key areas of capacity building strategies and on fund raising activities.
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?	Yes,