

# EvalJordan

## IOCE survey of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs)

### I. Basic profile information

1. Name and acronym of organization (VOPE)	Jordan Development Evaluation Association (EvalJordan)
2. Geographic scope of organization	National: Jordan
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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: 2 (Sanaa Hinnawi, Lamia Zoubi) NGOs/CSOs: 10 (Amjad Attar, Abeer Hakouz, Mohammad Jaljouli, Rasha Osta, Osama Obeidat, Mohammad Qaryoti, Sheren Hamid, Maram Baqawi, Raed Zahrawi, Eman Etawi) Academics: 1 (Sameh Ajlouni) Private sector (consultants): 1 (Ahlam Shabaneh) Other: 1 (UNRWA) Raed Tailakh,  a. Total official membership: 15 (Founding Committee) b. Total informal membership:
5. Year VOPE was founded	2014
6. Current status (identify which)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Legally recognized by government</li> </ul>
7. Information about growth: evolution of the number of members or financial resources in the last 5 years.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ EvalJordan was officially registered on the 22th of May 2014</li> </ul>
8. Purpose and mission of VOPE	<p>Vision of EvalJordan: Be an integral part of an effective decision making culture that is evidence-based, measurable and accountable, leading to successful and sustainable national development.</p> <p>Mission of EvalJordan: To become a national umbrella for practitioners and professionals working in Monitoring and Evaluation in Jordan.</p> <p>Objectives of EvalJordan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Enhance M&amp;E culture, concepts and importance on the national level.</li> <li>▪ Foster enhancing the capacities of M&amp;E professionals in Jordan.</li> <li>▪ Creating linkages with regional and international M&amp;E networks.</li> <li>▪ Facilitating the generation, exchange and dissemination of knowledge and best practices in the field of M&amp;E.</li> <li>▪ Enhance coordination among Jordanian M&amp;E professionals.</li> <li>▪ Support policy makers and programs managers in the use of M&amp;E systems and outputs to guide their decisions.</li> <li>▪ Establish accreditation criteria for M&amp;E practitioners in Jordan.</li> <li>▪ Improve access to local, regional and international expertise in M&amp;E.</li> <li>▪ Organize joint regional M&amp;E events and activities to support knowledge sharing and new developments in the field of M&amp;E.</li> <li>▪ Connect M&amp;E professionals with appropriate job/ consulting opportunities.</li> <li>▪ Provide Training workshops in the field of M&amp;E.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Provide a resource library for reports, researches and best practices in the field of M&amp;E.</li> </ul>
<b>9. Current strategy and emphasis</b>	<p>The key strategies for the year 2014 /2015 will focus on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Establishment, raising awareness, and publicity of the Network. This will include finalizing all registration formalities and launching Network; spreading the word about it to the development community in Jordan, public and private, local and international.</li> <li>2. Bring together M&amp;E practitioners and professionals to share and exchange knowledge, expertise, lesson learned and best practices.</li> <li>3. Initiation of a capacity building opportunities for the members of the network. It is anticipated that such opportunities will increase interest in and further develop the M&amp;E profession in Jordan.</li> </ol>
<b>10. Organizational capacity:</b> Please describe your governance structure, leadership, services provided, finances, human resources, linkages with other organizations, etc.	<p>The association - independent nongovernmental, not for profit – is chaired by founding members.</p> <p>The association will be managed by an executive committee that represents the public, private, NGOs and Academia sectors.</p> <p>In addition to that there will be technical committees such as the capacity building, research, communication and media etc...</p>
<b>11. Means of communication with members,</b> e.g. newsletter, listserv, publication, website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A Domain will be reserved for the association and will be used to create a website and a communication platform for all members and interested parties.</li> <li>▪ Regular meetings will be held.</li> <li>▪ Social Media means will be used.</li> </ul>
<b>12. Past events</b> (e.g. during past year)	-
<b>13. Forthcoming key events/ conferences</b> – dates, location	Organizing a conference on M&E, it will take the shape of a national dialogue on M&E in Jordan.
<b>14. Name and e-address of person submitting this information</b>	Amjad Attar <a href="mailto:amjad_attar@hotmail.com">amjad_attar@hotmail.com</a>
<b>15. Date of this update</b>	30 May 2014

## II. Experience with Evaluation Capacity Building

<p><b>1. Background:</b> 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><b>2. Organizational motivation:</b> What were/are the driving forces of the VOPE and its historical development?</p>	
<p><b>3. Evaluation Capacity Building<sup>1</sup>:</b> What has your VOPE done to promote evaluation (M&amp;E) capacity?</p>	

<sup>1</sup> By evaluation capacity we refer to the capacity of individuals to produce credible and useful evaluations (supply side), but also to institutional capacities to call for and utilize evaluations (demand side).

<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><b>5. Public accountability:</b> 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><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.</p>	
<p><b>7. Methods:</b> Experiences in strengthening skills of individual members, by (for example):</p> <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>	
<p><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.</p>	
<p><b>9. Job opportunities:</b> Do you share employment/ consultancy</p>	

opportunities with evaluators on your database?	
<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?	
<b>11. Lessons learned:</b> Recommendations/ tips to others for good practices on how to organize and sustain VOPEs like yours.	
<b>12. Next steps:</b> What does your organization plan to do next?	
<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.	
<b>14. Suggestions:</b> What ideas do you have for what should be included in activities of IOCE and the EvalPartners Initiative?	
<b>15. Want to be actively involved?</b> Does your VOPE want to be actively involved in IOCE and EvalPartners? If so, in what ways?	
<b>16.</b> Would you be willing to write up a case study providing more detailed analysis of your VOPE's experiences?	