



Community of Evaluators-Nepal



Advance the Theory, Practice and Use of Evaluation in Development Process

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Vision: Effective development policy, program and partnership.

Mission: Establish a culture of evaluation at national and international level through development and dissemination of knowledge in evaluation, capacity building of evaluation stakeholders, and promotion of evaluation theory and practice.

Goal: Advance the theory, practice and use of evaluation in development processes.

*Obj.1: To develop and disseminate knowledge products on evaluation,

*Obj.2: To enhance capacity of development actors on quality evaluation,

*Obj.3: To strengthen the dialogue mechanism for promoting the use of evaluation.

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CoE-South Asia and EvalPartners Delegates Visited CoE-Nepal

Mallika Samaranayake, president of Community of Evaluators (CoE)-South Asia, Asela Kalugampitiya, Executive Coordinator of International Evaluation Partnership Initiative (EvalPartners) and Karon Shaiva, the event manager paid a visit to CoE-Nepal Office

on 2 December 2014. The objective of the visit was to discuss with Nepal team on the partnership modality and preparedness to jointly convene the closing gathering of the Global Evaluation Week 2015 in the parliament of Nepal which will echo and cele-

brate messages shared throughout EvalYear 2015.

Management Response to Evaluation (MRE) Study Completed

The study "Enhancing Demand for and Use of Evaluation in Development through Management Response to Evaluation (MRE): Experiences and Learning from South Asia" for Nepal was completed. The study was carried out in respective countries by Community of Evaluators-Nepal, Community of Evaluators-Bangladesh and Evaluation Association of Bhutan, with the support from the International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE)/EvalPartners.

Dr. Gana Pati Djha, Chairperson of COE-N coordinated the study in three countries. Dr. Ramesh Tuladhar, General Secretary of CoE-Nepal was the Country Focal Person for Nepal.

The aim of the study was to strengthen an enabling environment for evaluation by generating evidences on the demand for and use of evaluations through the use of MRE tool in South Asia.

The study was conducted with State Organizations (SOs) including government ministries and planning bodies; and Non-State Development Partner Organizations (NSDPOs) including International Non-Governmental Organizations (I/NGOs), UN agencies and donors.

SOs who indicated to have MRE in place turned out to be poor in implementation. In contrast, the study confirmed that most NSDPOs, except some national NGOs had MRE provisions and were implementing them more success-

fully. But there is room for improvements particularly in making MRE process consistent among NSDPOs in order to minimize confusion among the implementing agencies.

Nepal is facing numerous challenges in terms of use of evaluation particularly MRE. This study is an eye opener to all those state and non-state organizations and CoE-Nepal who initiated this study can play crucial role in generating an enabling environment for evaluation, cultivating culture of evaluation as well as building capacity of evaluation and improving quality of evaluation for both state and non-state organizations working for development of Nepal.



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Regional Management Response to Evaluation (MRE) Workshop Held

Community of Evaluators-Nepal, Evaluation Association of Bhutan; and Community of Evaluators-Bangladesh jointly organized the Regional MRE Workshop on 7 February 2015 in Kathmandu. The organizers were proud to kick-off the first event of the International Eval Year 2015.

The MRE country report findings were presented from Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal. The forum identified commonalities and differences between and among countries on MRE findings.

The workshop finalized the MRE Index using seven variables under two groups – enabling environment related variables (1. No. of respondents having evaluation policy and 2. No. of respondents having MRE policy); and technical variables (3. No. of respondents with evaluation funding, 4. No. of evaluation reviewed, 5. No. of action plan made for implementa-

tion of recommendation, 6. No. of evaluation shared with stakeholders; and 7. No. of evaluation used for decision-making). Besides, number of evaluation conducted by each type of respondent organization was used as the common denominator.

The MRE index for each type of respondent organization was calculated as the sum of the multiplication of value in each variable by maximum value of each index variable divided by the number of evaluations conducted. Following that process, the MRE Index was

finalized. However, the process of calculating the MRE Index is subject to further research in identifying other relevant variables and simplification of MRE scoring process with statistical authentication.

Finally, action plans were developed for preparing the country level MRE index and sharing widely with the stakeholders.

Regional MRE Index Workshop, 7th Feb. 2015, Kathmandu CoE-Nepal's International EvalYear 2015 event kick-off



Global Evaluation Year 2015 Event to be Held in November 2015 in the Parliament of Nepal

The global event will be organized jointly by EvalPartners, Community of Evaluators – South Asia, Community of Evaluators-Nepal, Parliamentarians Forum for Development Evaluation and National Parliamentarians Forum for Development Policy in Nepal. This event could also be the opportunity to launch:

- Global Evaluation Agenda (2016-2020)
- The Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation, as well as EvalParliament, a global partnership for evaluation and evidence-based policy making;
- EvalGender+, the global partnership for equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluations;
- EvalYouth, the global partnership for young evaluators;
- EvalCollaboration, a global initiative to facilitate collaborative evaluations between donor countries and partner countries.