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FINAL PROGRESS REPORT

No. and title: Project #00082892 "Strengthening Global Evaluation Community in Preparation to EvalYear 2015"

Reporting period: April 1, 2014 – March 15, 2015 (Final)

I. PURPOSE

In February 2014 UN Women and International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation signed a Cooperative Agreement for the implementation of the project "Strengthening Global Evaluation Community in Preparation to EvalYear 2015".

The project goal is to create a stronger global VOPE community driven by principles and objectives of Chiang Mai Declaration, including focus on gender and equity, with the principles of equity and gender responsiveness embedded in VOPE policies and operational practices.

Expected project outcomes are as follows:

1. Stronger regional and national VOPEs that have the principles of equity and gender responsiveness embedded in their policies and operational practices.
2. Gender equality and equity perspective is integrated in national evaluation policies in selected countries.
3. Strengthened individual capacities of evaluators to conduct credible and useful gender-responsive evaluations.

II. RESOURCES

Project budget (as per FACE Form):

Activity Description	Code	Amount, USD
International Consultants	71205	110,000.00
Contractual Services - Company	72105	163,040.00
Grants	72605	290,000.00
Travel	71605	62,500.00
Training Workshops and Conferences	75700	10,000.00
Total Direct Costs		635,540.00
Support Cost (calculated as 7% of Total Direct Costs)	75100	44,488.00
Total		680,028.00

Project implementation is led by EvalPartners Executive Coordinator and EvalPartners Task Forces (TF):

- Peer-to-peer TF;
- Equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluation TF;
- Institutional Toolkit TF;
- Enabling Environment TF.

All TFs are made of volunteer evaluation professionals from all around the world.

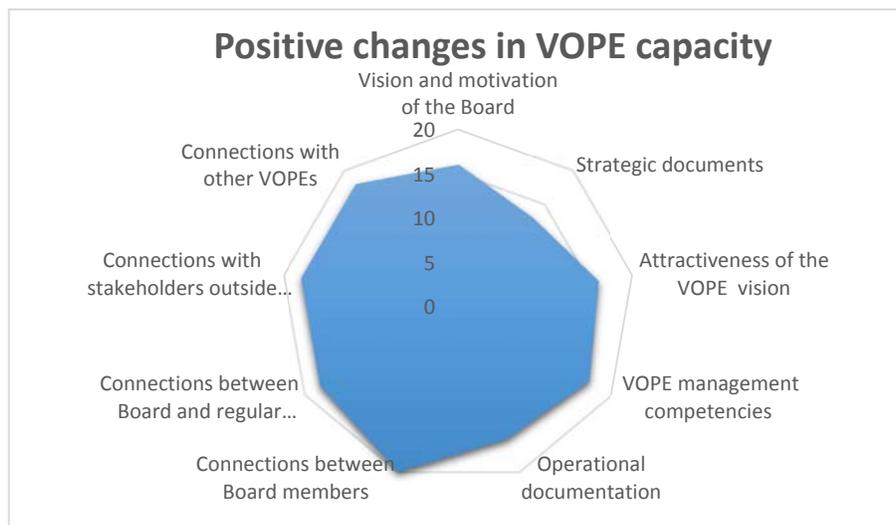
III. RESULTS

Outcome 1:

Stronger regional and national VOPEs that have the principles of equity and gender responsiveness embedded in their policies and operational practices.

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Positive changes in various aspects of VOPE capacity	N/A	Each VOPE supported by the project has strengthened at least three of the aspects its capacity, including at least one improvement related to gender and equity dimension.	Please see the below chart.

The overall outcome of the project is positive changes of the VOPEs. This was mainly measured through P2P projects implemented by VOPEs. The P2P team developed certain criteria to measure this and included them from the beginning even in the proposal. The below graph shows that VOPEs showed very strong improvements in all the criteria especially VOPE management competencies, connections between board members, connections with stakeholders etc.



Moreover the project title is about preparing for the EvalYear 2015. IOCE-EvalPartners worked with VOPEs and other stakeholders around the world on this which resulted 34 EvalYear events organized and to be held during the year with Evaluation Torch and discussion on Global Evaluation Agenda 2016-2020. Please see the Annex 3 for information about EvalYear events. EvalYear has become an opportunity for VOPEs to promote Equity Focused and Gender Responsive Evaluations.

Output 1.1

Leaders of regional and national VOPEs have increased their knowledge in the areas related to VOPE management, including on equity and gender responsive practices.

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of national VOPEs whose leaders build their capacity	N/A	30	38 from Southern VOPEs while the total number is higher than this with other VOPEs.
Number of VOPEs that have used Toolkit	N/A	20	The Toolkit was just published and we are in the process of collecting this info.

Planned Activity 1.1.1:

Capacity building workshops for VOPEs at the conferences of regional VOPEs in the South.

Progress:

IOCE provided an EvalPartners Regional Grant to AfrEA (managed by Cameroon Development Evaluation Association on behalf of AfrEA) that supported EvalPartners Advocacy Toolkit and Institutional Capacity Toolkit workshops at AfrEA conference in Cameroon in March 2014.

EvalPartners Advocacy Toolkit workshop trained representatives of 13 African VOPEs while Institutional Capacity Toolkit workshop trained representatives of 21 VOPEs including 19 African VOPEs.

On September 24 and 26, 2014 IPEN, regional VOPE for the CIS region, conducted a pre-conference workshop and a session during IPEN conference for leaders of national VOPEs from the region as well as state officials on the cooperation between VOPEs and state agencies on developing national evaluation policies and strengthening national evaluation systems. These events were attended by representative of 8 VOPEs from the South.

EvalMENA, the regional VOPE for the Middle East and North Africa, conducted EvalYear session in addition to professional development workshops at the EvalMENA General Assembly held in Cairo, Egypt from 23-26 February and hosted by the Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network (EREN). 83 participants including from 11 Southern VOPEs attended the session plus an additional 64 participants from Egypt for the professional development workshops.

ReLAC, the regional VOPE for Latin America and Caribbean region, conducted six workshops at the ReLAC conference held in Lima, Peru from 9-13 March. The workshops catered 94 people while 20 participants from 8 Southern VOPEs attended the Gender sensitive evaluation workshop.

Planned Activity 1.1.2:

Development of on-line toolkit.

Lessons learned from EvalPartners work in 2012-2014 are identified and disseminated to VOPEs

Progress:

The consultant chosen to implement this project, Benita Williams, first submitted the Inception Report. French resources were added to the WordPress website and updated English content was created. The English version of the new website was launched on 24th February at the EvalMENA General Assembly held in Cairo, Egypt. Please see the link to the online English version <http://www.vopetoolkit.ioce.net/>. The French version was translated by UN Volunteer translator and will be launched in May 2015 possibly at the Canadian Evaluation Society conference to be held in Montreal.

Copies of the VOPE Toolkit brochure were made and provided to participants of the European Evaluation Society meetings in Dublin, Ireland and EvalMENA General Assembly held in Cairo, Egypt. EvalPartners sent an announcement out to VOPE leaders and global evaluation community regarding the launch of the Toolkit. Also it has been announced on the EvalPartners newsletter as well. As the Toolkit has widely been disseminated, use of it is hopeful. IOCE-EvalPartners will track use of the Toolkit with VOPEs in coming months.

Output 1.2

National and regional VOPEs have built their institutional capacity and introduced/ strengthened equity and gender responsive practices and have established collaborative relationships with other VOPEs.

Planned Activity 1.2.1:

P2P grants to VOPE partnership projects.

Progress:

Indicators	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of VOPEs that have implemented P2P	10	Involved 18 VOPEs
Share of P2P projects that contributed to strengthening equity and gender responsive practices	80%	9 projects (56%) (involving 19 or 70% of VOPEs)*
P2P2 granted projects addressing advocacy	8	5

EvalPartners announced 2nd round of Peer-to-Peer programme in April 2014 inviting VOPEs to submit applications by June 1, 2014. As a result of the announcement EvalPartners received 32 applications. One application was disqualified as it was from a VOPE from a developed country. Other 31 proposals were reviewed by 72 volunteer reviewers.

Sixteen projects were supported by IOCE which are involved by 27 VOPEs including 22 national, 1 sub national and 4 regional VOPEs. After peer reviews, all projects were listed according to the order of highest score to lowest. IOCE had sufficient funding only for first 16 projects, although all reviewed projects were of sufficient potential to be qualified to receive funds.

When considering all submitted P2P project applications, 41 VOPEs involved in designing them including 34 national VOPEs, 1 sub national VOPE and 6 regional VOPEs. Above table show how the P2P projects fulfil indicators of the project.

Geographical reach of P2P programme

The P2P projects reached 21 countries in Europe, CIS region, Asia Pacific, Africa, MENA, Latin America and North America regions. The following table shows reach of VOPEs in each region out of funded projects.

Region	Number of national VOPEs	Number of VOPEs involved in the design of P2P projects	Reach (% of VOPEs involved in the design of P2P projects)
Africa	27	8	30%
Middle East	6	4	75%
Southern Asia	9	5	56%
The rest of Asia	11	3	27%
Latin America	20	1	5%
Australasia	3	2	67%
CIS	12	11	92%
Europe	33	6	18%
North America	3	1	33%

Implementation of all 16 projects started in October and November 2014 by partner VOPEs since there was a delay in finalizing approval of proposals, compared to the work plan. In addition to VOPEs, in

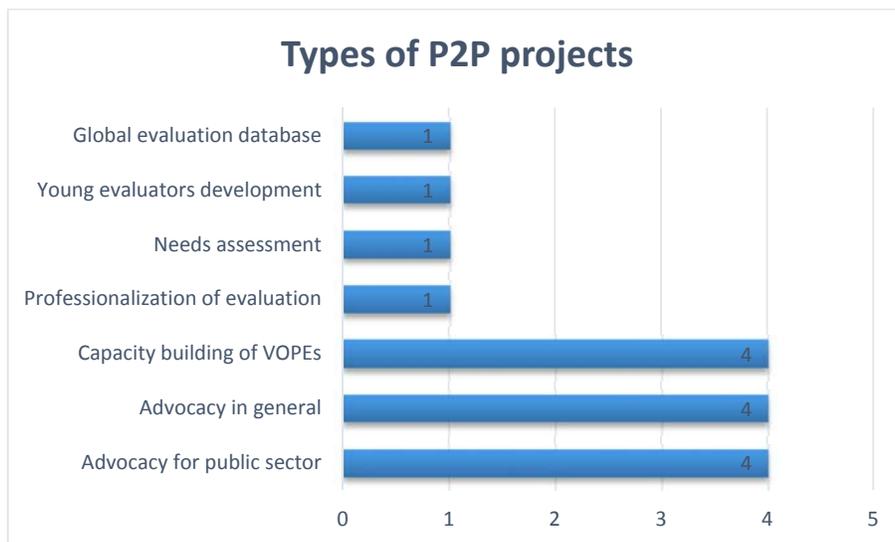
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Middle East	6	4	75%
South Asia	9	3	33%
The rest of Asia	11	3	27%
Latin America	20	1	5%
Australasia	3	0	0%
CIS	12	8	67%
Europe	33	1	3%
North America	3	1	33%

round 2, three universities and a national parliament are also involved in projects. Malaysian University of Science and Technology, Cairo University and American University of Beirut are part of an academic project in Malaysia and an advocacy project in Egypt. Parliament of Egypt is a partner in the Integrating Evaluation in Legislative Bodies implemented by EREN.

The above table shows the reach of the P2P programme to national evaluation associations based on all submitted proposals:

Types of activities used by VOPEs

There are seven types of projects implemented in P2P round 2 including; Twinning junior and senior evaluators to develop young evaluators, Needs assessments for creating networks, capacity building of VOPEs, Advocacy for public sector, Advocacy in general, Professionalization of evaluation and development of Global evaluation data base.



Capacity building of VOPEs is one of the key aspects of P2P projects. Malaysian Evaluation Society implements two projects to build capacity of Vietnam Network for Monitoring and Evaluation and Cambodia Evaluation Society. Both VOPEs will receive workshops on how to formalize the VOPE. Then VOPEs will be registered legally followed by another workshop on development of strategic plan of the VOPE. Malaysian Evaluation Society is a well-established VOPE in the region and it is a good move to help less established VOPEs in the region. Western Balkan Evaluation Network built capacity of Macedonian Evaluation Network. Washington Evaluators, a sub national VOPE in USA joined hands with Kyrgyz M&E Network, Tajikistan (MonEvCoP) and Kazakhstan KoCE to build the capacity of three VOPEs in the CIS region. Out of four VOPE capacity building projects, this is the only project a VOPE from outside the region comes to improve the capacity. In other three projects, capacity building support comes from the same region.

Malaysian Evaluation Society also partnered with an academic institution; Malaysia University of Science & Technology to develop a university course on evaluation for public officials. This is the only academic project supported in P2P round 2.

There are four projects implemented to incorporate M&E in the public sector. Association of Serbian Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals and Slovenian Evaluation Society implemented a project to enhance the evaluation capacity in Serbia particularly in key ministries and institutions. Armenian Monitoring and Evaluation Association project aimed at advocacy with Armenia local governance policy makers for increased public accountability of local governance bodies through inclusion of M&E framework into methodology of local long-term development planning tools. Evaluation Society of Kenya project is an advocacy campaign leveraging upon the 2015 EvalYear platform including capacity building of county governors. Somali Development Evaluation Association project provided public sector monitoring and evaluation training to the Somali government employees.

There are four projects implementing advocacy initiatives to lobby for evaluation through media. Association of Serbian Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals and Slovenian Evaluation Society implemented a Media campaign in local media promoting evaluation in the context of EU's new programming demands. Evaluation Society of Kenya project aimed at raising M&E awareness at government policy and public levels through the use of media and IEC materials, the social media which ensured sustainability, complemented by more media coverage through a multi-stakeholder approach. Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network in partnership with Faculty of Communication/Cairo University, Environment and Sustainable Development Unit – American University of Beirut and EvalMENA mobilized media to increase the visibility and use of evaluation. This is the only project purely addressed media in the project. Somali Development Evaluation Association project implemented media campaigns to increase the demand for evaluation in Somalia.

One project was implemented in professionalization of evaluation. Under this project, Romanian Society of Evaluators provided support to Macedonian Evaluation Network for strengthening its professional capacity and enhancing evaluators' professional competences, by conducting joint activities and developing a communication network between the evaluators of the two countries.

Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network (EREN) in partnership with Secretariat of the Egyptian Parliament, Parliamentarian Forum for Development Evaluation in South Asia (PFDE) and EvalMENA implemented an interesting project in Integrating Evaluation in Legislative Bodies particularly establishment of parliamentary monitoring organization. EREN receives expertise experience from PFDE in this regard which is a model for the region and the beyond. This is the first ever P2P project implemented to establish parliamentary monitoring system.

Réseau Burkinabé de Suivi et Evaluation (ReBuSE) and Réseau Nigérien de Suivi et Evaluation implemented another interesting project to promote young evaluators which is an evolving idea and a priority area for 2015. A junior-senior mentoring program based on practical issues in evaluation practice made an effective solution to locate, share, enrich and develop valuable evaluation expertise. This project is also a model for other countries and regions and the results will be key highlights in the Global EvalYear event as well.

First ever global evaluation database established by Palestinian Evaluation Association (PEA) and Jordan's Development Evaluation Association (EvalJordan), Evaluation map of Argentina implemented by Argentina's Evaluation Network (EvalUAR) and needs assessment conducted by Community of Evaluators – South Asia and Community of Evaluators – Nepal are the other interesting types of projects. All the P2P2 projects prove innovation, creativity and experiment in evaluation by using different types of approaches.

Projects promote equity and gender responsive practices

There are nine projects specifically promoted equity and gender responsive practices while all the projects somewhat contributed towards that. Western Balkan Evaluation Network always promote EF&GR evaluation practices which was a key aspect in capacity building of Macedonian Evaluation Network as well. Another example is Association of Serbian Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals addressed EF&GR evaluation through public sector capacity building and media campaigns. Most importantly this is a requirement in EU structural policy as it demands Equity-focused and Gender-sensitive Evaluation as obligatory in major part of structural funds, from which programs and projects are financed. Therefore training in synergetic evaluation explicitly contributed to more consistent approach to evaluation of Equity-focused and Gender-sensitive issues.

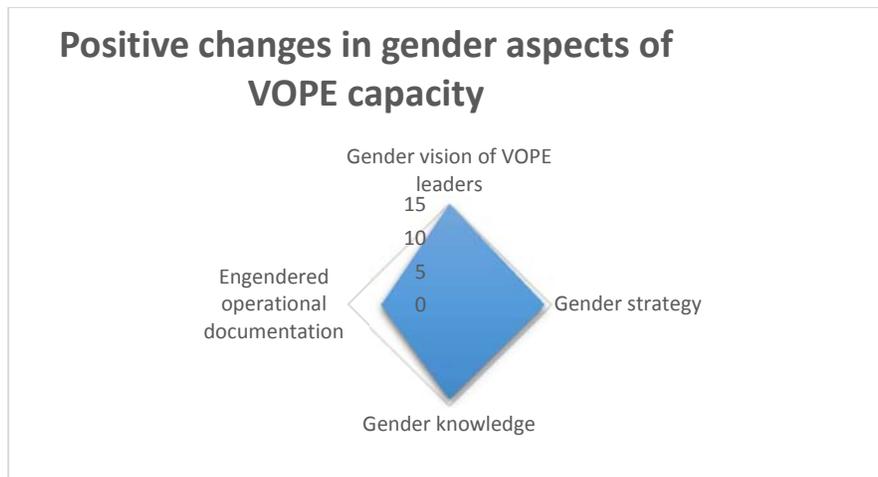
Certification of competences project of Macedonian Evaluation Network, applied indicators and

strategies to ensure equity and gender balance. Equity focused and Gender sensitive evaluation are two major approaches that were highly considered by the EREN and EvalMENA media advocacy project. Media largely contributes to promoting the rights of the marginalized and the vulnerable communities so the project focused on emphasizing this in their capacity building workshops, and in their inclusion of media people from both sexes in any interviewing process. Palestine Evaluation Association implemented project included this by featuring and dedicating pages in the website for quality equity focused and gender-sensitive evaluations.

It is also evident that project designs itself focus on through its activities, outputs, and outcomes promoting and enhancing equity-focused and gender-sensitive evaluations. Mainly projects used IOCE, EvalPartners and IDEAS guidelines and manuals as main reference to ensure equity focused and gender sensitive approach.

Institutional and Professional Capacity Building Project between Washington Evaluators (USA) and Central Asian VOPEs used Prof. Donna Mertens as a resource person who is a renowned evaluator and educator in equity focused evaluations. In-depth study of WE and AEA's experience with promotion of these topics in its work and networking with relevant WE members were used to promote equity focused and gender sensitive evaluation of workshop participants in the Central Asian region. Also participants' capacity was improved through the professional development workshop on transformative mixed methods, which builds on equity focused and gender sensitive evaluation.

Following graph shows positive changes in gender aspects of VOPE capacity by implementing P2P projects. It confirms that VOPEs developed gender vision, strategy and knowledge during project period.



Information on individual projects (including grant amounts) is provided in Annex 1.

Output 1.3

National VOPEs have developed and implemented advocacy campaigns towards 2015 EvalYear.

Planned Activity 1.3.1:

P2P grants to VOPE advocacy projects.

Progress:

Indicators	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of VOPEs that have implemented advocacy projects	8	4

Peer to Peer initiative mainly strengthens and contributes to the International Year of Evaluation 2015 aspirations. Advocacy is a key element of the strengthening enabling environment for evaluation. This time the P2P announcement included special provisions for advocacy projects inviting VOPEs to submit proposals to use the Toolkit in advocacy efforts they plan. EvalPartners received 10 advocacy proposals of which 6 were selected for support. Although it is true to say all 16 funded projects include somewhat advocacy aspect in the project, these four projects are exclusively addressing advocacy for evaluation.

VOPEs	Project title	Region	Country
Armenian Monitoring and Evaluation Association	M&E for Improved Local Governance System in Armenia	CIS	Armenia
Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network + Faculty of Communication/Cairo University + Environment and Sustainable Development Unit – American University of Beirut + EvalMENA	Media Promoting Evaluation Culture in MENA	MENA	Egypt
Argentina’s Evaluation Network	Supporting 2015 as the International Evaluation Year (EvalYear): achievements and challenges of evaluation in Argentina	Latin America	Argentina
Somali Development Evaluation Association	Public sector monitoring and evaluation training provided to the Somali government employees and carrying out media campaigns to increase the demand for evaluation in Somalia	Africa	Somalia

Supported four advocacy projects were implemented in 4 countries in four regions. Each project addressed advocacy differently with different groups such as with media, parliamentarians, local governments, governors and administrators.

Armenian Monitoring and Evaluation Association project is to incorporate monitoring and evaluation in local governance including budgeting. The project studied the M&E provisions in existing policies and based on that prepared policy paper on how to integrate M&E aspects in existing policies. Also the officials from government administration and the parliament were educated on importance of M&E framework incorporation.

Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network 1st advocacy project conducted one workshop on “Media Coverage of Evaluation topic/issues”, designing and production of promotion materials, two media interviews with mainstream media on “Evaluation Culture in MENA” and “Importance of Evaluation for Development”.

The EvaluAR project developed a "diagnostic evaluation map for Argentina" as a strategic but still absent element, which provides a specific and operational space of coordination between government agencies, academia, and civil society, which increase knowledge and dialogue between the various players, all of them committed to building a culture of evaluation in the country. The product was presented in a seminar with professionals from many sectors including government agencies.

The Somali Development Evaluation Association project provided monitoring and evaluation training to government leaders (Ministers and Director Generals) and civil servants and engage a wide-spread evaluation education and awareness through media campaigns. The media campaigns included TV talk shows, newspaper articles, TV spots etc.

Evaluation Society of Kenya was given a grant for a project aimed at raising M&E awareness at government policy and public levels through the use of media and IEC materials as well as face to face meetings with relevant stakeholders. The project was designed to develop IEC materials, conduct meetings with a select Team of County Governors to show them the value of Evaluation for Policy-Making and select County Executive Officers to brief them on need for Evaluations to inform their Executive decisions and meetings with media personalities. Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstances and issues beyond the control of ESK organizers, this project was delayed and ultimately not implemented. ESK coordinators report the delay is mainly due to the fact that this project involved both government and UNDP; both being bureaucratic organizations, the process of consultations took longer than anticipated. ESK very much wants to continue the project and will be seeking further funding. The ESK national profile will be raised significantly by partnering with UNDP and the government on this project and plans are continuing.

Output 1.4

Lessons learned from EvalPartners work in 2012-2014 are identified and disseminated to VOPEs

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Report on Lessons Learned	N/A	Yes	Evaluation report was shared through listserves and online. Also a webinar has been scheduled for 27 th March on this.

Planned Activity 1.4.1:

Developmental evaluation of EvalPartners work.

Planned Activity 1.4.2:

Publish Report on Lessons Learned online.

Progress:

Evaluation Steering Committee (ESC) selected an evaluation team – Canada-based evaluators Sarah Parkinson and Nancy Gharib, President of Basi Consulting Group Inc. The contract with the evaluation team was made in the name of Basi Consulting Group Inc. The Evaluation Team presented the inception report to the EvalPartners Management Group meetings held from September 29th – 30th in Dublin, Ireland in conjunction with the European Evaluation Society meetings. This was also a useful opportunity to collect information from many stakeholders who attended the EES conference. The Evaluation Team has completed the final report together with a stand-alone Executive Summary which are available online at <http://www.mymande.org/evalpartners> and disseminated to various

stakeholders including donors, VOPEs etc. IOCE-EvalPartners is working on the management response to the evaluation report which will be incorporated in the implementation and operations plans. The findings of the evaluation will be shared during a webinar on 27 March, 2015, including opportunities for participants to ask questions and make suggestions to the EPMG. The evaluation report draws attention to many important lessons.

Chair of the Evaluation Steering Committee, Tessie Tzavaras Catsambas, attended a meeting entitled, *Evaluating Prizes, Competitions, and Challenges: Issues, Challenges and Opportunities* co-hosted by the Rockefeller Foundation and the Knight Foundation. The purpose of attending this meeting was to understand the latest thinking in this type of evaluation and reflect on implications for the EvalPartners evaluation, especially of the P2P program. Lessons learned from this meeting were shared with Evaluation Steering Committee and EvalPartners Executive Committee.

Outcome 2:

Gender equality and equity perspective is integrated in national evaluation policies in selected countries.

Output 2.1

Parliamentarians Forum on Development Evaluation in South Asia have developed a model national evaluation policy based on principles of Chiang Mai Declaration and including explicit requirements for equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluation approaches

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Model national evaluation policy with explicit requirements for equity-focused and gender-responsive evaluation approaches	N/A	Yes	Model NEP with EF&GR was introduced at the South Asia Regional consultation to all South Asian countries.

Planned Activity 2.1.2:

Grant to Parliamentarians Forum.

Progress:

IOCE approved the proposal from the Parliamentarians Forum for Development Evaluation in South Asia. Upon agreement between IOCE and PFDE the grant was managed by Sri Lanka Evaluation Association (SLEvA). The grant was used to conduct a regional consultation to develop the model national evaluation policy leading to national evaluation policies in South Asia. The regional consultation took place on September 18-19, 2014 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. Parliamentarians, VOPE leaders, government officers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Pakistan, Nepal, Maldives, Sri Lanka and India attended the consultation. Also all national VOPEs, regional VOPEs, CoE-SA, APEA, UNEDAP, AIPA and representatives of international organizations such as 3ie, CLEAR South Asia, UNDP and UNICEF attended the event. Representing AIPA, a Myanmar parliamentarian attended the event.

Hon. Deputy Speaker of the Sri Lanka parliament Mr. Chandima Weerakkody addressed the inauguration session emphasizing importance of National Evaluation Policies (NEP). EvalPartners co-chairs Marco Segone and Natalia Kosheleva also addressed the inauguration session. More importantly parliamentarians joined declaring 2015 as the international year of evaluation. Country representatives prepared a road map for establishment of NEP in respective countries. Road maps include national consultations with stakeholders at country level, development of the policy and

advocacy to pass it by the national parliament. It was historical as first ever regional consultation with parliamentarians and VOPEs regarding NEPs.

Some countries have gone forward with the developed roadmap. SLEvA resubmitted the draft national evaluation policy to the government of Sri Lanka and having discussions with the Ministry of Policy and Plan Implementation to take it forward. Also SLEvA had meetings with the Minister of Highways, Higher Education and Investment Promotion regarding the draft policy and he promised his support in this regard and possible lobbying to the Prime Minister.

Output 2.2

Selected VOPEs have piloted guidance on integrating gender equality and equity perspective in national evaluation policies

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of pilot projects	N/A	2	2 (including PFDE)

Planned Activity 2.2.1:

Small grants to VOPEs running pilot projects.

Progress:

ReLAC, EvalPartners and UN Women jointly developed the project piloting guidance on integrating gender equality and equity perspective in national evaluation policies in three Latin American countries - Mexico, Peru and Colombia. The proposal envisaged hiring an international consultant. It was decided that IOCE would hire this consultant directly rather than give grants to national VOPEs in targeted countries. The project conducted the first project activity - the Training Course on Gender Equality and Human Rights Responsive Evaluation in Bogota, Colombia (May 7-8, 2014). The training course was attended by 20 professionals (high level technical staff) from Colombian National Planning Department – SINERGIA/DNP.



The project conducted the second training under this activity - the Training Course on Evaluation of Social Policy with Gender Equality and Human Rights Approach. It was held in Lima, Peru, on 21-22 July, 2014. Training was attended by 31 professionals (technical staff and directives) from Peruvian Ministries of Inclusion and Social Development, Health, Education, National Women Machinery, as well as Universities and NGOs. The final evaluation of the training course was very positive. Participants emphasized that they acquired knowledge and competencies to design, manage and use the results of evaluations from a new approach, and they received bibliography and reference materials to continue studying this topic in greater depth. The possibility to continue the training process from a virtual modality was raised.

Third training: Training course on Public Policies and Evaluation was held, at CIDE (Centre for Economic Research and Training), in Mexico City, on 21-22 November 2014, and was a part of the 3rd short course on Public Policies and Evaluation which started in the month of August and ended in December 2014. It is framed within a training agreement of the National Evaluation Agency (CONEVAL) with the CLEAR Centre for Latin America and the Caribbean. Twenty-two evaluation technical staff and managers from the public sector participated in this module and the teachers' evaluation –coordinated by the CLEAR Centre- showed positive outcomes, particularly with regard to teachers' responsibility and how they treated students, and with regard to learning objectives.

Also the project provided demand based technical assistance to all three countries. For example Colombia requested for support to move forward in adapting or generating conceptual and methodological guidelines to mainstream the gender and human rights approach in evaluation processes. This need was met by drafting Four Thematic Guidelines, summarized in a single publication used by the SINERGIA Evaluation Directorate and its technical team.

The documents prepared are called "Guidelines for applying a gender-equality and human rights based approach in evaluations", with four thematic chapters as requested by SINERGIA:

GUIDELINE 1 Basic Conceptual Framework.

GUIDELINE 2 Definition of the pertinent questions according to the type of evaluation, bearing in mind this approach.

GUIDELINE 3 Mainstreaming of the approach in the Terms of Reference of the evaluations conducted by SINERGIA.

GUIDELINE 4 Inclusion of a tool on evaluation feasibility of the proposals evaluated annually, based on the considerations inherent in the approach.



On October 1st in Dublin as part of the European Evaluation Society Biennial Conference a workshop attended by 32 people was held. Of the 32 people approximately 75% were women from public sector, academic, networks, organizations and international organisms. In the first part of the workshop, a brief presentation of the project objectives was made and participants were invited to reflect and to present their own experiences of gender discrimination or these experiences that showed poor integration of the gender perspective within their organizations.

In the second part, people shared in small groups ideas to promote integration of Gender+ perspective in their organizations. The information gathered in this workshop, and in the previous one on September 19th in Cali, is being systematized to identify examples and dimensions to consider in the design of the Guidelines. Currently, the first draft version of the document is being prepared and it is going to be contrasted with participants of both workshops and with some national associations in Latin America and Europe.

On 24th February 2015, the project conducted a webinar on National Evaluation Systems of Equity, Gender and Human Rights. The webinar discussed about three training programmes conducted by the project and shared more knowledge on that.

Outcome 3:

Strengthened individual capacities of evaluators to conduct credible and useful gender-responsive evaluations.

Output 3.1:

Increased skills in gender and HR evaluations among evaluation practitioners around the globe.

Planned Activity 3.1.1:

Maintain and update MyM&E site.

Progress:

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of total cumulative number of visitors to EvalPartners' MyM&E platform	500,000	750,000	647,265
Number of total cumulative number of page downloads of EvalPartners' MyM&E platform	2,000,000	2,500,000	2,421,778

EvalPartners continued to offer MyM&E website services which added new web pages such as "Global Evaluation Agenda", "Evaluation Torch", "Global Evaluation Week", EvalPartners 2nd Global Forum", "EvalGender+". The platform was very popular among evaluation community especially in the context of International Year of Evaluation. The number of visitors increased by about 147,000 while 321,000 page loads were increased.

Planned Activity 3.1.2:

Develop three e-learning courses based on the existing e-learning format, software and standards and layout and design for 2 brochures for advocacy purposes.

Progress:

Indicators	Baseline	Planned Target	Actual Result
Number of new e-learning courses developed and launched free for the public	3	3	1 is completed and online, other 2 are being finalized.

Develop three e-learning courses based on the existing e-learning format, software and standards and layout and design for 2 brochures for advocacy purposes.

IOCE entered into a contract with Community Systems Foundation (CSF) that would maintain and update MyM&E site as well as develop e-learning and brochures. The E-learning course on Advocacy for Evaluation is now online and announced widely for people to have access and enroll. The E-learning course was developed using the EvalPartners Advocacy Toolkit. It is very important that the Advocacy for Evaluation E-learning course is available as it is needed for Peer-to-Peer projects and EvalYear initiatives.

IOCE provided a grant to Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanas y del Caribe en Gestión de Organizaciones (RedWIM). RedWIM will develop and deliver an e-learning program (in Spanish) on gender-responsive policy and evaluation for evaluation practitioners and policy makers. The E-learning courses on Humanitarian Evaluation is being developed which will be available online soon.

At the end of the project period, total number of E-learning page loads increased to 1,286,460 from 11,300,993 while page visits increased to 350,033 from 297,064.

Other implemented activities:

EP Coordinator provided support to operation of the project for 11 months.

IOCE -EvalPartners Management Group held a meeting in Dublin, Ireland, on September 29-30, 2014, in conjunction with European Evaluation Society conference. Hotel and DSA amounts were paid in accordance with UN Women policy. The aim of the meeting was to develop a framework for activities for 2015 Year of Evaluation. IOCE-EvalPartners extended Executive Committee meeting was held in Cairo, Egypt on February 21-22 2015, just before the EvalMENA General Assembly. The purpose of the meeting was to prepare a detail plan for the Global event and identify specific tasks and persons responsible.

IOCE President Natalia Kosheleva participated in Evaluation Week organized by UNEG in Bangkok, Thailand, on March 31 - April 4, 2014. She was one of the speakers on the High-level Panel on Evaluation and the Post-2015 Development Agenda on April 1, 2014. Other speakers on the panel included H.E. Mr. Kazi Imtiaz Hossain, Permanent Representative of Bangladesh to ESCAP, Mr. Kabir Hashim, Leader of the South Asia Parliamentarian Forum for Development Evaluation, Mr. Vinod Thomas, Director General of the Independent Evaluation at the Asian Development Bank, and Prof. Shiva Kumar, a member of India's National Advisory Council. The panel has explored how evaluation can best contribute to the post-2015 development agenda and how different players – including governments, UN agencies, NGOs and VOPEs – could act together towards the 2015 International Year of Evaluation at the global, regional and national levels.

IOCE-EvalPartners secured a table at the American Evaluation Association annual meeting in Denver, CO and provided copies of EvalPartners Stories to participants of the meeting.

IOCE Secretariat (Megram Consulting Services LTD.) provided support to project operation. The amount of support costs are calculated as 7% of total direct expenses incurred in the reported period. This amount covers Megram services, bank fees, EvalPartners newsletter fees, etc.

IV. NEXT STEPS

Based on progress in the first phase of the project IOCE – EvalPartners plan to continue successful work during and beyond 2015 International Year of Evaluation. Particularly in November this year, Global Evaluation Week including EvalPartners 2nd Global Evaluation Forum will be conducted at the Parliament of Nepal. This will be a historical event where key important initiatives will be launched including;

- Global Evaluation Agenda for 2016-2020
- EvalGender+ initiative to promote gender responsive evaluation
- EvalYouth+ to promote young and emerging evaluators
- EvalSDGs to promote demand and use of evaluation in national planning and implementation

The continuation of the project will ensure accomplishment of above and other initiatives. IOCE-EvalPartners prepared and submitted a proposal for the next phase to UN Women. The project proposal includes above new initiatives and ongoing activities. IOCE-EvalPartners also plans to liaise with more donors to mobilize more funding to cover costs of expanded work.

V. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION		
Activity Description	Code	Actual Expenditure, USD
International Consultants	71205	
EP Coordinator – Asela Kalugampitiya	71205	\$82,500
Grant for piloting guidance on integrating gender equality and equity perspective in national evaluation policies – Alejandra Faundez	71205	\$20,000
SUBTOTAL	71205	\$102,500
Contractual Services - Company	72105	
Community Systems Foundation - My M&E	72105	\$72,450
Institutional Toolkit TF service provider – Benita Williams Evaluation Consultants	72105	\$19,988
VOPE Toolkit Brochure copies for EES conference in Dublin	72105	\$211.20
EP Evaluation - Basi Consulting Group	72105	\$50,000
SUBTOTAL	72105	\$142,649
Grants	72605	
Grant to regional, national VOPEs and parliamentarians	72605	\$293,657
SUBTOTAL	72605	\$293,657

Travel	71605	
UNEG meeting, Dublin, Cairo, etc	71605	\$55,150
SUBTOTAL	71605	\$55,150
Training Workshops and Conferences	75700	
UN meetings, EES registrations, etc	75700	\$ 20,005
SUBTOTAL	75700	\$ 20,005
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS		\$613,961
Support Cost (calculated as 7% of Total Direct Costs)	75100	\$42,977
TOTAL		\$656,938
BALANCE UNSPENT		\$23,090
Approved Budget		\$680,028
Small grant refunds from VOPEs		-\$13,039.83

Grants to national VOPEs

#	Project ID	Grantee (VOPE or NGO - managing partner)	VOPE	Project Title	Amount sent to Grantee
1	P2P2#10	Malaysian Evaluation Society	Malaysian Evaluation Society & Malaysia University of Science & Technology	Academic Teaching of Evaluation for Public Officials	\$10 000,00
2	P2P2#29	Réseau Burkinabé de Suivi et Evaluation	Réseau Burkinabé de Suivi et Evaluation + Réseau Nigérien de Suivi et Evaluation	Filling the inter-generational gap in knowledge and skills in evaluation – twinning junior and senior experts	\$5 050,00
P2P2-29: This project was under budget and has an unspent balance to return to IOCE.					
3	P2P2#04	Center for Civil Society Development PROTECTA	Association of Serbian Monitoring and Evaluation Professionals + Slovenian Evaluation Society	Enhancing evaluation capacities in Serbia	\$5 000,00
4	P2P2#02	Management Consulting Association MCA 2000	Macedonian Evaluation Network + Western Balkan Evaluation Network	Building on experience gained in 1st round of P2P	\$4 960,00
5	P2P2#08	Nuppun Institute for Economic Research	Cambodian Evaluation Society + Malaysian Evaluation Society	Turning Cambodian Evaluation Society into a formal VOPE	\$9 970,00
6	P2P2#18	Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network	Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network + Secretariat of the Egyptian Parliament + Parliamentarian Forum for Development Evaluation in South Asia + EvalMENA	Integrating Evaluation in Legislative Bodies	\$15 000,00 (Sent together with \$5,000 for P2P2#17)
7	P2P2#31	Vrutti Livelihood Resource Centre	Community of Evaluators, Nepal + CoE/South Asia	Need Assessment for Creating Networks, South Asia (CNSA)	\$9 675,00
8	P2P2#23	Economic & Social Development Centre	Palestinian Evaluation Association + Jordan Development	The Evaluation Database Enhancement Project	\$9 530,00

			Evaluation Association		
P2P2-23: This project was completed under budget and has a balance to be returned to IOCE.					
9	P2P2#14	Management Consulting Association MCA 2000	Macedonian Evaluation Network + Romanian Society of Evaluators	Partnership for strengthening of the evaluation capacities in Macedonia by promoting exchange of experience among VOPEs with regard to evaluators' certification of competences and networking	\$10 000,00
10	P2P2#11	Malaysia Evaluation Society	Vietnam Network for Monitoring and Evaluation + Malaysia Evaluation Society	Support to institutional set-up of Vietnam Network for Monitoring and Evaluation (VNME)	\$9 050,00
11	P2P2#30	Institute of Human Projecting	National Monitoring and Evaluation Network of the Kyrgyz Republic + Tajikistan MoEvCoP + Kazakhstan KoCE + Washington Evaluators (AEA local affiliate)	Institutional and Professional Capacity Building Project between Washington Evaluators (USA) and Central Asian VOPEs	\$9 950,00
12	IC # 9	REDWIM	Red de Mujeres Latinoamericanana y del Caribe en Gestion de Organizaciones	Highlighting equity and gender in the International Year of Evaluation 2015	\$15,000
TOTAL					\$113,185

Grants to Advocacy projects

#	Project ID	Grantee (VOPE or NGO - managing partner)	VOPEs and Partner Academic Institutions	Project Title	Amount sent to Grantee
1	P2P2#19	Evaluation Society of Kenya	Evaluation Society of Kenya	Monitoring and Evaluation for Effective and Efficient Service Delivery	\$4 460,00
P2P2-19: This project was not completed due to unforeseen delays with government and UNDP officials. ESK does have plans to develop a new project timeline and work plan.					

2	P2P2#16	Center for Tolerance	Armenian Monitoring and Evaluation Association	M&E for Improved Local Governance System in Armenia	\$5 000,00
P2P2-16: The project was completed under budget and has a balance to be returned to IOCE.					
3	P2P2#20	Fundacion Cippec	Argentina's Evaluation Network	Supporting 2015 as the International Evaluation Year (EvalYear): achievements and challenges of evaluation in Argentina	\$5 000,00
P2P2-20: This project was completed under budget and has a balance to be returned to IOCE.					
4	P2P2#27	Somali Development Evaluation	Somali Development Evaluation Association	Public sector monitoring and evaluation training provided to the Somali government employees and carrying out media campaigns to increase the demand for evaluation in the Somalia	\$5 000,00
5	P2P2#17	Egyptian Research & Evaluation Network	Egyptian Research and Evaluation Network + Faculty of Communication/Cairo University + Environment and Sustainable Development Unit – American University of Beirut + EvalMENA	Media Promoting Evaluation Culture in MENA	\$5 000,00 (Sent together with \$15,000 for P2P2#18)
TOTAL					\$24 460

Grants to Parliamentarians Forum

#	Project ID	Grantee (VOPE or NGO - managing partner)	Parliamentarian Partner	Project Title	Amount sent to Grantee
1		Sri Lanka Evaluation Association	Parliamentarian Forum for Development Evaluation	Development of gender responsive evaluation policy	\$49,952
TOTAL					\$49,952

Grants to Regional VOPEs

#	Project ID	Grantee (VOPE or NGO - managing partner)	VOPE and Partner	Project Title	Amount sent to Grantee
1		NGO Institute of Human Projecting	International Program Evaluation Network (IPEN)	Bringing best practices of evaluation use in the public sector the CIS region	\$20,000
2		Cameroon Development Evaluation Association	African Evaluation Association	Evaluation for Development: from Analysis to Impact	\$26,110
3		Centro de estudios y promocion del desarrollo – DESCO	Network of Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization in Latin America and the Caribbean (ReLAC)	Strengthening ReLAC's capacity to enhance and position evaluation in Latin America	\$20,000
4		Vrutti Livelihoods Resource Center	Community of Evaluators – South Asia (CoE-SA)	Field building of evaluation through CoE-SA Conclave 2015 in collaboration with the EvalYear Global Event	\$20,000
<p>CoE-SA: This project received a non-cost extension with an extended end date; unfortunately the activities for this project took place in Khatmandu, Nepal and as such, were interrupted by the earthquake in the country. An unspent balance will be returned to IOCE for the activities that were not able to be finalized.</p>					
5		Egyptian Research and Evaluation	Middle East and North Africa Evaluators (EvalMENA)	EvalMENA celebrates EvalYear	\$20,000
TOTAL					\$106,110

Summary of Expenditures			
Quarter	Direct Expense	Indirect Expense	Amount
Q1	\$70,971.00	\$4,968.00	\$75,939.00
Q2	\$141,880.00	\$9,932.00	\$151,812.00
Q3	\$213,961.50	\$14,977.31	\$228,938.81
Q4	\$187,148.00	\$13,100.00	\$200,248.00
			\$656,937.81
Q4 small grant adjustments-refunds to be returned to IOCE:			\$13,039.83

Annex 3: List of EvalYear events around the world

#	Event	Dates	Location	Organizer	Links/ Remarks
1.	Celebration for official adoption of the UN resolution on evaluation	17 December 2014	UN building, New York	UNEG	Contact person: Marco Segone marco.segone@unwomen.org
2.	India Evaluation Week	19-23 January 2015	Delhi, India	IAMR and Planning Commission of India	Contact person: Dr. Rashmi Agrawal rashmi_agrawal56@rediffmail.com
3.	1 ^{ERE} Journées Ivoiriennes de l'Evaluation (JIE 2015)	09-10 et 11 février 2015	Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire	Réseau Ivoirien de Suivi et d'Evaluation (RISE)	Contact person: Mamadou Coulibaly madculy@yahoo.fr Le thème principal: L'évaluation au Coeur des enjeux de l'émergence
4.	EvalMENA General Assembly	23-26 February 2015	Cairo, Egypt	EvalMENA Network	Contact person: Ziad Moussa ziadmoussa@yahoo.com
5.	IAPE 13 th Annual Conference on Advocacy for Evaluation	2 nd March 2015	Mandel Institute for Leadership in Beer Sheva, Israel	The Israeli Association for Program Evaluation (IAPE)	Contact person: Dr. Barbara Rosenstein rosensteinbarbara@gmail.com
6.	ReLAC 4th International Conference	9-13 March 2015	Lima, Peru	Latin-American and Caribbean Monitoring, Evaluation and Systematization Network (RELAC)	https://conferenciarelac.wordpress.com/ Contact person: Ada Ocampo aocampo@unicef.org
7.	UNEG Evaluation Week	9-13 March 2015	New York, USA	United Nations Evaluation Group (UNEG)	Contact person: Marco Segone marco.segone@unwomen.org
8.	New Zealand's government-led	18 March 2015	Wellington, New Zealand	Organizational Evaluation team of the Ministry of	Contact person: Matilde Tayawa matilde.tayawa@mbie.govt.nz

	initiative for the International Year of Evaluation			Business, Innovation and Employment. Department of Prime Minister and Cabinet (the NZ Prime Minister's Office) is co-sponsoring.	
9.	SAMEA, WSG & CLEAR AA officially launch the International Year of Evaluation in South Africa	19 March 2015	University of Witwatersrand (Wits) in Johannesburg	South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA), WSG & CLEAR AA	Contact person: Michael Leslie mike@pdg.co.za
10	Conference on taking responsibility in M&E for systemic change	19-20 March 2015	Wageningen, The Netherlands	Centre for Development Innovation, Wageningen University and Research centre	Theme: "Monitoring and Evaluation for Responsible Innovation" http://www.managingforimpact.org/event/conference-monitoring-and-evaluation-responsible-innovation Contact person: Cecile Kusters cecile.kusters@wur.nl
11	Italian Evaluation Association annual conference	17-18 April 2015	Genoa, Italy	Italian Evaluation Association (AIV)	Theme: "Evaluation and Social Equity. Evaluation as a public policy change mechanism to fight against social inequalities." Website: http://www.valutazioneitaliana.it/138/XVIII-Congresso-nazionale-AIV-.html?1513567986 Contact person: Mita Marra mimarra@unisa.it
12	A high level panel discussion and reception to promote EvalYear 2015	21 April 2015	Vienna, Austria	Vienna based UN agencies together with the Austrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs	Contact person: Katherine Aston k.aston@iaea.org
13	UK Evaluation Society Conference	13 and 14 May 2015	London, UK	UK Evaluation Society	http://www.profbriefings.co.uk/ukes2015/

14	Canadian Evaluation Society (CES) conference	24-27 May 2015	Montreal, Canada	Canadian Evaluation Society (CES)	Theme: Evaluation for the world we want http://c2015.evaluationcanada.ca/ Contact person: Marie Gervais Marie.Gervais@fmed.ulaval.ca
15	Conference: The future of training and further education in evaluation	11-12 June 2015	Saarbrücken, Germany	Master of Evaluation (MEval), Saarland University and University of Applied Sciences, Saarbrücken	The Conference is held in German. http://www.weiterbildung-der-evaluation.de Contact person: Sandra Schoppers s.schopper@ceval.de , Birgit Schneider b.schneider@ceval.de
16	Mexico Evaluation Week	15-19 June 2015	Mexico City, Mexico	The CLEAR Center for Spanish-speaking Latin America; The Mexican Agency for International Development (AMEXCID); and The National Council for the Evaluation of Social Development Policy (CONEVAL)	Contact person: Cristina Galíndez cristina.galindez@cide.edu
17	Journées Françaises de l'Évaluation	18-19 juin 2015	Montpellier, France	Société Française de l'Évaluation	Contact person: Jean Marie Loncle jean-marie.loncle@sfe-asso.fr Le thème principal: Evaluer pour évoluer, et réciproquement!
18	Speakers Lunch, Celebration of EvalYear at IPDET	24 June 2015	Carleton University, Ottawa, Canada	International Program for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET)	Contact email: info@ipdet.org For more information, please visit: http://www.ipdet.org

19	The Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association Conference	6-9 July 2015	Auckland - New Zealand	The Aotearoa New Zealand Evaluation Association	Theme: 'Navigating Evaluation: Making waves in Aotearoa and across the Pacific'. http://www.anzea.org.nz/anza-conferences/anza-conference-2015/ Contact person: Kate McKegg kmckegg@me.com
20	Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL) and Geneva Evaluation Network (GEN) conference	3-4 September 2015	Geneva, Switzerland	Swiss Evaluation Society (SEVAL) and Geneva Evaluation Network (GEN)	Contact Person: Craig Russon, russon@ilo.org
21	Australasian Evaluation Society (AES) conference	5-9 September 2015	Melbourne, Australia	Australasian Evaluation Society	Theme: Reaching across boundaries http://conference2015.aes.asn.au/ Contact person: Bill Wallace bill.wallace@aes.asn.au
22	ADB learning event entitled "Think Sustainable, Act Responsible".	15-16 September 2015	Manila, Philippines	Asian Development Bank	Contact person: Vinod Thomas vthomas@adb.org
23	SLEvA International Conference 2015	15-18 September 2015	Colombo, Sri Lanka	Sri Lanka Evaluation Association	Contact person: K. Romeshun romeshun@gmail.com www.sleva.lk
24	International Programme Evaluation Network (IPEN) conference	Last week of September 2015	Kiev, Ukraine	International Programme Evaluation Network	Contact person: Natalia Kosheleva nkochele@yandex.ru
25	SAMEA's 5 th Biennial Conference	12-16 October 2015	Hilton Hotel in Sandton, Johannesburg	South African Monitoring and Evaluation Association (SAMEA)	Contact person: Jennifer Bisgard jbisgard@khulisa.com Theme: Using evaluation to improve people's lives
26	CEI EvalYear Conference 2015	14-15 October, 2015	Montego Bay, Jamaica	Caribbean Evaluators International	Contact Person: Meegan Scott

						meegan.scott@bell.net Theme: Evaluating Development, Evolving Possibilities
27	2015 Monitoring and Evaluation Seminar	Brazilian and Network	21-23 October 2015	Belo Horizonte-MG, Brazil	Brazilian Monitoring and Evaluation Network	Contact person: marciapaterno@agenciadeavaliacao.org.br
28	National Capacities conference	Evaluation (NEC)	26-30 October 2015	Bangkok, Thailand	UNDP in partnership with UNEG and EvalPartners	Contact person: Ana Rosa Monteiro Soares ana.soares@undp.org
29	IDEAS Assembly	Global	26-30 October 2015	Bangkok, Thailand	IDEAS	Contact person: Rob D. Van Den Berg ideaspresident@gmail.com
30	RASPPE Conference	Annual	29-31 October 2015	Moscow, Russia	Russian Association of Specialists in Program and Policy Evaluation	www.eval.ru Contact person: Alexey Kuzmin, Administrator@eval.ru
31	International conference on Education Evaluation: to ensure quality and development		4-5 Nov 2015	Riyadh, Saudi Arabia	Public Education Evaluation Commission (PEEC)	http://peec.gov.sa/en/ Contact person Dr. May Alobaidy mobaidy@peec.gov.sa
32	American Evaluation Association conference	(AEA)	9-14 November 2015	Chicago, USA	American Evaluation Association	Theme: Exemplary Evaluations in a Multicultural World: Learning from Evaluation's Successes Around the Globe http://www.eval.org/p/cm/ld/fid=296 Contact person: Dr. Stewart Donaldson stewart.donaldson@cgu.edu
33	Community of Evaluators South Asia (CoE-SA) Evaluation Conclave (in the context		23-27 November 2015	Kathmandu, Nepal	Community of Evaluators South Asia (CoE-SA)	Contact person: Mallika Samaranayake mallikasamare@gmail.com

	of Global EvalYear event)				
34	Global EvalYear Event which includes EvalPartners 2 nd Global Forum	23-27 November 2015	Kathmandu, Nepal	EvalPartners, IOCE, UN Women, CoE-SA, PFDE, CoE Nepal, Parliament of Nepal, National Planning Commission of Nepal, UNEG	http://mymande.org/evalyear/global_event-2015 Contact person: Marco Segone marco.segone@unwomen.org