



PAKISTAN EVALUATION NETWORK

# CASE STUDY

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# VOPE: Pakistan Evaluation Network (PEN)



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# PEN background

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Legal status up gradation in process



# Why PEN ...



- ▶ the gap....*flow of aid and progress on the ground*
- ▶ indifference of authorities to deploy aid and technical assistance
- ▶ a colleagues' forum for dialogue on development issues and to share ...

# What does PEN do...



- ▶ knowledge sharing,
- ▶ capacity building and
- ▶ networking
- ▶ act as catalysts for change

# PEN Vision, Mission & Values



- ▶ A responsible society built on knowledgeable people and transparent governance.
- ▶ to catalyse change towards a monitoring and evaluation culture in national organizations for accountable and responsible public and private sector performance and/or services.

## PEN values:

- ▶ Personal commitment and responsibility
- ▶ Professional integrity
- ▶ Belief in democracy and mutual respect
- ▶ Transparency in business and communication
- ▶ Change to serve the people

# PEN Objective



- ▶ To create and expand knowledge on development issues, build capacity of national organizations in strategic planning, monitoring and evaluation, and develop networks for sharing experience and mutual learning

# PEN Activities



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Ministries of

- o Social welfare
- o Women Development
- o Special Education
- o Agriculture
- o Labour and Manpower
- o Water and Energy
- o Provincial Departments in four provinces

Universities and research institutes.

Spokesperson and media connections.

# Networking:



- ▶ Associate Member of International Organization for Cooperation on Evaluation – IOCE, USA.
- ▶ Technical support from:
  - International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation – IOCE, California, USA
  - International Development Evaluation Association – IDEAS, UK
  - Programme Planning & Evaluation, Inc. Michigan, USA
  - Malaysian Evaluation Society, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
  - Sri Lankan Evaluation Association, Colombo, Sri Lanka
  - Community of Evaluators – South Asia

# Innovations and Lessons Learned



- ▶ Being part of the whole national scenario allows for ownership by all sectors and institutional actors
- ▶ Networking at the global level for technical support – keeps us current and vibrant
- ▶ Engaging political leadership facilitates mainstreaming M&E
- ▶ Collaboration in trainings/workshops contributes to cost– effectiveness
- ▶ Involving academia is a powerful way of raising the importance of M&E culture – encourages M&E Curriculum and content development
- ▶ Cannot institutionalize unless invest both funds and human resources.
- ▶ Introducing M&E bytes through youth (recent idea)

# Next Steps



- ▶ Formalize the 5 year strategic plan
- ▶ Strengthen campaign for advocacy for political leadership and bureaucrats
- ▶ Prepare a project on building capacity of government in M&E
- ▶ Conduct research
- ▶ Engage academia and journalist in the debate and invite writers to write and publish articles from PEN forum

# Thank You!

