Overview

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Thailand Research Fund (TRF), Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand (KNIT) and UNICEF have shared the same mission in strengthening the use of evidences to inform policy makers, and generating reliable data and information.

Quality of evaluations in Thailand needs to be improved. Evaluation needs to be integrated into programs and policies.

Capacity of evaluators, managers and policy makers needs to be strengthened.

Strong network among evaluation professionals will strengthen quality evaluation.

National evaluation networks are a means to ensure independence of evaluators.

TRF: Thailand Research Fund
KNIT: Knowledge Network Institute of Thailand
How TEN started and developed

TRF, KNIT and UNICEF have jointly organized a first national seminar on “Knowledge Exchange towards Creation of a Thailand Evaluation Network” on 25 November 2010
Well-known international and national experts on evaluation were invited to share and exchange knowledge on importance of evaluation and creation of a national network.

About 150 evaluators, managers and policy makers across Thailand participated in this seminar.

40 have signed up to be core members and 100 as general members.
The follow up meeting among core members was organized on 24 Feb 2011. About 30 people participated to discuss our goal, objectives and activities.
How TEN started and developed (continued)
TEN Today

- Registered as a non-profit organization on 10 August 2012
- Board Committee - elected by core members
  - President
  - Vice President
  - Coordinator
  - Advisors (UNICEF)
- 10-15 working members
Goal and Objectives

Goal: To promote the culture of evaluation and evaluation practices for development of Thailand

Objectives:
- To serve as an effective platform for facilitating knowledge-learning on research, studies and evaluations at the national and sub-national levels
- To promote professional growth of evaluators through strengthening cooperation of existing evaluation networks in Thailand and developing contacts with evaluation professional communities outside Thailand
- To develop mutual knowledge, learn from one another’s good practices, promote and enhance the evaluation methods and techniques
Main Tasks

Main tasks:

- to create a network of evaluation practitioners and professional sectors who are interested in learning, sharing and promoting evaluation profession in Thailand,

- to build high quality evaluation capacity of evaluators through setting and promoting standards, and to disseminate advances in evaluation practice for both beneficiaries and users of evaluations, and

- to provide education and training in matters of evaluations to senior and middle managers, policy and planning officers as well as their staff in government, non-governmental organizations and civil societies.
In March 2011, core members met to further discuss about how we can achieve our goal and objectives. Major activities were planned.

In May 2011, focus of discussion was made on how to organize a national evaluation workshop, what we plan to do and when the workshop will convene.

A monthly meeting among core members is organized.
In Jun. 2011, TEN’s staffs were supported by UNICEF attending “SriLanka Evaluation Association 2011 International Conference”
On 7 July 2011, TEN, UNICEF and Mr. Jim Rugh from IOCE had informal meeting at Bann Glom Gig Restaurant discussing about organizing the Thai evaluators’ network and how to share experiences of other groups in other countries.

Due to flooding situation in Bangkok, meetings and activities were delay.
On 31 May 2012, TEN, ARDA and UNICEF conducted a first workshop on “Designing and Managing Evaluation” with 20 participants.
Forging Evaluation for National Development: Methods, Tools and Practices

29 – 30 November 2012
Centara Duangtawan Hotel, Chiang Mai Province, Thailand
1st National Workshop

- About 70 participants
  - Governmental agencies, NGOs, academic institutes, independent consultants
  - About 10 participants from overseas
- 4 workshop topics, 3 parallel sessions
Challenges

- Creating mutual understanding about TEN and evaluation
  - Members with diverse backgrounds, experiences, and interests
  - Limited involvement from policy makers
- Establishing a structure
  - More involvement of members
  - Need to have strategic alliance internally and externally - lack of involvement in national-level policy related to evaluation
- Capacity (human and financial resources)
  - No full-time staff
  - Management team works on voluntary basis and has limited time that can devote to activities.
  - No financial support, merely occasional sponsorship
  - Limited members with evaluation expertise
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