



Progress Report on P2P project

Building grounds for NEP and National EvalAgenda 2020

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1 INTRODUCTION

This is the brief report on the progress on the P2P project, “Building grounds for NEP and National EvalAgenda 2020”. The project is under implementation in partnership with Afghanistan Evaluation Society and is supported by International Organization for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE).

Under this project, the following were the two main activities:

- a) Conduct the training for young and emerging evaluators
- b) Disseminate the code of conduct for evaluation in Nepal.

Below we present the progress on the project. We emphasize that the training for young and emerging evaluators (YEE) was very successfully and enthusiastically completed. We have also made good initiation on the Code of Conduct, but we are awaiting response from other VOPEs and evaluation community on our draft COC, so that we are looking forward to a no-cost extension – the case we make separately in the paragraphs that follow.

2 PROGRESS

2.1 Summary of progress

Table 1 shows the work plan according to revised schedule.

Start date: 15 December 2016

Expected project end date: 30 July 2017. (Please note that we have requested for a no-cost extension, as Code of Conduct activity has not been completed for reasons explained later).

Table 1: Summary of progress on activities

Activity	Status & Plan	Remarks/ Plan
Kick-Off meeting and finalizing the work plan	Completed; 15 Dec 2016	Reported in Feb 2017
YEE Training		
Prepare for YEE Interaction Workshop	Completed; March – June 2017	
Host YEE Interaction Workshop	Completed; 25-28 July 2017	
Code of Conduct dissemination		
Prepare for workshop on CoC - Nepal	Consultations not completed	Jan – August 2017
Host workshop on CoC- Nepal		Sep 2017
Reporting	First reporting: Feb 2017	Final reporting: Oct 2017

	Second reporting (this): August	
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2.2 YEE Training: “Evaluation in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals”

Community of Evaluators-Nepal (CoE-Nepal) with a partnership of Afghan Evaluation Society, and with a support of International Office for Cooperation in Evaluation (IOCE) and EvalPartners, organized a four-days Training for Young and Emerging Evaluators on "Evaluation in the Context of Sustainable Development Goals", from 25 July to 28 July 2017 in Kathmandu, Nepal.

The training aimed to nurture and train young and emerging evaluators in Nepal through engaged exposure to emerging approaches to evaluation of development projects, programs and policies in the context of sustainable development goals.

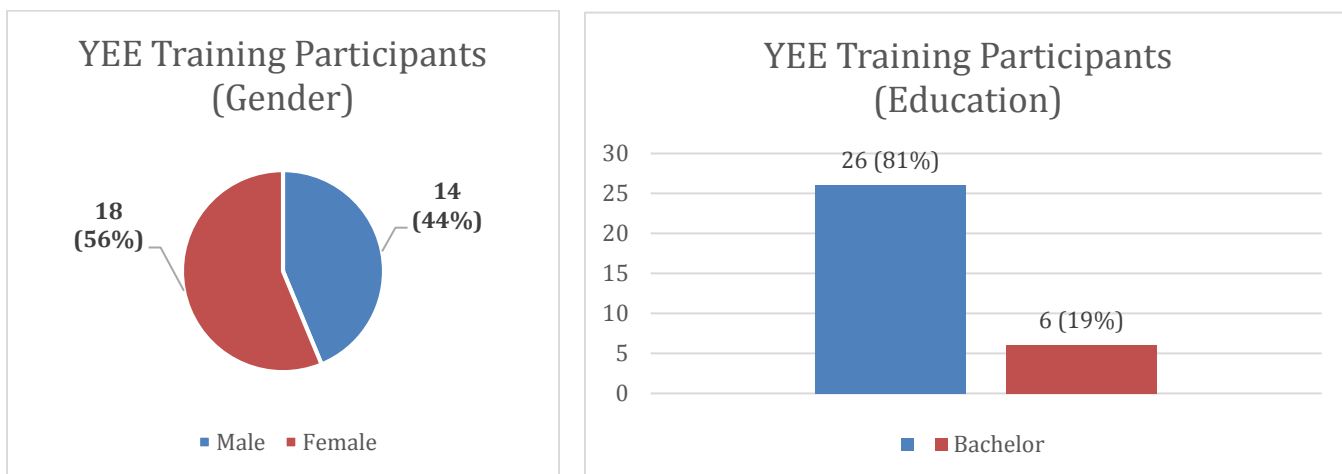
Main objectives of the training were:

1. Understand the evaluation theory and practice, and main approaches to monitoring and evaluation
2. Reflect upon and deepen the understanding of UN Sustainable Development Goals and programming theory from evaluation perspective
3. Equip with theoretical and practical approaches to Gender and Equity focused evaluations into SDGs
4. Enrich the understanding of ethical aspects and code of conduct for evaluations

2.2.1 Participants of the training

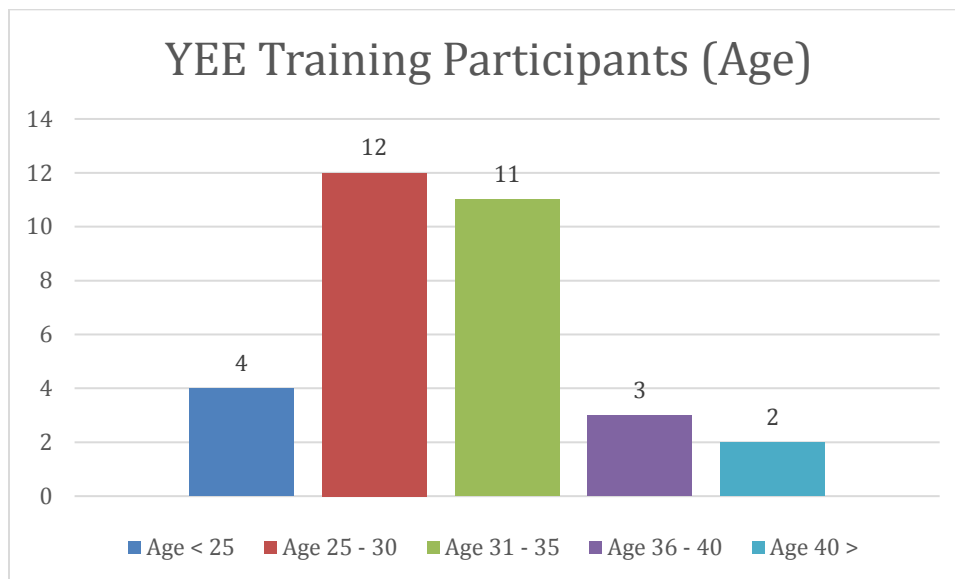
There were total of 32 participants in the training, where 17 were given scholarship from the P2P fund and 15 were fee paying (see Annex 4 for name list). Application call was announced by CoE-Nepal for scholarship as well as fee paying. There were criteria of age, education, qualification, experience and interest in evaluation for candidates to apply for scholarship. Scholarship was awarded to those deserving candidates meeting the criteria.

Figure 1: Gender & education level of participants



There has been a diverse group of participants in terms of organizations. There were participants from UN Agencies, UN supported organizations, INGOs, NGOs, government agencies, private sector, freelancers, and academia. Among the total numbers of participants, 56% were female and 44% were male; 81% of participants had Masters' Degree and 19% had Bachelor Degree (Figure 1). Participants up to the age of 35 years were 27 (84%) and the remaining 5 (16%) were above it (Figure 2).

Figure 2: The age of YEE training participants



2.2.2 Course Content

The course of the training was divided into 16 sessions and three guest lectures were included. **The training package comprises the following main components:**

- Overview of development approaches
- Understanding evaluation; relationship between monitoring and evaluation— why evaluate? Purpose and Use
- Evaluation criteria, Questions, & Evaluation Matrix
- Methodical approaches: qualitative-versus quantitative & mixed methods
- Theory of change in evaluation
- Log-frame and Results framework and its use in evaluation (in the context of SDGs)
- Sustainable Development Goals—main ideas, departures from MDGs, and the evolution of development thinking
- Leaving no-one behind & its use across SDGs/indicators in evaluation

- Equity, equality and empowerment: conceptual & theoretical explorations
- Social inclusion/exclusion context of Nepal: making sense of leaving none behind
- Indicators & measurement of Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG 5)
- Evaluation ethics and GEE Code of Conduct on gender equality and empowerment (COE-Nepal CoC Draft)
- Method: conducting baseline studies and its use in mid-term and final/impact evaluations (climate change project)
- Managing Evaluation

Guest Lectures

- Evaluation Policy
- Equity in evaluation
- Uptake and use of evaluations in policy-making

2.2.3 Facilitators and resource persons

All facilitators of the training were professionals, who have had extensive experience of evaluation work. Below are the list of facilitators and guest lecturers:

1. Krishna Belbase, PhD
2. Thakur Bhatta
3. Prabin Chitrakar
4. Hari Dhungana, PhD
5. Ram Chandra Khanal, PhD
6. Kanchan Lama
7. Sushila Nepali, PhD
8. Gana Pati Ojha, PhD
9. Jagadish Pokharel, PhD
10. Ramesh Tuladhar, PhD
11. Kamlesh Yadav
12. **Guest speakers**
 - a) Hon. Ananda Prasad Pokharel, Coordinator, Parliamentarian Forum on Development Evaluation Policy in Nepal; Steering Committee Member, Global Parliamentarian Forum for Evaluation
 - b) Teertha Dhakal, PhD, National Planning Commission
 - c) Sharu Joshi Shrestha, UN Women

2.2.4 Methods and lecture slides

The training involved mainly lectures, plenary discussion, group work and presentation as principal methods.

We have the collection of lecture slides, which are available upon request.

2.3 Dissemination of the Code of Conduct

Another activity under the P2P project of COE-Nepal was the dissemination of code of conduct for gender and equity focused evaluation. This activity was designed to build on, and hence conditional upon, the previous p2p project. This activity is yet to finalize, and hence we are seeking a no-cost extension from IOCE and AfES.

As of July 2017, the final draft version of the Code of Conduct is under another round of critical review undertaken by all the three VOPEs, namely, COE Nepal, Nepal Evaluation Society (NES) and Society of Monitoring and Evaluation (SOME) Nepal.

A team of six persons has been formed to work out the final version, comprising the members from the three Nepal VOPEs:

Box 1: Code of Conduct Team from three Nepalese VOPEs

Community of Evaluators (COE) Nepal: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Kanchan Lama2. Ram Chandra Khanal
Society of Monitoring and Evaluation (SOME) Nepal: <ol style="list-style-type: none">3. Mukundaraj Prakash Ghimire4. Dhan Bahadur Shrestha
Nepal Evaluation Society (NES): <ol style="list-style-type: none">5. Bhim Shrestha6. Govinda Tamang

However as planned, the translating activity is still due, since it will be done only after working out the final version of the document by 20 August 2017, the planned translation will follow this. So we have not yet invested the allocated USD1350/- for translating and disseminating of the CoC budgeted in the partnership P2P project for this activity, which will be invested in the first week of September 2017.

3 FINANCIAL REPORTING

Table 2 shows the balance of funds against the allocation of P2P project. We request IOCE to deduct USD 100 as IOCE membership contribution directly at source.

Table 2: Fund balance, P2P project, Nepal Component, July 31 2017

SN	Particulars	Allocation USD	Expenditure USD	Balance USD	Remarks
1	CoC Dissemination	1350	0	1350	
2	YEE Training	3030	3030	0	Table 3
3	IOCE membership fee	100	100	0	IOCE deduction
	TOTAL	4480	3130	1350	

Table 3 shows the cost of training against the support from IOCE. It also shows the amount of costs which was covered from the participant fees raised in the training. As noted earlier, scholarship was provided to 17 participants, while a reasonable fee was charged for 15 other participants.

Table 3: Detailed expenditure of YEE training

SN	Particulars	Unit	Qty	Rate	Amount NPR	Amount USD	Allocation, USD
1	Venue+Snacks¹						1300
	Venue costs + food @ SAP Falcha				190000		
	<i>sub-total</i>				190000	1862.75	
2	Stationery						30
	A.1 Banner / Certificate				3700		
	A.2 Stationery (Participants' pack and other)				18187.5		
	B.3 Printings @ SIAS				5000		
	<i>sub-total</i>				26887.5	263.60	
3	Communication, Travel, Logistics						700
	A4. Transportation				27500		
	A.5 Communication				5000		
	A.6 Preparatory Meetings @ SIAS				5355		
	SIAS staff - logistical support				11764.7		
	<i>sub-total</i>				49619.7	486.47	
4	Technical Support						1000
	A.3 Facilitator's Fee				61176.5		
	Remuneration - Training associate				47000		
	<i>sub-total</i>				108176.5	1060.55	
	TOTAL					3673.37	3030
	AMOUNT COVERED FROM IOCE SUPPORT					3030	
	TOTAL TRAINING EXPENDITURE					3673.37	
	COSTS COVERED FROM FEE FROM PARTICIPANTS					643.37	

4 REQUEST FOR NO-COST EXTENSION

We hereby like to request a no-cost extension up to October 15, 2015 so that we complete necessary consultations on the draft CoC, and subsequently translate it and hold the workshop, and report overall progress on the same.

¹ Venue cost integrated with food - BF/lunch

Annex 1: Training Sessions



Community of Evaluators,
Nepal

Training for Young and Emerging Evaluators on

EVALUATION IN THE CONTEXT OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

25-28 July 2017

**@ SAP Falcha, Babarmahal,
Kathmandu**

TRAINING INTRODUCTION AND SESSIONS

Course Convener: Dr Hari Dhungana

Inquiries: Prabin Chitrakar

Aim and objectives. This training aims to nurture and train young and emerging evaluators in Nepal through engaged exposure to emerging approaches to evaluation of development projects, programs and policies in the context of sustainable development goals. After the completion of this course, the participants will:

1. Understand the evaluation theory and practice, and main approaches to monitoring and evaluation
2. Reflect upon and deepen the understanding of UN Sustainable Development Goals and programming theory from evaluation perspective
3. Equip with theoretical and practical approaches to Gender and Equity focused evaluations into SDGs
4. Enrich the understanding of ethical aspects and code of conduct for evaluations

Resource persons

1. Krishna Belbase
2. Thakur Bhatta
3. Prabin Chitrakar
4. Dr Hari Dhungana
5. Dr RC Khanal
6. Kanchan Lama
7. Dr. Sushila Nepali
8. Dr. Gana Pati Ojha
9. Dr. Ramesh Tuladhar
10. Kamlesh Yadav

11. Guest speakers

- a. Dr Teertha Dhakal, National Planning Commission
- b. Dr Jagadish Pokharel, Former Vice-chair, National Planning Commission
- c. Sharu Joshi Shrestha, UN Women

SESSIONS

Day/Session	Session description	Resource person
Day 1 25 July 2017	Evaluation: Introduction and approaches	
08.30-09.00	Breakfast	
09.00-09.30	Registration	Gyanu Maskey
09.30-10.00	Evaluation and policy process in Nepal: sharing experience	Hon Ananda Pokharel
10.30-11.00	Session 1 1.1 Training introduction, and agenda, and roadmap	Dr Hari Dhungana
	1.2 Code of Conduct 1.3 pre-training assessment	Prabin Chitrakar
11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee	
12.00-13.00	Session 2 Understanding evaluation; relationship between monitoring and evaluation—why evaluate? Purpose and Use	Dr Gana Pati Ojha
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Session 3 Methodical approaches: qualitative-versus quantitative & mixed methods	Dr Gana Pati Ojha
15.30-15.45	Tea/coffee	
15.45-17.30	Session 4 Evaluation criteria, Questions, & Evaluation Matrix	Dr RC Khanal

Day 2 26 July 2017	Logframe, Theory of Change, & Sustainable Development Goals	
08.30-09.00	Breakfast	
09.00-09.30	Recap of Day I	Prabin Chitrakar
09.30-10.00	Session 4a. Guest Lecture Overview of development approaches	Dr Jagadish Pokharel
10.00-11.00	Session 5 Theory of change in evaluation	Krishna Belbase
11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee	
11.30-13.00	Session 6 Log-frame and Results framework and its use in evaluation (in the context of SDGs)	Krishna Belbase
13.00-14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Session 7 Sustainable Development Goals—main ideas, departures from MDGs, and the evolution of development thinking	Dr. Hari Dhungana
15.30-16.00	Tea/Coffee	
16.00-17.30	Session 8 Leaving no-one behind & its use across SDGs/indicators in evaluation	Kanchan Lama

<i>Day 3</i> <i>27/7/2017</i>	Gender equality and empowerment in evaluation	
08.30-09.00	Breakfast	
09.00-09.30	Recap of Day 2	Prabin Chitrakar
09.30-10.00	Session 8a. Guest Lecture: "Equity in evaluation"	Sharu J Shrestha, UN Women
10.00-11.00	Session 9 Equity, equality and empowerment: conceptual & theoretical explorations	Kanchan Lama
11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee	
11.30-13.00	Session 10 Social inclusion/exclusion context of nepal: making sense of leaving none behind.	Thakur Bhatta
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Session 11 Indicators & measurement of Gender Equality and Empowerment (SDG 5)	Kamlesh Yadav
15.30-16.00	Tea/Coffee	
16.00-17.00	Session 12 Analysis of data on Gender Equality and Equity for evaluation	Dr. Sushila Nepali
17.00-17.30	Guest Lecture: "Uptake and use of evaluations in policy-making"	Dr. Teertha Dhakal

<i>Day 4</i> <i>28/7/2017</i>	<i>Ethics & methods</i> <i>Training Conclusion</i>	
08.30-09.00	Breakfast	
09.00-09.30	Recap of Day 3	Prabin Chitrakar
09.30-10.15	Session 13 Evaluation ethics and GEE Code of Conduct on gender equality and empowerment (COEN CoC Draft)	Dr Sushila Nepali
10.15- 11.15	Session 13a. Log frame (contd.. from Dr Belbase's session)	Dr. Hari Dhungana
11.00-11.30	Tea/Coffee	
11.30- 13.00	Session 14 Method: conducting baseline studies and its use in mid-term and final/impact evaluations (climate change project)	Dr Ramesh Tuladhar
13.00- 14.00	Lunch	
14.00-15.30	Session 15 Post-training assessment Feedback	Hari Dhungana Prabin Chitrakar
15.30-16.00	Tea/coffee	
16.00-17.30	Session 16 Certificate distribution	Prabin Chitrakar

Annex 2: Pre-test format

Training for Young and Emerging Evaluators on Evaluation

In the Context of Sustainable Development Goals

Please answer the following questions in the grey space field provided after each question.

1. Have you attended any Evaluation training and/or have an educational background in evaluation issues? Yes No

If you have answered “yes”, please complete the following for each training event/educational event related to gender equality and/or women.

Training title	When?	Organization that provided the training	How long?

3. Please indicate which best describes the level of your familiarity with each of the following evaluation concepts and related terms. If you are applying the concept, use the next section to elaborate on how you apply the concept.

	Do not know	Heard of the concept	Understand the concept	Know how to apply the concept	Apply the concept	Provide an example of how you apply the concept to your work
Evaluation theory and practice						
Approaches to monitoring and evaluation						
Evaluation Matrix						
Quality vs Quantity and Mixed method						
Understanding SDG						
Gender and Equity focused Evaluations						
Inclusive evaluation						
Ethics and code of conduct						
Designing indicators and measurement						
Baseline, mid-line and endline impact evaluation						
Managing evaluation findings						

4. What do you hope to gain from the training?

Thank you very much.

Annex 3: Post-test

Please answer the following questions in the grey space field provided after each question.

Table 2 1

	Do not know	Just familiar with the concept	Can explain the concept	Know how to apply the concept	Will apply the frameworks
Evaluation theory and practice					
Approaches to monitoring and evaluation					
Evaluation Matrix					
Quality vs Quantity and Mixed method					
Understanding SDG					
Gender and Equity focused Evaluations					
Inclusive evaluation					
Ethics and code of conduct					
Designing indicators and measurement					
Baseline, mid-line and endline impact evaluation					
Managing evaluation findings					

4. What are the most important key learning (useful) have you gained from the training?

5. How would you rate the trainers' contribution?

Please rate the trainer's performance under each category given in the table following three ranking points:

(1 for "excellent"; 2 for "good" and 3 for "fair")

Title of Session	Trainer's rating			
	Conceptual clarity	Materials	Facilitation skill	Overall impression (optional)
Session 1:				
Session 2:				
Session 3:				
Session 4:				

Session 5:				
Session 6:				
Session 7:				
Session 8:				
Session 9:				
Session 10:				
Session 11:				
Session 12:				
Session 13:				
Session 14:				
Session 15:				
Session 16:				

6. Given opportunity, what would you have done differently? (If any)

Areas	Would do differently
Contents	
Methodologies	
Materials	
Timeframe	
Resource persons	
Logistics	
Any other?	

Thank you very much.

Annex 4: Participants of the Training

S.N.	Full Name	Gender	Organization	Email	Phone
1	Anita Shrestha	Female	National Federation of Women Living with HIV and AIDs	anitashrestha827@gmail.com	9841783126
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12	Karsang Dolma Magar	Female	Mercy Corps Nepal	kmagar@mercycorps.org	9843394959
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14	Laxmi Paudel (Ghimire)	Female	Kapilvastu	laraatreya@gmail.com	9867391683, 9800700085
15	Mamta Kumari Chaudhary	Female	Mahendra Bindeshwori Multiple Campus	mchaudhary@gmail.com	9852820849
16	Paritra Tamrakar	Female	UN Women Nepal Office	paritra.tamrakar@unwomen.org	941256588
17	Prema Lama Blon	Female	Everest Media Consult (P) Ltd	bestprema@gmail.com	9861592862
18	Prithula Thapa	Female	Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)	prithulathapa@gmail.com	9860864446
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20	Radha Devi Sharma	Female	College of applied food and dairy technology	sharmadratha@yahoo.com	9849146972
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22	Ramsara Regmi	Female	Southasia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)	regmiramsara33149@gmail.com	9848233149
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24	Sara Devkota	Female	Freelance	devkotasara@gmail.com	9851086493
25	Shristi Karki	Female	Mercy Corps Nepal	karkishristi@gmail.com	9851181379
26	Suchita Shrestha	Female	South Asia Institute of Advanced Studies (SIAS)	suchita@sias-southasia.org	9841716403
27	Sunil Kumar Pariyar	Male	Dalit Alliance for Natural Resources(DANAR)-Nepal	sunildanar@yahoo.com	14376509
28	Sushil BK	Male	Dalit NGO Federation (DNF) and Coordinator for SDGs	sushilbks@yahoo.com	9851224100

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31	Yam Nath Giri	Male		yamnathgiri2014@gmail.com	9851239785
32	Yunish Thapa	Male	Student	tyunish@gmail.com	9814300891

Annex 5: YEE Training Group Photo

