



# Annual Report 2018

Evaluation Association of Bhutan

CSOA/MBO-16

# Summary of the Year 2018

To get registered as a MBO was the first task the voluntary group with the intent of making Evaluation a culture achieved at the end of 2017 or the beginning of 2018. With the registration came the responsibility of setting up a secretariat with a permanent office and that required generation of funds.

The board dedicated time to the establishment of the secretariat and due to financial constraints, a pro-bono Executive Director was appointed. The office went through a rigorous selection procedure to employ the best possible candidate who would be able to multitask at this juncture for the growth of EAB.

To look back into 2018 in regard to the submission in this thin book, it seems not much has been achieved but I would like to share to all readers that much went into giving the ignition to the long journey of EAB.

We do not have much to share in this Annual Report 2018 but we look forward to giving a fulfilling report with impactful activities in the coming years.

We urge all readers to learn about EAB and support us by becoming members for a better Bhutan.



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*Executive Director*

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# The Start of Evaluation Association of Bhutann (EAB)

In the past few decades, there has been a remarkable growth in the field of evaluation as evidenced by the steady increase in the number of Voluntary Organizations for Professional Evaluation (VOPEs) across the world. The number of national and regional VOPEs has risen from 15 in the 1990s to more than 155 by early 2013.

The Royal Government of Bhutan (RGOB) embarked upon strengthening the monitoring and evaluation system in the country since 2006 through establishing the national monitoring and evaluation system (NMES), following which, considerable progress has been made on the monitoring front. However, evaluation culture in the country still remains weak.

Since 2009, about 16 officials from the government attended the International Programme for Development Evaluation Training (IPDET) with various sources of funding, a major portion of which was supported by DANIDA. This training contributed immensely to enhancing the awareness and capacity in the RGOB. About 24 Bhutanese with an interest in evaluation are members of the International Organization for Collaborative Outcome Management (IOCOM) that was established in 2010.

In order to streamline, strengthen and institutionalize the evaluation system, in 2012, the RGOB drafted the National Evaluation Policy, and the National Evaluation Protocol and Guidelines, which will be launched in the second half of 2015. Several evaluations of development policies and programmes have also been conducted from 2013 till date through the Research and Evaluation Division, Gross National Happiness Commission (RED/GNHC) and in collaboration with government ministries.

Evaluation Association of Bhutan (EAB), which was operating as an informal virtual organization, led and managed by volunteers is now registered as an MBO with the Civil Society Organization Authority. EAB is a registered member of the Community of Evaluators South Asia.

EAB is a registered Civil Society Organization as Mutual Benefit Organization (MBO) as per the requirement of the Civil Society Organization Act of the Kingdom of Bhutan. EAB was registered on 6th December 2017 with its registration number: CSOA/MBO-16.

# Purpose

The Association is established in order to:

- Promote a strong evaluation culture in the country as a critical element for accountability, good governance and transparency in development processes;
- Improve evaluation methodologies and use; and
- Promote evaluation as a profession in the country.

# Objectives

The Association aims to strengthen the evaluation culture in the country by:

- Providing a platform for evaluators to share best practices on evaluation;
- Improving the quality and use of evaluation;
- Advocating and creating awareness on evaluation;
- Building the capacity of those who conduct, commission and manage evaluations in the country; and
- Creating a network of high-quality evaluators and linking them with the other evaluation communities.

# The Year 2018

Sl.No	Particulars	Status
1	Establishment of the EAB office	Completed
2	Formation of the EAB secretariat	Completed
3	Development of the 3 years' work plan	Completed
4	Raise Fund for office sustenance	Achieved
5	Membership to Coe SA	Completed
6	Initiate Member Registration	On-going
7	Initiate First Evaluation Training	Due "14-18 <sup>th</sup> Jan, 2019

# Board Meetings

A total of three Board Meetings were held in 2018. The meetings were held as frequently as required for the organization. Board Meeting in 2018 were held on the following dates:

Wednesday, 30 May 2018 (First Board Meeting).

Tuesday, 10 July 2018 (Second Board Meeting).

Wednesday, 5 September 2018 (Third Board Meeting)

Meeting Numbers	1 <sup>st</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Total
Kuenzang Lhamu	✓	✓	✓	3
Tashi Dorji	✓	✓	✓	3
Sangay Tshering	✓	✓	✓	3
Dechen Zangmo	✓	✓	✓	3
Chimmi Dema	✓	-	-	1
Dechen Zam	-	✓	✓	2
Tashi Choden	✓	✓	✓	3

# Members

Year	No. of Members signed up
2018	10 (Paid members)
2017	36 (Non paid members)

# First Activity for 2019 initiated in 2018

Upcoming event: Evaluation Training, (14/01/2019- 18/01/2019)

Evaluation in Bhutan has not been flourishing throughout the years and to bring in the practice of evaluation culture the Evaluation Association of Bhutan a registered CSO was formed. So, to enhance the evaluation culture in Bhutan, the Evaluation association of Bhutan is organizing Basics of evaluation training during the first month of the coming year 2019. It is the first evaluation related training program of EAB that will be held in Paro for 5 days i.e. from 14th -18th of January 2019. 30 members from the National Technical Committee will be participating in the Basics of

Evaluation Training in which one member from the Community of Evaluators (CoE), Team members from GNHC and the team members of EAB will be the resource person for the very training.

During the training the following action steps/ topics will be discussed:

- What is evaluation?
- Theory of change
- Evaluation and Result Based Management
- Evaluation approach
- Evaluability
- Randomized Controlled Trial
- Basic Concepts in Statistics.
- Sampling and Sampling techniques
- National M&E system and the draft " Evaluation Protocols and Guidelines"
- How to Manage Evaluations.

The training will be conducted based on the 11 topics mentioned within the duration of 5 days.

# To learn more about Evaluation Association of Bhutan

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