Enhancing Evaluation Practices in Bangladesh: A Look into the Bangladesh Evaluation Society

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Background



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Bangladesh Evaluation Society (BES) was largely inspired by The Dhaka Colloquium on Systematic Reviews in International Development 12-14 December 2012 brought together 130 leading researchers and policymakers from 31 countries by the International Initiative for Impact Evaluation (3ie) Campbell Collaboration International Development Coordinating Group (IDCG) in

Initially, BES decided to form and work independently but later decided to be a registered professional society and established by the evaluation professionals and practitioners in 2015.

In 2018 in its 1st annual general meeting BES took formal institutional shape and come up with broad based agenda and mandates by adopting new Article of Association.

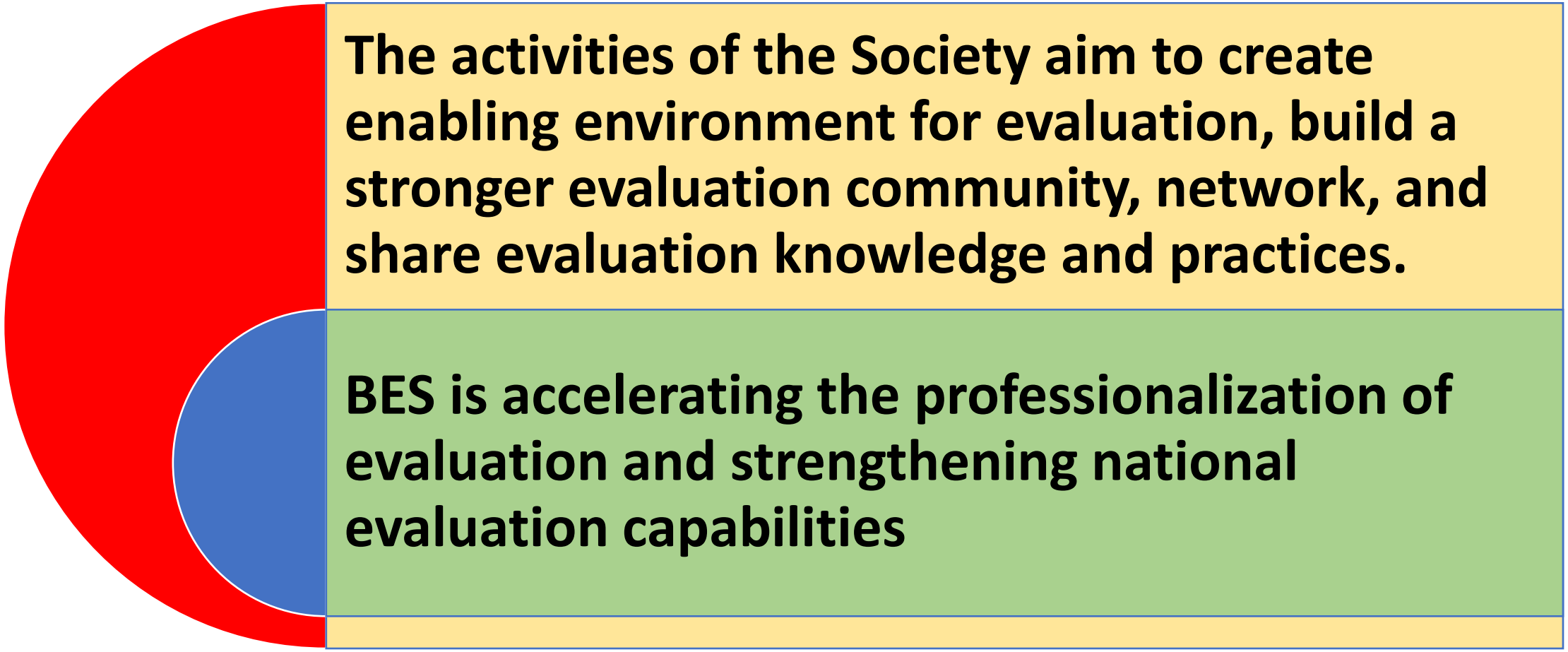
What is BES?

Bangladesh Evaluation Society (BES) is a national forum for evaluation practitioners and policymakers in Bangladesh.

Mandates

The mandate of the Society is to stimulate, guide, and promote the theory, practice, and utilization of evaluation in Bangladesh and beyond.

Activities


The activities of the Society aim to create enabling environment for evaluation, build a stronger evaluation community, network, and share evaluation knowledge and practices.
BES is accelerating the professionalization of evaluation and strengthening national evaluation capabilities

Collaborating with Asia Energy Evaluation

Jointly organized a series of webinar and shared the documents



Collaborating National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM)

Arranged multiple training and capacity building program



Dialogue on National Evaluation Capacity Development on 22 February 2024

Dialogue on National Evaluation Capacity Development: What We Can Learn from Latin American and Global Evaluation Networks. Presentation made by Silvia Salinas Mulder. Stanley Gwava, Acting Country Director UNICEF were also present and actively took part in the discussions among others.

Collaboration with UNICEF and IMED

Formulating National Evaluation Policy

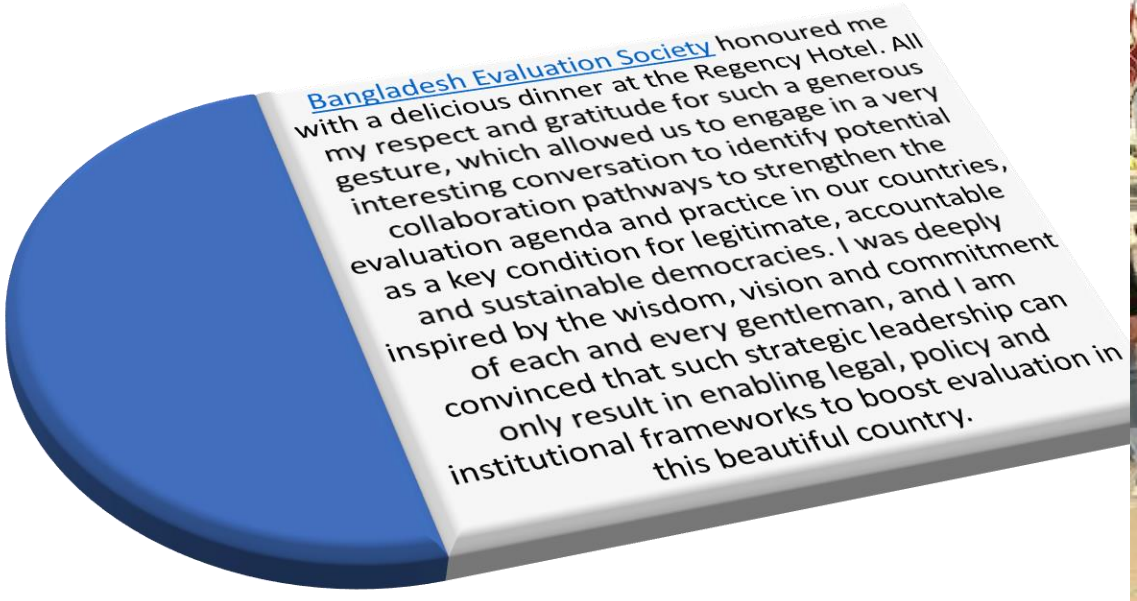




Validating National Project and Program Evaluation

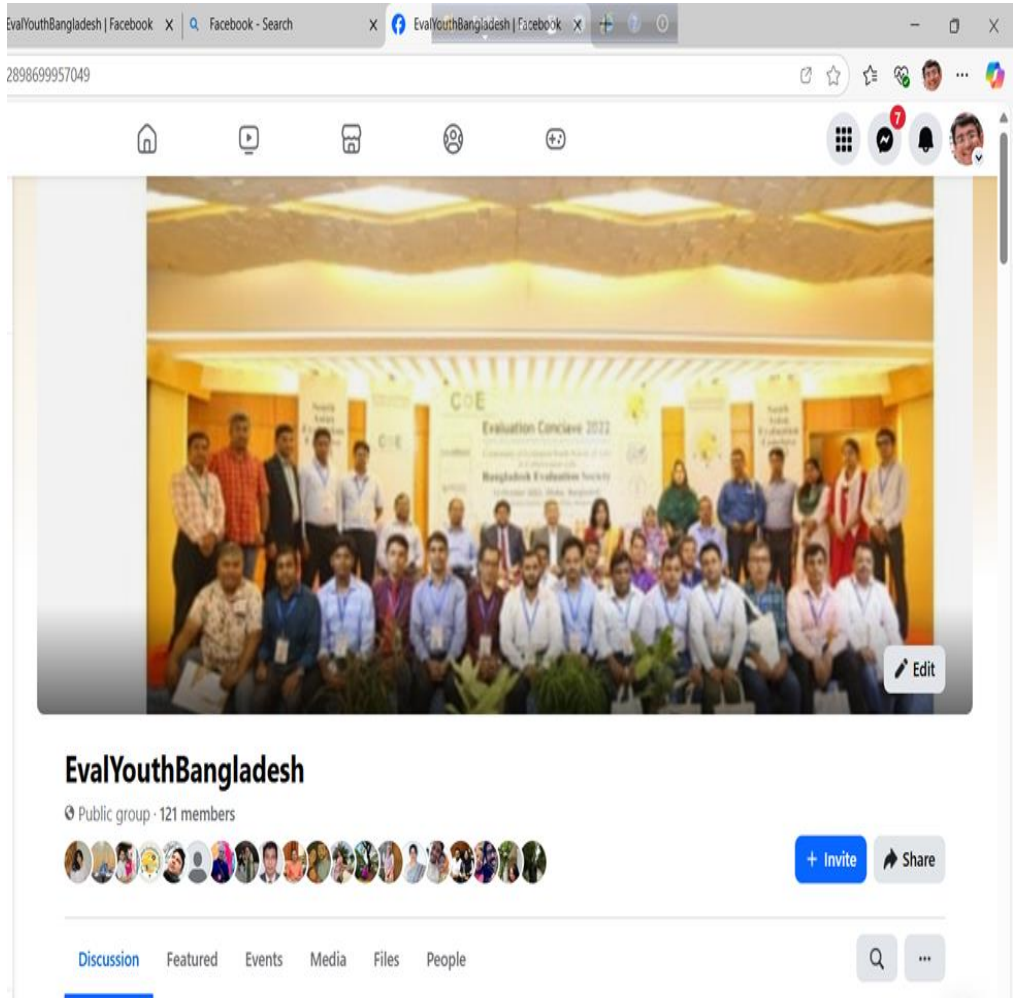


International Guests Meet and Greet BES





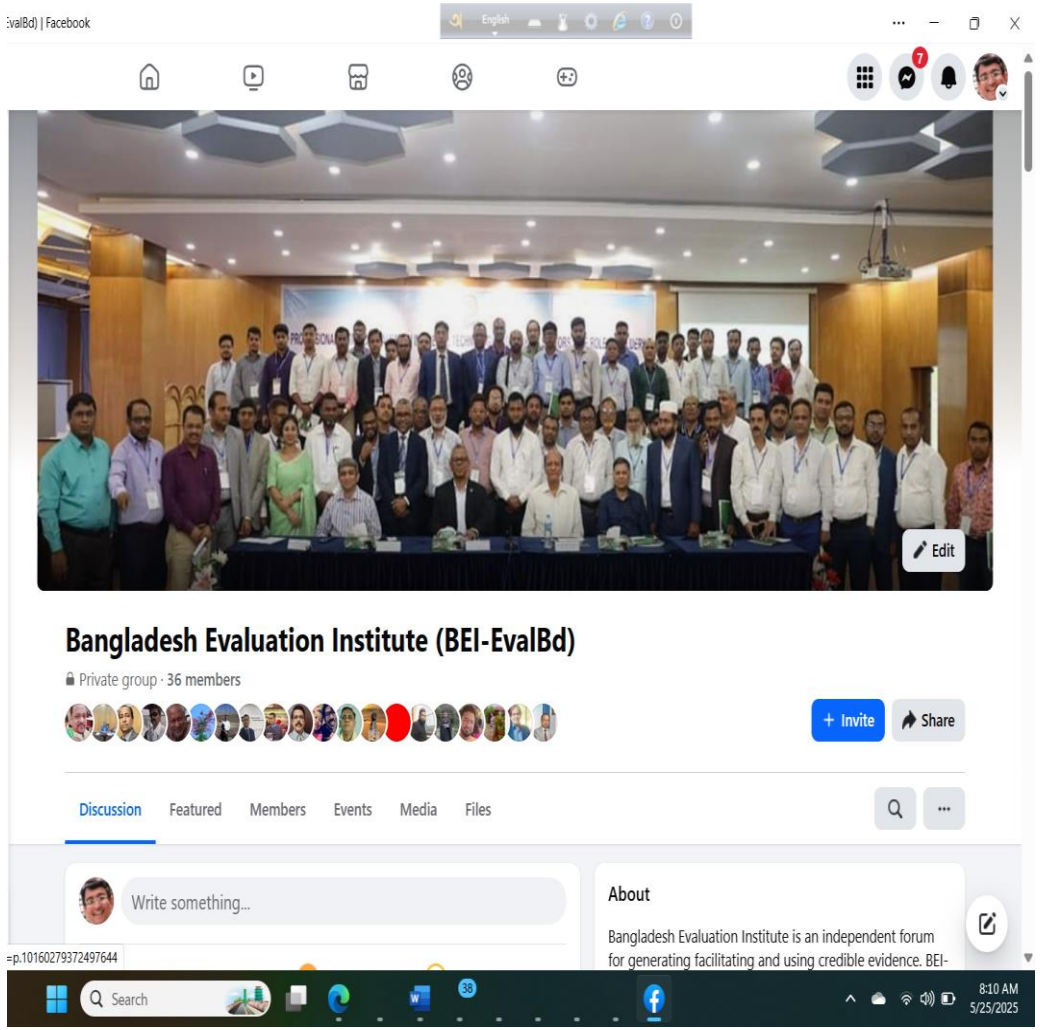
About EvalYouthBangladesh



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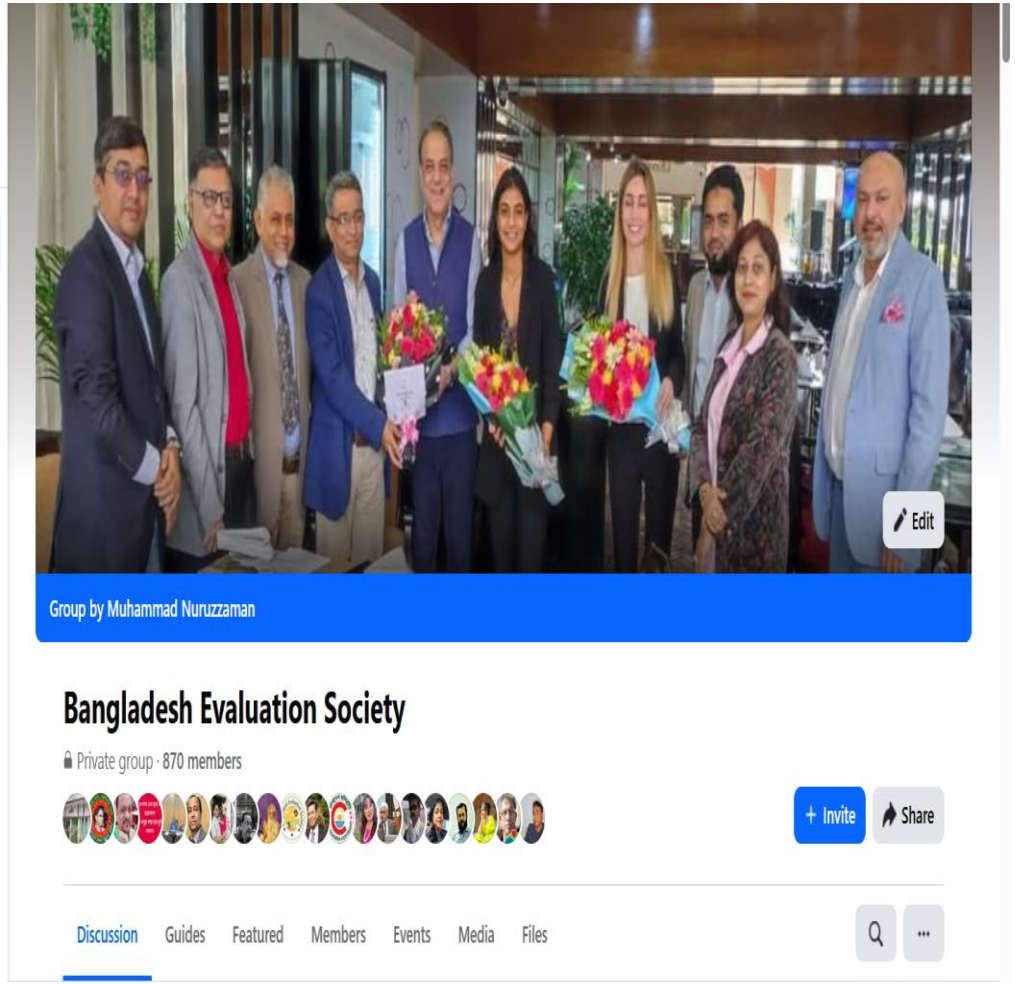
Bangladesh Evaluation Institute (BEI-EvalBd) | Facebook Group



About this group: Bangladesh Evaluation Institute

- Bangladesh Evaluation Institute is an independent forum for generating facilitating and using credible evidence. BEI-Eval-Bd established to uphold the independence of the evaluation profession and facilitate professionalization of evaluation in Bangladesh and beyound.
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- History: Group created on January 20, 2019. Name last changed on May 24, 2024.
- Members · 36

Bangladesh Evaluation Society | Facebook Group



- Bangladesh Evaluation Society is a platform for sharing knowledge theory and practices of evaluation and network. it's a forum of independent evaluators, evaluation commissioners and policymakers those are considering evidence at the center of policy making process through generating, facilitating and using credible evidence.
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- Visible: Anyone can find this group.
- History : Group created on November 25, 2012
- **Location: Dhaka, Bangladesh**
- **Members · 870**

Bangladesh Foundation for Education Research and Development (BFERD) | Facebook



- BFERD (বাংলাদেশ শিক্ষা গবেষণা ও উন্নয়ন ফাউন্ডেশন) is a non-profit and independent organization facilitating, networking and collaborating for education and development in Bangladesh and beyond through generation and share evidence at the center of the decision making process. BFERD played a pivotal role in establishing the Bangladesh Evaluation Society and Bangladesh Evaluation Institute. Its major focus is to promote an evaluation culture BFERD works for the marginalized community through actions and generation of credible evidence to know what works.
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AT A GLANCE PROGRAMME – BANGLADESH

Keynote and Ceremonial	14 00 - 16 00
Chief Guest:	Hon. Mr M A Mannan, MP, Minister of Planning, Government of Bangladesh
Opening remarks	Md. Khalilur Rahman, Vice-president, BES and Secretary, Ministry of Post and Telecommunication
Keynote	EQUITY AND TRANSFORMATION: Evaluation in Challenging Times Mr. Md. Abul Kalam Azad (Commissioner, Commission on BiodiverCities by 2030 of the World Economic Forum)
Panelists	▪ Mr. Md. Abdul Majid, ndc, Director General, Implementation Monitoring and Evaluation Division (IMED) ▪ Dr. Nizamul Karim, Director General, National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM) ▪ Dr Md. Abdul Awal, DC, Bangladesh Jute Research Institute ▪ Ms. Nguyen Thi Ngoc Van, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP Bangladesh
Concluding remarks	Dr. Md. Nuruzzaman, President, Bangladesh Evaluation Society

Paper presentation and Panel Discussion	16 30 - 18 30
Chair:	Admiral (Retd.) Khurshid Alam, Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs- Discussant/Moderator
Opening remarks	Md. Shah Kamal, Senior Secretary (Retd.), MoDMR
Keynote	Keynote Paper Presentation: EVALUATIONS DURING THE TIME OF CRISES- EVIDENCE FROM UK AND BANGLADESH by Clr Abdul Jabbar, Deputy Leader, Oldham Council, Manchester, UK
Panelists	Panel Discussion: Panellists' (Not in order of position or seniority) ☒ Mr. Zafor Iqbal, Addl. Secretary (Retd.), MoPA and Consultant, ADB ☒ Mr. Munir Chowdhury, Director General, NMST ☒ Dr. Nazmul Ahsan Kalimullah, Dhaka University ☒ Prof. Dr. Baizid Khoorshid Riaz, PhD, Director NIPSOM
Concluding remarks	Vote of Thanks Rafiqul Islam, Secretary General, BES and Director (Training) BPMI

Skills Development Workshops

1. Evaluation of public policies for evidenced based policy making (*Lead*: Dr Monzur Hossain, BIDS)
2. Formulating Theory of Change for Researcher and Project/Program Mangers (*Lead*: Ranjan Kumar Guha, BARD)
3. Monitoring and Evaluation for Young and Emerging Evaluators (*Lead*: Jafor Raja Chowdhury, Registrar (retd.) Copy Right Office)

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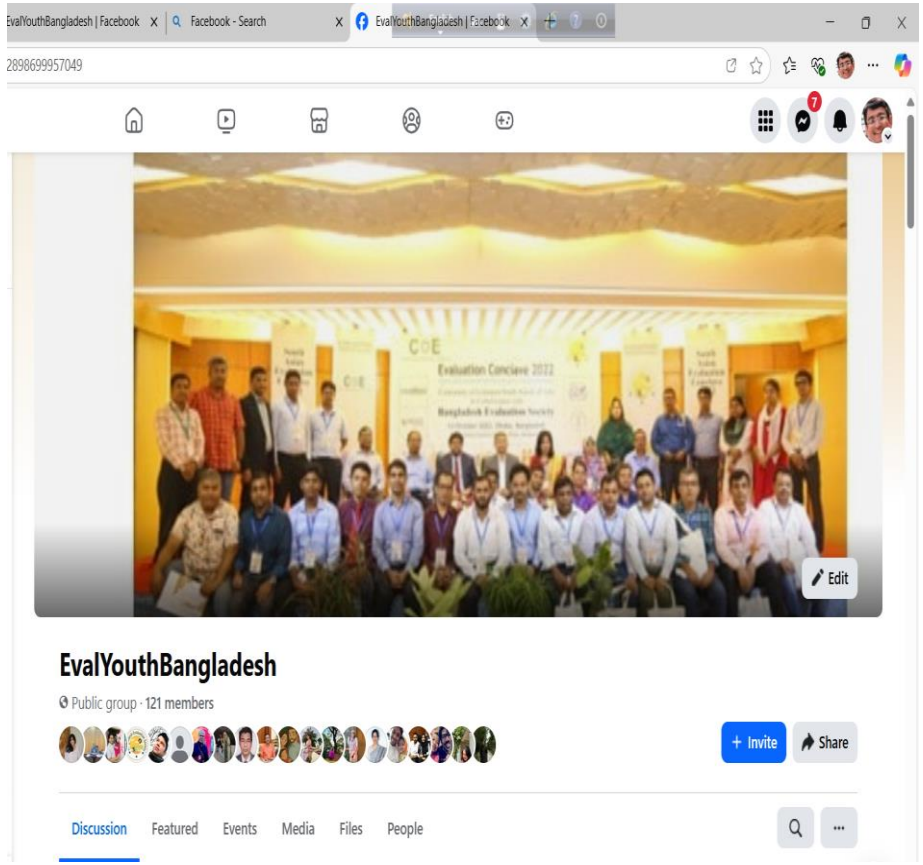
Building National Capacity for Monitoring and Evaluation

Training for KGF at BARC





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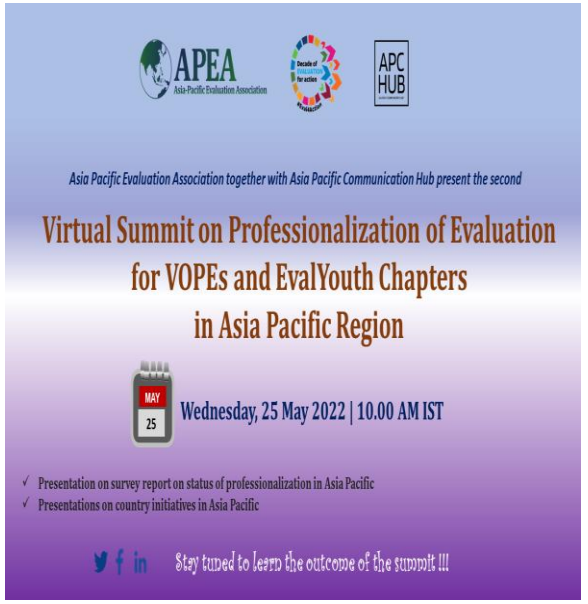
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ASIA PACIFIC EVALUATION ASSOCIATION (APEA)

- As VOPE Bangladesh Evaluation Society is a members of Asia Pacific Evaluation Association (APEA);
- Jointly organized a series of events and webinars with APEA
- BES regional presence is much appreciated;





Evaluation Capacity Building with

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IMPrESS
Intermediate Moderated Programme for Evaluation Systems' Strengthening

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"Evaluation Matters for Improved Decision-Making"

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- The IMPrESS training is a 6-weeks facilitated online training targeting those commissioning, conducting and using the results of evaluation for development.
- The course is structured around four thematic modules covering the different steps of an evaluative process. The course covers the key skills required to prepare, design and manage evaluation of development efforts. The course builds on UNICEF best practices on child centered evaluations.
- The course will be delivered free of charge in English
- More than 140 BES members took part in this training program in 3 batches;

International Visit and Exchange:

Sri Lanka

June 2024

Jointly attended by IMED

UNICEF and BES







INTERNATIONAL POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN DEVELOPMENT EVALUATION

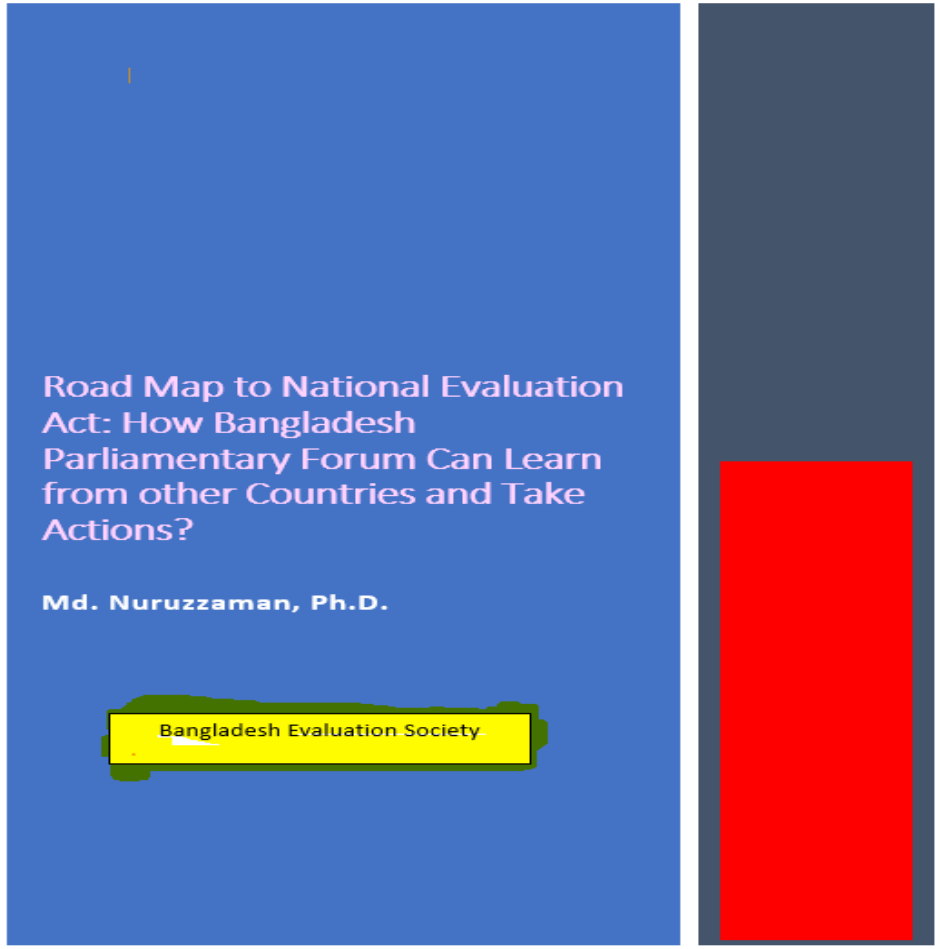
It aims to improve knowledge and understanding of evaluation fundamentals, theory, approaches, and use.

It is for learners seeking to further develop their skills and to add credibility and prestige to their practice.



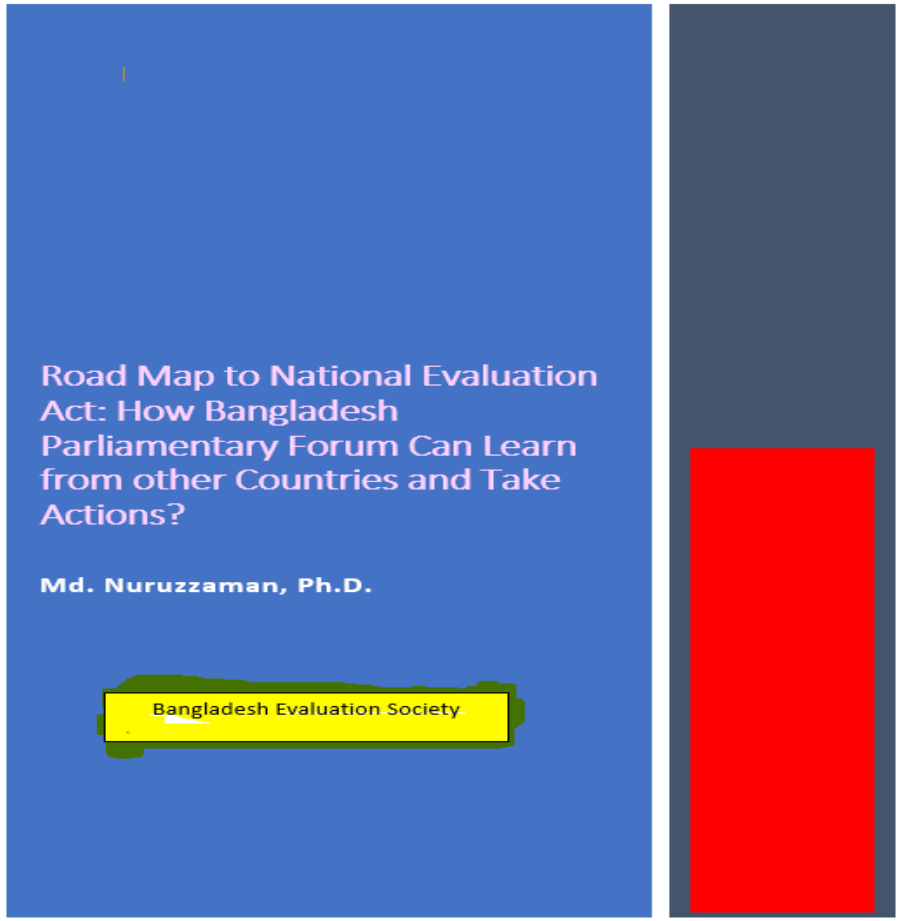
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Road Map to National Evaluation Act:
How Bangladesh Parliamentary Forum
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- **Road Map to Creating a National Evaluation Act in Bangladesh:** Creating a National Evaluation Act in Bangladesh involves legal and regulatory steps to institutionalize evaluation practices.
- The pathways for considerations: Creating a National Evaluation Act requires collaboration, legal expertise, and a commitment to evidence-based governance. It is a significant step toward strengthening evaluation systems in Bangladesh. In order to prepare the following roadmap should be followed:
- *Existing Evaluation Landscape:* Since Bangladesh's independence in 1971, evaluation has been crucial for project and policy implementation. The Implementation and Monitoring Division (IMED), but we need comprehensive act for the nations (Public, private and third sector accountability)
- *Drafting the National Evaluation Act:* A National Evaluation Act would formalize evaluation practices, making them mandatory for all administrative practices, including evaluation for regular and development activities.
- The act should outline the roles, responsibilities, and procedures for evaluation at various levels (government, industry, civil society).

Road Map to National Evaluation Act: How Bangladesh Parliamentary Forum Can Learn from other Countries and Take Actions?



- **Road Map to Creating a National Evaluation Act in Bangladesh:** --

a) *Parliamentary Approval:* Present the draft act to the Bangladesh Parliament for discussion, debate, and approval. Engage parliamentarians in understanding the importance of evidence-based decision-making and evaluation. Ensure alignment with existing laws and policies related to development and governance.

b) *Implementation and Enforcement:* Once approved, the act should be effectively implemented. Establish mechanisms for monitoring compliance, reporting, and addressing any violations. Collaborate with relevant ministries, agencies, and institutions to integrate evaluation practices into their operations.

c) *Establishment of Linkage with National Evaluation Society;* The **Bangladesh Evaluation Society (BES)** serves as a platform for sharing knowledge, theories, and practices related to evaluation in Bangladesh. It brings together independent evaluators, evaluation commissioners, and policymakers who prioritize evidence in the policy-making process by generating, facilitating, and utilizing credible evidence[1].

d) Additionally, the **parliament of Bangladesh** (known as the **Jatiyo Sangshad)** commissions evaluations and has standing committees dedicated to monitoring and evaluation.

e) These committees include the **Committee on Estimates,** the **Public Accounts Committee,** and the **Committee on Public Undertaking**.

f) Their work contributes to evidence-based decision-making and development planning in the country. Any evaluation initiatives, consider engaging with BES or exploring opportunities within the parliamentary committees.

Partnership and Collaborations













