

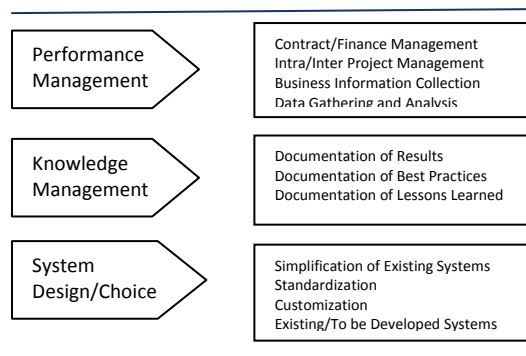


## FACT SHEET

**NPOKI** is an alliance of international health organizations, funders, partners, and in-country nongovernmental organizations. NPOKI's Mission is to be a trusted catalyst for member organizations; helping them to achieve enhanced performance management. It is an independent nonprofit association that assists its global members to achieve increased efficiency & measurable impact through collaboration & the application of proven practices.

**NPOKI's** members are at the forefront of providing access to safe and affordable health services globally, including a focused response to the spread of HIV/AIDS. The association serves its members by identifying appropriate tools and solutions to manage portfolios of services and programs. Lately, we have been driving the development of the Monitoring & Evaluation Reporting & Integration Tool (MERIT) a web-based tool to track complex projects in an integrated portfolio management system that allows all stakeholders – program managers, project staff, senior management, sub grantees, and funders – to evaluate progress. In brief, NPOKI serves a focal point for strategic **collaboration**, provides specific **consulting** services upon request and offers a **consumer review** of latest technology on behalf of its members.

**NPOKI** has the unique combination of experience with international health in low resource settings as well as a proven knowledge of performance management systems. NPOKI solutions emphasize the ability to function easily in low resource settings, thus helping to produce quality information all along the chain from the field to the board room.



Both the members and staff of NPOKI are committed to improving efficiency, transparency, and accountability within the global health sector so that nonprofit organizations have the right information to make decisions on how to invest their resources to ensure the greatest impact. NPOKI's activities include:

- Identifying performance management tools and solutions to address the similar problems faced by members
- Assessing/evaluating existing performance management support tools and solutions
- Providing a unique, open environment for global health organizations to collaborate and share effective practices using emerging technologies
- Organizing and hosting presentations, summits and workshops to facilitate collaboration, inform lexicon and identify approaches to problems/challenges

**NPOKI** taps into the cumulative experiences of its staff and members to identify best practices and lessons learned. It values a collaborative association that provides a safe environment to share experiences, solutions, and questions. This approach includes and invites participation. In return, all members benefit from the results – proven performance management tools and solutions. NPOKI then harnesses the resources of the members and negotiates with partners to cost effectively achieve results. To do this, NPOKI has developed a ‘Proof of Concept’ framework that provides rapid roll out of pilot projects (3 to 9 months) designed to demonstrate impact and to scale-up. This process can facilitate decision making by providing a tangible product that shows functionality, process, integration, user interface, output, etc. It enables decision makers to better imagine how it will work.

**NPOKI** has designed and developed a working prototype web-based indicator tracking system, the Monitoring & Evaluation Reporting & Integration Tool (MERIT) based on work done for one of its members, the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative. NPOKI has revised MERIT as a universal application appropriate for all of our members and in-country partners. It allows project teams to establish project/program indicators capable of meeting a variety of criteria: (1) Indicators that work within one or multiple frameworks, (2) indicators that capture different levels of detail, and (3) indicators that can be matched to various collection schedules.

#### *NPOKI's Unique Skills*

- *Providing a bridge between technology, programs and operations*
- *Providing international health program and technology expertise*
- *Putting communication and information technology into context for non-technical managers and constituents*
- *Collaborating to sharing the knowledge and broad experience of the membership*

Membership in NPOKI offers additional benefits/advantages such as:

- Sharing knowledge by evaluating and reporting on existing, new and emerging technologies for use in global health projects
- Advocating within member organizations (inform management, other departments, and maintain momentum for complex technology projects)
- Answering members' technology questions
- Providing technical assistance for systems integration and custom solutions
- Aggregating knowledge and experience in proven performance management solutions
- Forming partnerships with organizations that support performance management solutions

**NPOKI's** strength as an organization is based on the belief that with better performance management and targeted decision support tools, global health organizations can harness the information needed to improve the well-being of the people and communities with whom they work.

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