

## SELF-HELP GROUPS - FUNCTIONALITY

Outcome indicator, Output indicator

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### Indicator Phrasing

**English:** number of self-help groups focused on strengthening their users' preparedness for shocks that perform at least [specify the percentage] of their functions

**French:** nombre de groupes d'entraide axés sur le renforcement de leurs utilisateurs à la préparation aux chocs qui accomplissent au moins [précisez le %] de leurs fonctions

**Portuguese:** número de grupos de autoajuda, focados em fortalecer a preparação dos seus utilizadores para situações de choque, que realizam pelo menos [especifique a percentagem] de suas funções

**Czech:** počet svépomocných skupin zaměřených na posilování připravenosti svých členů na krizové události, které plní alespoň [určete procento] svých funkcí

### What is its purpose?

The indicator measures the number of self-help groups that perform a minimum percentage of their most important functions. It focuses on self-help groups that strengthen people's preparedness to shocks, such as burial societies or saving groups.

### How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) **Define what the most important functions of the target self-help groups are**, for example:

- > holding regular meetings of the group members
- > regularly collecting money from the users (e.g. for savings)
- > providing financial assistance (e.g. loans) to the members
- > ensuring relevant and up to date records of income and expenditures
- > other functions depending on the self-help groups' purpose and context

2) **Set the minimum number** of the most important functions that need to be performed in order for the indicator to be met (for example, at least 7 out of 10 functions - 70%).

3) **Assess** (through interviewing the group members and the key informants, review of records, observation, etc.) whether the self-help groups perform the functions.

4) **Conclude** whether the self-help group performs the minimum number of the core functions; consider whether not meeting certain most crucial functions should automatically lead to marking the group as "not functional".

5) **Calculate the indicator's value** by summing up the number of self-help groups which perform the minimum number of their core functions.