

ENGAGEMENT IN IDENTIFYING NEEDS AND SOLUTIONS

Indicator Phrasing

English: number of communities whose members were actively engaged in identifying needs and designing solutions

French: nombre de communautés dont les membres ont participé activement à l'identification des besoins et à la proposition de solutions

Portuguese: número de comunidades cujos membros foram activamente envolvidos em identificar necessidades e conceber soluções

Czech: počet komunit, jejichž členové se aktivně zapojili do zjišťování potřeb a navrhování řešení

What is its purpose?

The indicator indicates the extent to which the project actively engaged people from different areas in defining what needs the project should address and how.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

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

1) **Define what can be considered a 'community'**. In rural settings, this is likely to be a village. In the urban context, you might need to use smaller units, such as quarters.

2) **Define what can be considered** as "communities were actively engaged in identifying needs and designing solutions" – i.e., the minimum requirements for active engagement. It is recommended that the requirements include, amongst others, criteria such as:

- consultations were conducted with different groups varied in terms of gender, age group, and other considerations (both within and across the communities)
- people were engaged in a participatory manner (you need to define what it means)

3) Review available resources (e.g. assessment data, MEAL reports) and interview relevant staff to identify the total number of communities where community members were engaged in identifying needs and optimal solutions. **Determine in how many of these communities the needs and solutions were identified in line with the minimum requirements defined in point 1.** The resulting number is the value of this indicator.

Disaggregate by

[Disaggregate](#) the data by location (e.g. districts or regions), and other criteria relevant to the focus of the intervention.

Important Comments

1) When reporting on the indicator's value, **report the total number of targeted communities**. This will give a better understanding of the actual scope of the community engagement activities.

2) In addition to reporting on the number of communities, **also report on:**

- the total number of community members that were engaged in identifying needs and designing solutions (disaggregated by gender, age group, and other relevant criteria); and

- the total number of targeted community members

This data will provide additional insight into the extent to which (different groups of) people were engaged in identifying needs and designing solutions.