

# PARTICIPATORY MONITORING & EVALUATION SYSTEM

## Indicator Phrasing

**English:** % of targeted communities with a functioning participatory monitoring and evaluation system

**French:** % des communautés ciblées disposant d'un système de suivi et d'évaluation participatif opérationnel

**Portuguese:** % de comunidades-alvo com um sistema participativo de monitorização e avaliação funcional

**Czech:** % cílových komunit s fungujícím participativním systémem monitorování a evaluace

## What is its purpose?

The indicator measures the extent to which an organization engages the members of the targeted communities in monitoring and evaluating the project activities. Participatory, community-based monitoring and evaluation provides the project managers with useful insights and increases the community members' ability to influence project activities' implementation.

## 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 districts.

2) **Define the criteria** based on which it is possible to say that there is a functioning participatory monitoring and evaluation system in a given community. The criteria should be primarily informed by an organization's system for operating community-based, participatory monitoring and evaluation (if this is not available, engage relevant expert(s) in developing such a system). The criteria should include, among others:

- the presence of community members who are continuously monitoring and evaluating the project activities based on criteria that the community members defined as important
- the community members are representative of the people who are supposed to benefit from the project
- the information provided through the community-based monitoring and evaluation system is actively used to influence the design / implementation of project activities

3) Use available data and interviews with relevant staff and community members to determine the number of communities where a participatory monitoring and evaluation system operates in line with

the criteria defined in point 1. To **calculate the indicator's value**, divide this number by the total number of communities targeted by the project. Multiply the result by 100 to convert it to a percentage.