Unit 23

Hand-out 1:   
Decision framework table

| Question | Comment | Note-taking and observation | Photography | Video | Interviews | Audio recording | Mapping |
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| **Do you have specific information-generation requirements (e.g. from stakeholders, the State, the community or partners)?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** | Follow those specific requirements. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **No** | Proceed to the next question. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Do you have access to a computer with an internet connection?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** | Proceed to the next question. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **No** | You will require an information-generation method that does not require a computer. This is largely limited to written material gathered using note-taking. | **🗸** |  |  | **🗸** |  | **🗸** |

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| **Are you working with a limited budget?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** | You will want to work with inexpensive methods of information generation. This could involve direct observation and note-taking, as well as a few interviews and/or photos. | **🗸** | **🗸** |  | **🗸** |  | **🗸** |
| **No** | Techniques of information generation, such as video, more extensive photography and audio recordings, will be more appropriate when working with a larger budget. | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** |
| **Are you concerned with the literacy levels of the audiences reading the materials? Might language also be an issue?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** | You will want to work with an information generation method that translates across all literacy and language groups. |  | **🗸** | **🗸** |  |  | **🗸** |
| **No** | Written or spoken forms of information generation will be more appropriate if language or literacy are not a concern. | **🗸** | **🗸** |  | **🗸** | **🗸** |  |

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| **Are there any cultural concerns associated with using a specific information-generation method (e.g. concern that women in the community may become excluded because they may feel uncomfortable appearing on camera)?** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** | Choose your method of information generation wisely, in order to mitigate these concerns. The appropriate tools will vary depending upon the cultural setting. |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **No** | Any information generation method could be used. | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** | **🗸** |
| **Are there any ethical concerns associated with using a specific information generation method?**  **(e.g. a certain technique might elevate the risk of more sensitive information being expropriated.** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **Yes** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| **No** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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