Session 19/20: Discussion of Field Data Gathering Instruments

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Some considerations in developing data gathering instruments

• Do not re-invent the wheel
• Based on existing SocMon guides
• Based on research instruments developed by SocMon practitioners
• Questions to ask about existing data gathering instruments
  1. Keep as is?
  2. Revise/rephrase?
  3. Add?
  4. Delete/remove?
4 Data Gathering Instruments

1. Household Interviews
2. Key Informant Interviews
3. Focus Group Discussions
4. Field Observation Guide
Field Supervision
(Possible Grouping By Trainers)

Group I:
1. PSU – Maris
2. FFI - Saw
3. MU – Prof U
4. Field guide - ?
5. CARESS - Vineeta
6. Others - ?

Group II:
1. PSU – Mike/Eva
2. FFI – Helen/Zau
3. MU – Dr Htay
4. Field guide - ?
5. Others - ?
Grouping By Trainees
(To be determined)

Group I:  Group II:

Some selection criteria:
1. Combination of disciplines from social and natural sciences
2. Balance of gender
3. Familiarity with project sites
4. Health/physical fitness
5. Other(s)
Some procedures for use of data gathering instruments

1. Orientation sessions
2. Role-playing exercises
3. Alternate Surveys/Questioning
4. Buddy-System
5. Validation checks
Some procedures for use of data gathering instruments (cont...)

- Direct questions
- Clear response options
- Prompters
- Timing of Interviews
Reminders

1. There is no single approach to community engagement
2. Participatory processes are critical
Groups Exercise

• Trainors run through each of the 4 data gathering instruments
Reminder for HH Interviewers

• The filled-up household questionnaires should be reviewed and coded immediately in the evening, before submission to the field supervisor.