

GUIDELINES: TIPS FOR COMMUNITY RESEARCH

PREPARATION

1. The group should prepare their questions and practise interviewing techniques before they venture out into the community.
2. The group should identify where they want to go in the community. Security implications should be reviewed before proceeding.
3. Workshop representatives should visit local officials to inform them of their work and to gain their approval.
4. Depending on the groups or individuals to be consulted, it is a good idea to make an appointment beforehand. This should include a basic summary of the objectives of the research.

MID-EVALUATION & FINAL REVIEW

1. It is a good idea to do an evaluation shortly after the group begins its work. This allows them to fix any mistakes or do extra training if necessary.
2. In this mid-evaluation, the group should also categorize its findings. This may entail some adjustments in their questions and interview strategies.
3. At the end of the research the group should compare experiences. They should identify what they learned from this process that they already didn't know.