

Planning, monitoring and evaluation

Key objective

To enable group members to plan and initiate relevant responses to issues that may be of concern

TOOLS required

Relevant pages in Mobilising the community, Mobilising the church, Building the capacity of local groups, Facilitation Skills Workbook.

Personnel required

Trainer to share skills in facilitation and to give confidence to group facilitators with experience in using PLA tools to plan and prioritise.

Anticipated outcomes

- Community groups regularly using simple planning as a means of achieving their aims
- Groups using skills to monitor and evaluate specific actions and work
- Five finger planning, prioritising and reporting tools in regular use
- Groups more effective in maximising their time and skills
- Groups enabled to keep simple and effective records which will build their confidence and ability to manage further change.

Suggested approaches

- Use five finger planning (C14) as a regular approach after discussing any topic which leads to action
- Use A20, 21 and 22 to help groups gain skills in planning and reviewing
- Use M7, C20, C16 to encourage the keeping of simple and effective records of group activity
- Work through 'Mobilising the community' as a way of developing skills in learning how to plan and manage change at community level.

Case studies

- ACATABA in CAR have found the use of five finger planning has been of great benefit
- The PEP process in East Africa on which the guide 'Mobilising the community' is based, has enabled communities and churches to turn vision and dreams into reality by prioritising, planning and capturing community capacity.