NUMBER OF ACTIVE GROUP MEMBERS

Output indicator

Indicator Phrasing

INDICATOR PHRASING: total number of active members of supported collective action groups

Français: to be added later

What is its purpose?

This indicator counts the total number of members of all the "collective action groups" that were supported by a project. "Collective action" groups is a term used for any groups of people who collaborate in order to gain certain financial, social or other benefits (e.g. access to loans, opportunities to learn new skills, strengthen self-confidence, etc.). It includes, for example, savings and loan groups, farmers' groups, women's groups, self-he

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

Determine the indicator's value by using the following methodology:

1) **Define several criteria** based on which it is possible to decide whether a person can be considered as an "active member of a collection action group". These can include, for example:

- In the past 6 months, the person attended at least two thirds of the group's meetings

- The person regularly takes part in at least some of the group's key activities

- Other criteria defined based on the focus and activities of the group

Decide whether all of the criteria must be met in order for a person to be considered as "active" or whether it is acceptable that, for example, only certain criteria are met. **Avoid being overly ambitious** about the number of criteria a group member should meet.

2) Based on the criteria, either:

- **Prepare relevant survey questions** and include them in a questionnaire that will be used among a representative sample of the target group members; OR

- **Prepare checklists** that can be provided to the heads of all the collective action groups, asking them to indicate (either in the checklist or verbally to a data collector) which criteria each of the group members meets

3) **Collect the required data**, using the questionnaires OR checklists described in the point above.

4) To **calculate the indicator's value,** you can either:

A) If you conducted a **survey using a representative sample** of group members, follow these four steps:

- Count the number of surveyed respondents who met the minimum number / types of criteria – i.e. can be considered as "active members"

- Divide the number of active members by the total number of surveyed members (exclude respondents for which you have incomplete data or who refused to respond)

- Multiply the result by 100 to convert the number to a percentage

- Multiply the percentage by the total number of members of all the supported groups (e.g. 50% multiplied by 10,000 members = 5,000 active members)

B) If you asked the **heads of all the collection action groups to indicate in a checklist** which criteria each member meets, you can just count the total number of members that meet the minimum number / types of criteria (i.e. those that can be considered as "active members").

Disaggregate by

Disaggregate the data by gender and the duration of the saving groups' operation (e.g. less than 1 year, ≥ 1 year, 2 or more years, etc.) and any other relevant criteria.