

COMMUNITY-MANAGED PROTECTION MECHANISMS

Outcome indicator

Indicator Phrasing

INDICATOR PHRASING: number of effectively operating community-managed protection mechanisms

What is its purpose?

The indicator assesses the number of community-managed protection mechanisms operating in a way that effectively contributes to the protection of and support to at-risk populations.

How to Collect and Analyse the Required Data

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

1) In collaboration with the protection specialists and local stakeholders (e.g. members of community-managed protection mechanisms, project staff, relevant authorities), **define when a community-managed protection mechanism can be perceived as “effective”**. The criteria can include, for example:

- local presence of people with specific roles and responsibilities for protection of vulnerable group members
- meetings held at a regular frequency, defined at formation / training stage
- a shared agreement exists among the relevant persons on how a referral system should be working
- referral system is used
- protection incidents are recorded / managed / followed-up according to the training received

When setting such criteria, **avoid being overly ambitious**, so that the protection mechanisms can meet them considering their human resources, available time, expertise, commitments, etc.

2) **Decide whether all or only some criteria need to be met** in order for the protection system to be considered “effectively operating”.

3) **Conduct interviews and reviews of relevant documents** with people responsible for / involved in the protection mechanism to identify which of the criteria are met.

4) To **calculate the indicator's value**, sum up the number of community-based protection mechanisms that meet the minimum number / types of the criteria and therefore can be considered as “effectively operating”.