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‘Shelter Assessment Monitoring and Evaluation’ - SAME

- livelihoods based
- consistent with other methods
- appropriate for all operational stakeholders, including governments, CBOs, NGOs, IOs, UN bodies and donors

SAME has been developed as a **single method** for assessment, monitoring and evaluation

the method presents a **continuous process** maintaining an **ongoing relationship** between stakeholders

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1. **why?** agreeing why the programme is needed
2. **when?** identifying the resources required to undertake it
3. **what?** choosing the appropriate questions or criteria
4. **how?** selecting ways to ask questions with available resources

SAME can be undertaken within an emergency environment, in a limited time, with limited resources and non-specialist personnel



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step 1 - why

Why – it is essential to identify all existing assessment, monitoring and evaluation programmes that have been undertaken that mention the displacement situation.

From this background material, the reasons for undertaking a new programme, or programme activity, should be developed and agreed by all stakeholders.



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step 2 - when

When – programmes should be designed appropriately for each displacement situation, each placing different emphasis upon activities such as monitoring, and each identifying appropriate milestones in assessment and evaluation.

Programme schedule design is determined by the human, transport, financial and time resources available.



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step 3 - what

What – each assessment, monitoring or evaluation team will need to identify and agree with stakeholders the questions most appropriate to the displacement situation.

Some questions will be so important that they will need to be verified using a variety of sources.

Some questions will be suitable to act as indicators of change or success in the programme.



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A social and political capital criteria

B human capital criteria

C natural capital criteria

D physical capital criteria

E financial capital criteria

core criteria - example

critterion	Core criteria-basic question for your programme for you to add other criteria to
A	social and political capital
A.1	what caused the displacement?
A.2.	is the cause of the displacement still putting the displaced or host population at risk?
A.3	is the displaced population settling at a safe distance from the cause of the displacement?
A.4	when did the displacement occur?
A.5	what are the characteristics of the displacement? what is the extent of the losses and what are the likely short-term and long-term needs? how many people are affected?

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A social and political capital criteria

B human capital criteria

C natural capital criteria

D physical capital criteria

E financial capital criteria

social and physical criteria - example

critterion	Core criteria-basic question for your programme for you to add other criteria to	Ste 4 how?
A	social and political capital	PLA
A.1	what caused the displacement ?	POP
A.2.	is the cause of the displacement still putting the displaced or the host population at risk?	
A.3	is the displaced population settling at a safe distance from the cause of the displacement?	
...	...	
A.86	(planned camps) is an accurate profile of all groups within the displaced population being maintained? – to enable prediction of populations movements into and out of the camps over time (planned camps) are the displaced population reluctant to return to leave camp at end of emergency?	

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step 4 – how

How – finding responses to the questions using the resources available will require the use of a variety of tools, all based around the options of research, observation and interview.



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report structure is based upon UN, donor, IO and NGO standard formats

It is essential that a consistent format is agreed between stakeholders for reporting each activity within programmes of assessment, monitoring and evaluation

SAME report structure

title page

executive summary

table of contents

description of the situation

reason for the assessment, monitoring, or evaluation

step 1 - why

step 2 - when

step 3 - what

step 4 - how

results

conclusions

appendices

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do you want:

1. **SAME to be made shorter by recommending only one tool for data gathering and analysis**

which data gathering tool is acceptable to all organisations?

2. **SAME to be made usable in reconstruction situations following conflict and natural disasters**

would your organisation accept adapting SAME as specialist guidelines, such as Shelter After Disaster, are revised or developed?

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next...

finalize text before 31.12.04 for inclusion in Oxfam publication

working group?

contribute to direction of project

information group?

receive email updates about the progress of the project