



PADEV:

Experiences from the consultant: evaluation of food security programmes of ICCO in 5 countries

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Why did we apply the method?

- > **New method: client was involved in development**
- > **Opportunity:**
 - collecting information about various aspects with a variety of beneficiaries in a short period of time
 - Programme evaluation: collecting comparable type of information in different countries and through different projects/partners
 - Type of information requested by the ToR: changes in lives of target group and influence by ICCO (attribution)
 - Schemes to collect, process and analyse data
- > **Advanced version of focus group discussions**

Set-up

> **Two villages:**

- same composition participants,
- Village 1: PADEV, more holistic picture and generation of hypotheses to be checked
- Village 2: focus group discussion, focus on ICCO/programme interventions

> **Participants: 4 groups X 7 people (men/women; young/old), each group with facilitator and secretary**

> **Identification of participants by NGO partner**

- criteria, process and representativity to be verified

> **Course PADEV sessions (per module)**

- discussions in small groups, plenary, discussion on disagreements, consultant resumes for each module

Set-up (2)

> 5 modules (2 days)

- History: events influencing on FS in community and changes (availability, access and utilisation) (1,5 h)
- Capabilities of community (natural, physical, human, economic, socio political, effects (+ -) on FS and changes (2,5 h)
- Wealth categorisation (names and attributes) related to FS and perceived distribution over wealth classes (1,5h)
- List of development efforts related to FS and their impact (2 h)
- Relations between most important interventions (worst and best), changes in capabilities and wealth classes (3h)

Processing data

- > **Quick resumés in the evening of main output with specific attention to different perceptions and main trends**
- > **Synthesis and analysis by consultant facilitated by some questions:**
 - Is ICCO mentioned and in what way?
 - Sustainability of changes and risks for FS
 - Relation between ICCO strategy and issues brought forward: is the strategy relevant?
 - Relation between the programme and changes: how has the programme influenced changes
- > **No formal reporting or statistical data processing**
- > **Triangulation with other stakeholders/data**

Stronger and weaker aspects

stronger	weaker
<ul style="list-style-type: none">-receiving information on attribution and inclusion/distribution of effects over different groups-flexibility (modules are building blocks)-experience and observe interaction and dynamics in groups and subgroups-opportunities for groups to articulate their specificity and perception (gender and generational)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">-Finding the right questions: e.g. on capabilities: what determines what you eat and how? e.g. on wealth classification-Time: for doing exercise (language/distances) and for processing and discussing-management of discussion in sub groups-Analytical capacity needed (how to connect data to ToR of the client)-representativity of participants (and inclusion of the poor)