

**KEY
OUTPUTS
AT EACH
STAGE**

**STAGE 1:
SCOPING**
main questions/
issues
key stakeholders:
beneficiaries,
participants,
informants,
audience
broad hypotheses
...

**STAGE 2:
REFINEMENT
AND PILOTING**
focusing questions
or
hypotheses
sampling frame
process and tools
to be used

**STAGE 3:
'RESEARCH
PROPER'**
main investigation
and analysis

**STAGE 4:
DISSEMINATION
AND LINKS**
final write-ups and
dissemination for
different audiences
consolidating links
between respondents
and relevant
development
agencies
steps for the future

**KEY
TASKS
AT EACH
STAGE**

literature review
and gathering of
different information
and hypotheses

brainstorming
exploratory modelling
initial contacts with respondents
institutional links

focused use of
qualitative methods:
purposive observation,
more interviews
with key informants
and purposive sample

contextual information
identification of differing views
and perspectives
who may know or say what?
how do different people respond
to different questions and tools?
how do initial observed processes
relate to original models and
hypotheses

revisiting literature
critical examination of
existing statistics

carefully designed and
targeted participatory
tools to get quantitative
and qualitative
information

cross-checking
triangulation
interim reports
and analysis
anticipated or
unexpected findings
new questions
and hypotheses?

ongoing qualitative
observation and interviews
qualitative follow-up of
interesting case studies,
outliers and/or typical cases

discussion of findings with key informants/purposive
sample
gauging initial reactions to findings and presentation of
findings
further participatory questioning of hypotheses
further participatory identification of ways forward
clarification of gaps and limitations

KEY : METHODS



participant
observation
exploratory interviews
with possible key
informants

exploratory
participatory
focus groups and
workshops

participatory
stakeholder
analysis
participatory
modelling
piloting
participatory tools

quantitative
survey for
specific
measurable
indicators
with random or
stratified sample
statistical analysis

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