

How can we evaluate our current alternative livelihoods activities?

Type of impact	1. Impacts relating to the main objective - reducing unsustainable exploitation of natural resources	2. Impacts relating to additional outcomes		
		a) Improved health and/or food security as a result of additional income	b) Empowerment of women to play a more active role in EBM planning/ activities	c) Empowerment of women to play a more active role in other community planning/ activities
Method of assessment	Survey to assess: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • income generated as a result of the project; • goods and services that this income has been spent on (+ whether these are additional or being purchased already); • displacement of expenditure from other income sources (what are those sources? + what has been the effect on those other income generating activities); and • environmental, health and empowerment/engagement impacts (derived directly from the project and/or as a result of displaced activities and impacts). 			
Example evaluation questions	*Are they making extra money as a result of the project? (or <i>how much</i> were they making before/after - quantify) *If yes, what do they purchase with that money? Did they purchase that before the project? (quantify any increase in the amount purchased). *If yes, how did they get the money to purchase those items before the project? (& what was the impact of those activities on the environment? To what extent have those activities and their impacts been reduced? What are the people who were doing that activity doing now?)	Explore health benefits of additional goods and services purchased. Look at net calorific/nutritional impacts (requires questions about diet as well as income/ expenditure)	What was your level of understanding of EBM before project/ now? How much % is this project responsible for any change? Are you more confident in running your business? What has affected this? Establishment of business plans Confidence to speak at meetings Increased participation in meetings Effective representation of others in meetings/workshops	
Other considerations	Also survey non-participants to cross-check findings? Sample a few 'whole villages' to better explore impacts?			

Suggested method:

Survey of all the women involved in training/support

Questionnaires designed by the team Jan-Feb 2014 and survey undertaken Mar-Jun 2014

(Potential to augment with focus group discussion involving BYMST, Provincial Administrator, RMCs - helping to qualify and embed learning and to build partnership approach)