Foundations of Global Health

Elements of Effective Health Programs



Learning Objectives

- Understand what a situational analysis is and why they are used
- Discuss factors that influence the successfulness of programs
- Understand elements of SMART goal setting
- Understand how sustainability effects health programs
- Understand health needs

- 2 reasons for performing a Situational Analysis
 - Improve understanding of current situation
 - Provide knowledge on how to prioritize health problems





Evaluation

Priority-setting

Implementation and monitoring

Option Appraisal

Programming

- Population Characteristics
 - Demographics
 - Religious, educational, cultural characteristics
- Area Characteristics/Infrastructure
 - Geographical situation
 - Socio-economic situation
 - Infrastructure
 - Political environment





- Health Needs/Services
 - Quality of service
 - Equity
- Resources
 - Financial
 - Personnel
 - Facilities



Tools For Situational Analysis

- Previous reports / Statistics
- Interviews
- Questionnaires
- Surveys
- Group discussions
- Case studies





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I would like to start by asking you some <u>background questions</u> before asking you questions on your health. This <u>information is confidential</u> and will only be used for research purposes.

S1000	What is your mother tongue?								
S1001	Record sex as observed	1. Female			2. Male				
S1002	How old are you? (Years)		8		888. DK				
S1003	If you don't know/don't want to tell me your age could you tell me the age range if I read the different options to you (choose what is most appropriate)? (READ THE OPTIONS TO THE RESPONDENT)	1. 18-19			75				
		2. 20-29							
		3. 30-39							
		4. 40-49							
		5. 50-59							
		6. 60-69							
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S1004	Your weight in Kilos?								
S1005	Your weight in Pounds?	1							
S1006	Your <u>height</u> in Centimeters								
S1007	Your <u>height</u> in Feet / Inches								
S1008	What is your current marital status?	 Never Married 	2. Currently Married	 Separated 	4. Divorced	5. Widowed	6.Cohabiting		
S1009	What is the <u>highest level of education</u> that you have completed?	1. No formal schooling							
		2. Less than primary school							
		3. Primary school completed							
		4. Secondary school completed							
		5. High school (or equivalent) completed							
		6. College / pre-university / University completed							
		7. Post graduate degree completed							
S1010	How many <u>years of school</u> , including higher education have you completed?								

The Household Questionnaire is to be administered to the "Household Informant", identified in Q0501.

0560. Malaria Prevention: Use of (bed) nets

Q0560	Do you have a <u>mosquito (bed) net</u> in the house?	1. Yes				8. DK	
Q0561	Were the (bed) nets treated with <u>insecticide</u> , a product that kills insects?	1. Yes				8. DK	
Q0562	If Yes: When was the <u>last time</u> the (bed) nets were (re-) treated with this product?	1. Within the last 6 months	2.7 mc months	onths-12 s ago	 More than ago 	l year	8. DK
Q0563	Can you please tell me how many <u>children aged under 5 years</u> live in this household? Interviewer: Enter the number of children in the box. If no child under age 5 in household, enter "0". Correct number of children in household and update roster if necessary.						<i>y,</i>
Q0564	How many of these children slept under a mosquito (bed) net last night?	×	75		88. DK		
Q0565	Can you please tell me how many <u>women</u> who live in this household are currently <u>pregnant?</u> Interviewer: If no women are currently pregnant, enter "0".		- 2		88. DK		
Q0566	How many of the pregnant women in this household slept under a mosquito (bed) net <u>last night</u> ?		- 8		88. DK		
Q0567	How many <u>other persons</u> who live in this household slept under a mosquito (bed) net <u>last night</u> ? (That is, all the other household members except for young children or pregnant women.)				88. DK		

Factors of Program Failures

- Changes in program priorities
- Resistance to change
 - Health professionals
 - Community





Factors of Program Failures

- Lack of essential resources
- Imprecise project goals and objectives
- Lack of management/structure





Factors of Successful Programs

- Focused Priorities
- Measurable outcomes
- Instill "ownership"
- Sustainability
- Understanding health needs



Goals

Aims

Objectives

Targets

Must be focused

- Goals
 - Broad statements
 - Example: Health for all by the Year 2000
- Aims
 - Specific to particular health problems
 - Example: Raise the nutritional status of women and children

Measurable Outcomes

Objectives

- Need to be specified in measurable terms
 - Example: To ensure that 95% of children under 5 are adequately nourished by the year 2010

Targets

- Specify various points on the way to the attainment of the objective
 - Example: To ensure the 75% of children under 5 are adequately nourished as pre-defined by the year 2008

Measurable Outcomes

- Needed to determine successfulness
- Can compare with similar programs
- Allow you to see where your money went
- Provides opportunity for improvement



SMART Goal Setting

 Specific • What exactly do you want to achieve Measurable How are you going to tract your progress Attainable • Is your goals realistic Relevant • How does this goal relate to your desired outcome Time bound Goals must have a deadline

"Ownership"

- Foster feelings of ownership among local health professionals and the community
- Include the community in the planning process

People are more likely to support something they

helped create





"Ownership"

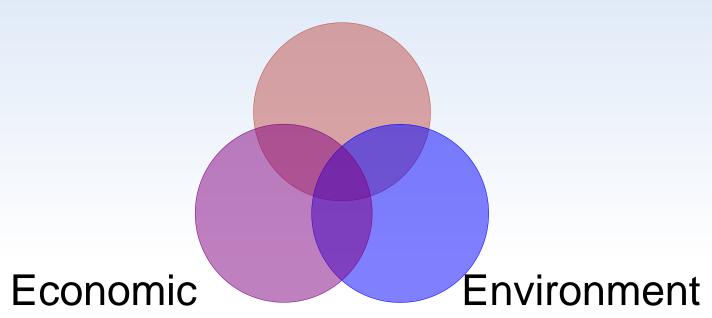
- Anticipate opposition
 - Who will oppose the program?
 - How will they oppose?
- Help locals identify with the program
 - Do they see the benefits?
 - Do they see themselves participating?

Sustainability

 According to the U. S. Agency for International Development (1999), "to be sustainable, a product, idea, or institution is adopted within a country's cultural and organizational context, takes on a life of its own, and supports itself independently of external funding by donors."

Sustainability

Social Structure

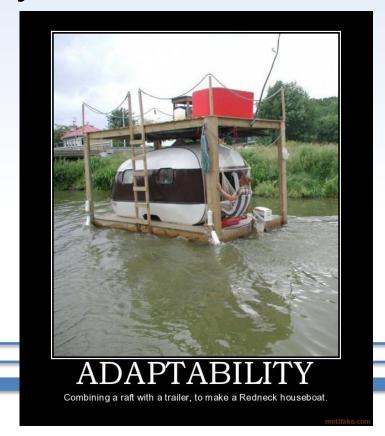


Components of Sustainability

- Local support
- Stake holder involvement
 - Stake holder = individual or company with interest in the project
- Delegation of power/decision making

Components of Sustainability

- Adaptability
- Gradual resource/financial adjustment
- Technical training

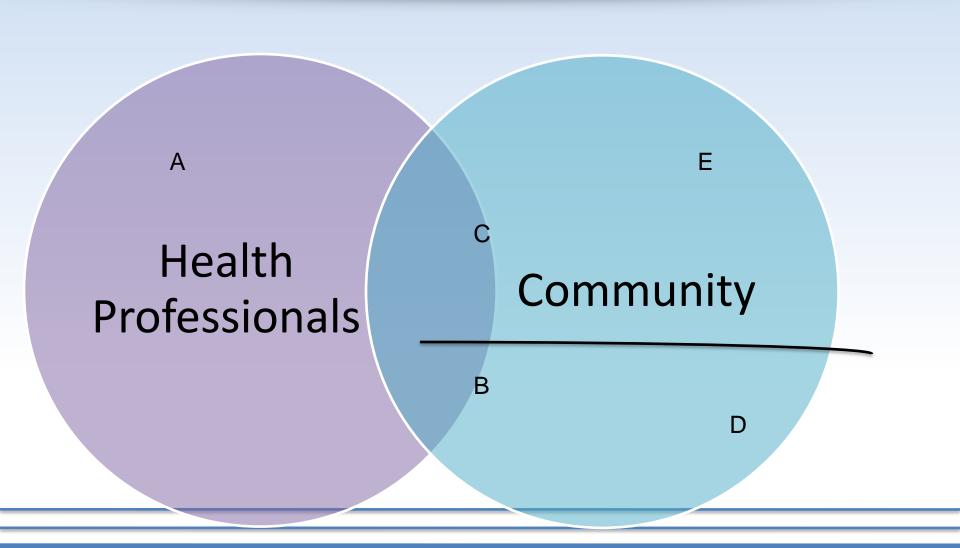


Health Needs

- Need is a relative term, not absolute
 - Differences of opinion
 - Change over time
 - Depends on demographics



Needs Perceived By The Community



Main Messages

- Situational Analysis is an important step to ensure a health programs successfulness
- There are many different factors that contribute to a successful program
- Sustainability is essential for long-term programs
- Develop a program based on mutual needs of the community

Practice Questions

- Why should you do situational analysis? What activities are part of situational analysis?
- Describe 3 situational analysis tools.
- What factors lead to program failure?
- What factors lead to program success?
- What does SMART stand for?
- What is ownership?
- What are the key elements of sustainability?