



Community map ECD

Description:	This tool will help to get a physical picture of the community related to the situation of ECD.
Goals of the session:	To show the community and ECD resources in the community
Audience:	Community members
Target group:	Community members, max 20 persons
Preparation time:	30 minutes
Duration:	1-2 hours
Training method:	Group session
Materials:	Something to draw (large paper and pencil, ground and a stick)

Introduction

This community mapping tool will help you to discuss what is important for the wellbeing of young children and to create an understanding of the resources the community has. Community mapping can be done with different target groups: men, women, youth, children.

1. Form groups of max 10 people per group
2. Ask the participants to draw their map in the sand or a flipchart citing the following boundaries: major physical features, available resources and where people live.
3. Discuss the following questions:
 - Where do children from 0-3 stay?
 - Where do children from 0-3 play?
 - Where do children from 4-6 stay?
 - Where do children from 4-6 play?
 - How is the safety in the community for children? E.g. open wells, toxic plants, open latrines, roads etc.
 - Where are ECD facilities (if existing)?
 - Which people or organisations are important for the child-wellbeing?
 - Where do you go when a child is ill?
 - Where do you go for immunisations?
 - Where do you go for prenatal services?
 - Where do you go for antenatal services?
 - Feel free to add...



4. After the maps are completed, choose the map of the men and discuss the major findings. Then ask the women, youth and children to add the things that have not been mentioned. What they feel is important.
5. Identify the gaps and discuss the areas to be improved.
6. Afterwards, the map can be drawn on one or more flipcharts and can serve as a reference for the community for further future discussions.