

ing key questions in PIA

- ” The most important, and often the most difficult stage of a PIA is deciding which questions should be answered.

- ” Who defines the questions?
 - If you’ve already worked with communities to identify their impact indicators at the beginning of a project, the questions will focus on the measurement of these indicators and assessment of project attribution
 - If you’re using a retrospective approach, discuss the impact assessment with community partners/representatives and jointly define the questions with them.

consider when defining the questions

- “ Many assessments try to answer too many questions
- “ It is always better to answer a few questions well, rather than many questions poorly.
- “ Limit the PIA to a maximum of five key questions
- “ Defining the questions in an impact assessment is like defining the objectives of a project .
unless you know, specifically, what you're trying to achieve, you're unlikely to achieve it

Provision of sheep and goats to female-headed households

Assume that a project provides sheep or goats to poor female headed-households. For a PIA, such a project may have only three questions which need to be answered:

- . 1.How has the project impacted, if at all, on the livelihoods of the women involved in the project
- . 2.How has the project impacted, if at all, on the nutritional status of the women & children?
- . 3.How might the project be changed to improve impact in the future?