

Annex 4 Key Issues: Needs Assessment

Theme & Lead Agency	Key Issues in NA	Countries	Team Composition	Timing	Method	Key Players
Needs assessment Agencies: WHO FAO SDC CIDA USAID UNICEF OCHA	<p>Needs assessments: What / how? How well done? What level of complementarity across agencies? Were govt & beneficiaries involved? What factors drove assessment: supply? (initially demand?) Role of media? Were assessment results shared? Were they similar? What were they used for? Test whether NA lessons have been learnt from previous experience (RH paper). How did NA compare between stakeholder groups, incl government? Relationship between assessment and perceptions. Were funds raised based on perception? How did this match need? Were there joint assessments? Were these shared? Was info shared when NA done separately? How did NA relate to those done by national govt? Were findings similar or different? Why? To what degree driven by supply side? To what degree did the Nas feed into / influence national programmes / work of IFIs? Used only for implementation or also used for media and / or to influence national policy?</p> <p>Include UNDAC in here.</p>	Sri Lanka Indonesia	Food specialist Health specialist One national for each country considered	Start late Aug / early Sept Report by early Dec	<p>First 3 months: Those done in 1st week; next 2 weeks; first month; after three months (ie, at beginning of recovery)</p> <p>ID any innovation in NA. Anything that is regionally specific? Cld then ID next generation of NA. Eg, use of IT / telecoms? Use of civil society / media? What was going on in other emergencies to enable this innovation to be made? What were the trade-offs? Cost to everything that was done elsewhere.</p> <p>Consider from macro level, using orgs as case studies.</p> <p>Must analyse quality, & incl coordination in here. What standards are in place against which one can make judgements against quality? Difficulties with a comparative analysis given diversity and lack of accepted notion of quality?</p> <p>Must link to beneficiaries & output.</p> <p>Consider against previous lessons learned (RH paper) & recent / current work in region / other evaluations.</p> <p>NA: for learning or for</p>	

	<p>Timing: Focus on relief phase only? Is there potential for dynamic assessment? How does this link with recovery? Good practice indicates need for assessment to take place at beginning of recov. Did this happen?</p> <p>Prioritisation: Was there prioritisation of actions based on NA? What other factors impacted here? Politicisation of information? Information as currency? Role of media?</p> <p>Quality of implementation: Were the assessments used? Was implementation captured by local capacity building? Did donors live up to commitments in GHDI – which includes NA?</p> <p>Beneficiary involvement: Needs of whom? How were beneficiaries ID'd? What methodology was used? To what extent were they involved? How can we verify if they were involved in ID'ing need? Not just coastal impact, but also internal fisheries. Must be sensitive to this.</p>				<p>accountability</p> <p>Consider principles of GHI. Did this play out in practice?</p>	
--	---	--	--	--	---	--