

IV. Conclusion

The methodology presented in this Tool can be used for conducting general participatory assessments on a range of protection risks and supporting your daily monitoring activities. It can also serve as a basis for follow up and specialized assessments using tools designed for specific areas such as education, health, HIV, nutrition, etc.

When conducting participatory assessment exercises, multifunctional teams may be presented with a range of issues and some persons of concern, especially those who have been traditionally excluded or discriminated against, may have urgent problems which will need to be addressed immediately. To build trust, staff and partners will need to spend time working together with communities to address and prevent such problems. Over time, this process will enable all the actors to move beyond the more immediate problems to in-depth dialogue and analysis and the development of creative solutions. Participatory assessment is an important step in building partnerships with all the different groups in the community.

