

## LEARNING OBJECTIVE

Identify variables, methods and interlocutors or observation sites.

## PROCEDURE STEP-BY-STEP

The exercise was developed using

Peltier R, Kokou K, Mary F, Sibelet N, Smektala G, 1999. *Gestion locale et décentralisée des ressources forestières pour l'approvisionnement en bois : Le cas de deux villages du bassin d'approvisionnement de Bamako, Banko et Kassaro. Etude effectuée du 8 février au 8 mars 1999 au Mali, promotion FRT 1999. Montpellier: ENGREF [Montpellier], 137 p.*

See file synthesizing it in english

### *Mali Case*

At the start of a survey in the village of Banko, the existence of a Rural Wood Management Structure (RWMS) was revealed. The RWMS had been created on the initiative of the International Labour Organization (ILO) in a nearby village, Kassaro. This discovery led to the definition of a special element in the problem statement.

To discover if this RWMS plays the role that the commissioner of the study generally assigns to RWMSs, notably the sustainable management of forests and the organization of rural wood markets, the following question needs to be answered:

**Does the RWMS represent the interests of the people concerned by its stated purpose (sustainable forestry management, organization or rural wood and charcoal markets)?**

We limit the study to the people directly involved in the harvesting and marketing of wood.

In this study, the expression "people concerned" consequently includes villagers harvesting firewood for sale, charcoal makers, forest farmers, wood and wood charcoal merchants, transporters, urban wholesale dealers, forestry services, and station staff.

**Returning to the problem statement of the study made it possible to develop the above question into sub-questions:**

- Does the goal of the RWMS correspond to the objectives of the "people concerned"?
- What goal do other institutions assign the RWMS (for example, the Renewable Resources Management Project (PGRN))?

- How do the villagers perceive the RWMS?
- Are the socio-economic characteristics of the RWMS's members identical to the "people concerned"?
- How does the RWMS operate?
- How was the RWMS constituted?
  - Who were the instigators (from within/from outside the RWMS)?
  - How were members and board members chosen?
  - What is its internal organisation, regulations?

- 1) Read the problem statement in the Mali study.
- 2) Complete the following table by filling in the right-hand columns.
- 3) Which tools should you build to carry out the survey correctly?

Research questions	Variables to investigate	Data collection methods	Interlocutors / observation sites
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