

Lessons 1-2-3 synthesis exercise Model Answer - Exercise 1

REMINDER OF THE INSTRUCTIONS

- 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?

MODEL ANSWER: developed using the *methodological guide for conducting a study in rural areas* on the theme: "*Development of village forests and organisation of rural firewood markets*". (Mary, Sibelet, Smektala, 1999).

To answer these questions the following methods and interlocutors were planned.

Research questions	Variables to investigate	Data collection methods	Interlocutors / observation sites
Does the goal of the RWMS correspond to the objectives of the "people concerned"?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Objectives of people concerned by the RWMS -these people's perception of the goals of the RWMS - coherence or absence of coherence between the two variables 	Semi-structured interviews	Everyone concerned by the sale of wood and wood charcoal
What goal do other institutions assign the RWMS (for example, the PGRN project)?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - other institutions' perception of the goals of the RWMS 	Semi-structured interviews	Managers or salaried staff or base members of other institutions (PGRN project, elders council, other institutions)
How do the villagers perceive the RWMS?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - what people say about the RWMS regarding :its operations, resources, outputs, effectiveness, ... 	Semi-structured interviews	Villagers (men and women), wood and wood charcoal professionals

<p>Are the socio-economic characteristics of the RWMS's members identical to the "people concerned"?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - age, sex, ethnic group, "castes", principal and secondary activity, special role in the village of RWMS members - same variables for the "people concerned" - indicators of comparison 	<p>Inventories and censuses, consultation of records</p>	<p>RWMS managers</p>
<p>How does the RWMS operate?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - decision-making mode - available resources - funding mode of its activities - distribution of tasks and responsibilities - monitoring of expenditures and activities - relations with other institutions - "election" mode of board - "joining" mode of members 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Participatory observation - Semi-structured interviews 	<p>Meetings at the RWMS</p>
<p>How was the RWMS constituted?</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - origins of founders (from within/outside the region) - modality of developing internal regulations - modality of instauration of financial operations (funding sources, expenditure decisions, monitoring expenditures) 	<p>Semi-structured interviews</p>	<p>RWMS managers</p>

To organize the surveys, expected contents and the variables to be investigated are regrouped with the same observation methods in a same location or by survey of the same interlocutors. However, this set of contents or variables does not yet constitute the interview guide!! Other steps still need to be undertaken.

To carry out the surveys correctly, you will need to build 4 interview guides adapted to the different types of people interviewed:

- * Interview guide for people involved in the sale of wood
- * Interview guide of paid staff or heads of other projects working in the region
- * Interview guide for the women and men in the villages
- * Interview guide for the head of the RWMS