

Stakeholder Mapping Framework

A structured approach for identifying who is affected, who represents them, and who holds influence or trust.

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Purpose

This framework helps a research team build a complete picture of a community's stakeholders before engagement activities begin, reducing the risk of overlooking important voices.

Mapping categories

- Directly affected residents, including those at heightened CSID risk.
- Formal leadership, such as traditional authorities and local government representatives.
- Informal influence networks, including respected elders, religious leaders, and community groups.
- Service providers, such as clinics, schools, and agricultural extension officers.
- Past project partners, including any previous research teams active in the area.

Suggested mapping exercise

For each stakeholder, record their relationship to the CSID issue, their likely level of influence, and whether they are typically included or excluded from research and programme decisions in the area.

Prioritising underrepresented groups

Give particular attention to groups that are often underrepresented in formal consultation, such as informal settlement residents, outdoor workers, subsistence farmers, and people with limited access to health services.

Related resources

Pair this framework with the Community Entry Protocol and the Engagement Plan Template.