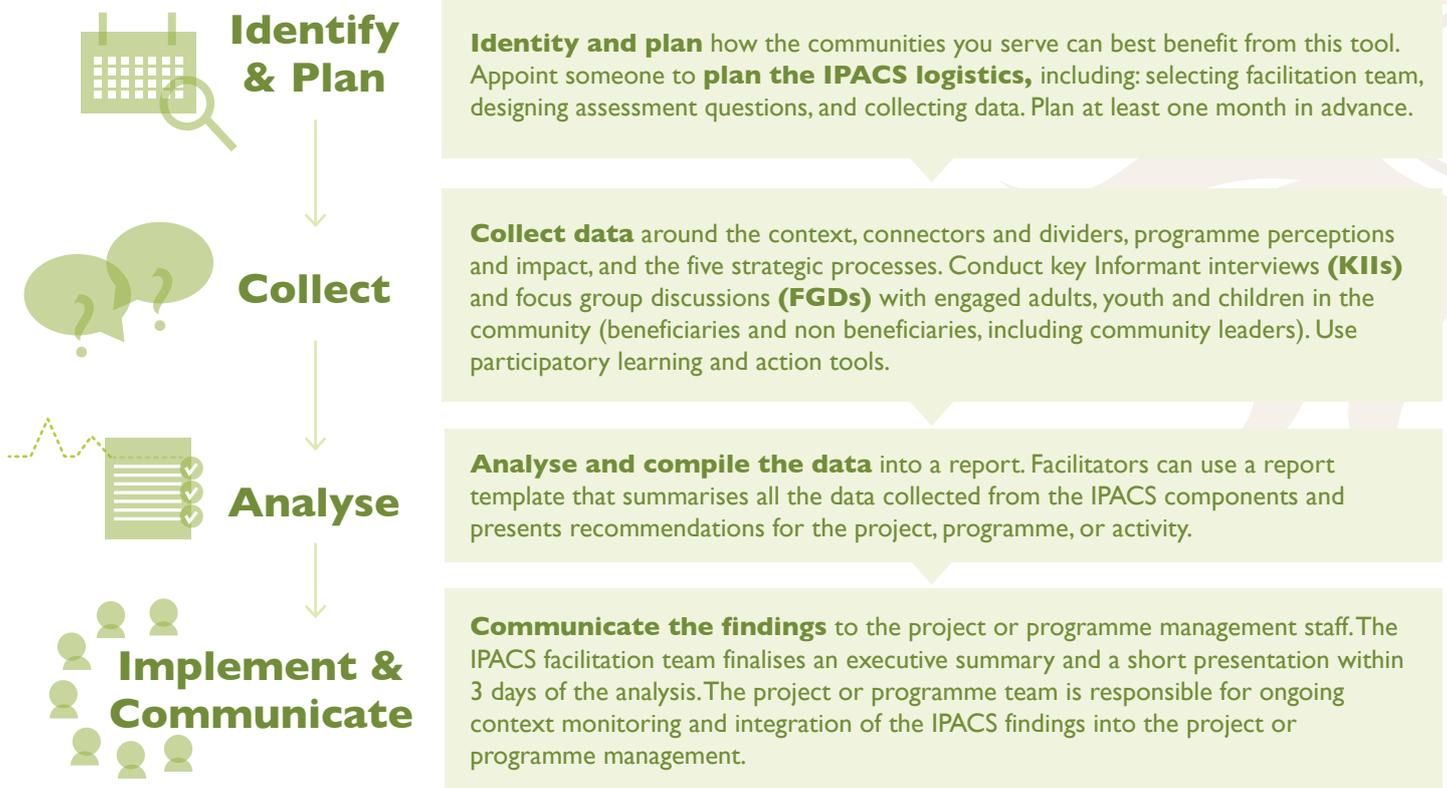


What is IPACS?

- IPACS is a **local context analysis tool** that enables better **understanding of a specific area** where a programme or project will take place.
- A team of trained staff (approx 5 people) can use IPACS during the assessment, monitoring, implementation or evaluation phase of a programme, project, or activity.
- IPACS can be conducted as an inter-agency exercise.
- It generates recommendations for how a project or programme can **minimise negative impact and maximise positive impact**.
- It is **built on two key tools:**
 1. The industry-standard **Do No Harm (DNH) tool**, which helps projects build on community connectors and minimise dividers.
 2. **Integrating Peacebuilding in Programming (IPIPs)**, a tool that helps integrate five strategic peacebuilding processes into large-scale programmes:
 - good governance;
 - community capacities that generate hope;
 - coalitions across boundaries;
 - transformed relationships; and
 - just distribution of sustainable resources

How does IPACS work?



IPACS for Emergency Response

How is it different than a standard IPACS?

- The IPACS for Emergency Response is a simplified version of the standard tool, enabling humanitarian staff to conduct more rapid community-level assessments.
- The tool focuses predominantly on the steps needed to ensure Do No Harm (DNH) and leaves IPIP (the five strategic processes) for use at a later stage, during transition of humanitarian response to short and longer term recovery.
- The entire process is shorter, taking about 2 weeks including training, data collection, analysis, report write-up and dissemination of results in contrast to a full IPACS which typically require a longer period.
- IPACS in emergencies provides the flexibility for users to use minimal data collection tools, particularly if time and resources are limited.

**To access the
IPACS materials**

(either Standard or Emergency Response)

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