

Pastoral areas research assessment guide:

Questionnaire for communities and community institutions

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A. Context and drivers

How satisfied are you with the current productivity of the land, on a scale of 1-3 (unsatisfied, satisfied, very satisfied), and why?
Where are the places getting worse in condition, and what are the main causes?
Do you think population, livestock density, cropping, or settlements cause problems in the area? How and where?
How have these problems changed over the past 5-10 years? Will these changes continue?
What challenges does rangeland management face, and what should be done to improve it?

B. Option: Participatory rangeland management (PRM)

What is the nature of rangeland management institutions—are they based on traditional structures, administrative structures, both, or another system? How long has this structure been operating?
How are the boundaries for rangeland management institutions defined—are they based on traditional boundaries, administrative boundaries, both, or another system?

Are there any decision-making structures at lower levels? (committees or individuals below the district level, or equivalent)
What rangeland management practices have these institutions planned for? (e.g., planned grazing, exclosures, etc.)
When did implementation of these management practices begin?
How are grazing restrictions enforced?

What types of decisions are made by community rangeland management institutions?

What types of decisions are made by others involved in rangeland management, such as government and NGOs?	
Actor(s)	Decision type

Who most influences rangeland management decision-making?

For each type of decision, rank the agency of different stakeholder groups. Use a scale of 1–3, where 3 = 'greatest influence on making decisions'

Who has the greatest influence on deciding:	Community rangeland management institution	Community members in general	District (or equivalent) government (and above)	Sub-district government	NGO
Who can graze or cannot graze their animals, in specific areas, at certain times					
Penalties for grazing in the wrong place/at the wrong time					
What areas can or cannot be grazed by outsiders					
Who is allowed to access water points, and when					
Where is burned, and when					
Where bush-clearing, gully rehabilitation, etc. is done					
Where new exclosures are located					
Where new water points are located					
Where cropping areas are located					
Where settlements are located					

C. Option: Planned grazing

Why and how are animals moved around—e.g., are animals moved between wet/dry season pastures; does the entire settlement move or not move, etc.? Are these movements more planned/regulated, or more <i>ad-hoc</i> ?
Do you move your animals to graze in areas far away from here (e.g., > 30 km)? Do you allow herders from areas far away to come and graze their animals here?
How satisfied are you with current animal movements and your access to pasture, on a scale of 1-3 (unsatisfied, satisfied, very satisfied), and why?

How has your access to pasture changed over the past 5-10 years? Will these changes continue?
Would you expect benefits from more detailed planned grazing? If yes, what benefits are expected?

D. Option: Exclosure enhancement

Do you have grazing exclosures in your area? Exclosures are areas where grazing is restricted, including permanent, temporary, or selective (only selected livestock are allowed to graze) exclosures. List 1 or 2 exclosure types commonly used locally, and describe how they are used. <i>*If 2 or more types of exclosure are common locally, give answers for each exclosure type under the following questions.*</i>
When were exclosures established in the area, and why?
If you have selective exclosures, which animals can graze inside exclosures, and when?
What benefits do exclosures provide?
How satisfied are you with your exclosures, on a scale of 1-3 (unsatisfied, satisfied, very satisfied), and why?
How can production of exclosures be improved, especially grass production?

<p>Would exclosures benefit most from fire, bush-clearing, FMNR, gully rehabilitation, terracing, etc.? If yes what benefits would they provide?</p>
<p>Which of these are least beneficial?</p>
<p>Are you burning exclosures? Why/why not? Describe any burning currently being done.</p>
<p>Do you support burning exclosures? Why/why not?</p>

E. Narrative commentary and notes

<p><i>(This area is left blank for narrative commentary and notes.)</i></p>
