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PRACTICAL 6

**PRA techniques and its
application in planning of village
development activities**



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pra techniques

- Physical mapping
- Do-it-yourself
- Venn-Diagram
- Time trend
- Matrix ranking
- Impact diagrams
- Semi – structured interviews
- Mapping – community members depicting the physical or social characteristics of their community.
- ***Social Mapping***
- ***Wealth Ranking***



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PRA TECHNIQUES

- *Direct observation* - Observations are related to questions: What? When? Where? Who? Why? How?
- *Do it yourself* - Villagers are encouraged to teach the researcher how to do various activities. The researcher will learn how much skill and strength are required to do day-to-day rural activities, gaining an insider's perspective on a situation.



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Participatory Participatory Rural appraisal (PRA) techniques

- A process of Participatory Rural appraisal (PRA) is the process of involving local people in the analysis and interpretation of rural situation.
- Participatory Rural appraisal (PRA) is a set of informal techniques used by development practitioners in rural areas to collect and analyze data.



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DEFINITION- CHAMBERS (1992)

- PRA as an approach and methods for learning about rural life and conditions from, with and by rural people. He further stated that PRA extends into analysis, planning and action. PRA closely involve villagers and local officials in the process.





PARTICIPATORY RURAL APPRAISAL

- ▣ **Appraisal** – The finding out of information about problems, needs, and potential in a village. It is the first stage in any project.
- ▣ **Participatory** – Means that people are involved in the process – a “bottom-up” approach that requires good communication skills and attitude of project staff.
- ▣ **Rural** – The techniques can be used in any situation, urban or rural, with both literate and illiterate people.



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- 1. Physical map
- 2. Social map
- 3. Transect walks
- 4. Wealth ranking
- 5. Venn diagram
- 6. Daily routine
- 7. Seasonal diagram
- 8. Matrix ranking and matrix scoring
- 9. Problem census