

Community questionnaire

- c.1 What is the population of the village?
- c.2 What is the distribution of the population among castes? general SC ST
- c.3 What is the distribution of the population among religion? hindu muslim other
- c.4. Could you provide information regarding the following facilities and services?

Service	How far is this facility from the village?	When was it established?	Please rank how useful the facility is to you
	(in minutes)	year	1- very useful 2- moderately useful 3- no use
Primary school	c4.1.1	c4.1.2	c4.1.3
Secondary school	c4.2.1	c4.2.2	c4.2.3
Health centre	c4.3.1	c4.3.2	c4.3.3
District hospital			
Local Forest Dept office			
Anganwadi			
Bus stop			
Nearest agriculture extension			
Bank/ credit office			

- c5. Do you have electricity in the village? no → go to Qc.7 yes
- c.6 Which year was it operational?
- c.7 How does the forest help the members of this village?

1- Provides firewood and wood for furniture and equipment
 2- Protects the local watersheds, rivers and streams
 3- Reduces soil erosion
 4- Protects bio-diversity and wildlife habitat
 5- Provides NTFP
 6- Reduces pollution / provides clean air / improves air circulation
 7- other (_____)

c.8 Have there been any changes in the following conditions of the forest and your relation with it in the last 10 years? (1 - increased 2- decreased 3 - same)

The distance of forest from the village	c.8.1
The size of trees in the forest	c.8.2
The number of species found in the forest	c.8.3
Amount of timber collected for sale	c.8.4
Amount of timber collected for household use	c.8.5
Amount of NTFP collected for sale	c.8.6
Amount of NTFP collected for consumption	c.8.7

c.9 Is there a forest user group (FUG) in the village? no → go to Qc.21 yes

c.10 Which year was the FUG established?

c.11 Why was the FUG established?

<i>1- forest needed to be protected from indiscriminate timber theft</i> <i>2- necessary forest products become more scarce</i> <i>3- incentive of money from rotaional harvesting from Forest Dept</i> <i>4- declining water table due to loss of forest impacting agriculture</i> <i>5 other (_____)</i>
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c.12 How was the FUG established? (1- local intiative 2- Forest dept insistence 3- initiative from NGO 4- other)

c.13 Is every household a member of the FUG? no yes → go to Qc.16

c.14 Who are excluded from the FUG?

c.15 Why are they excluded from the FUG?

c.16 Is the female head of the family a member of the FUG? no yes

c.17 Is there a committee that runs the FUG? no → go to Qc.19 yes

c.18 Do you have elections to decide on the committee? no yes

c.19 How many FUG-related meetings did you have last year?

c.20 What is the composition of the committee now in terms of caste? general SC ST

c.21 What are the responsibilities of each member in the FUG?

1. Attend FUG meetings	2. Scheduled group patrolling
3. Labor in forest thinning, harvesting	
4. Labor in nursery and planting	5. Meeting forest Dept. officials

c.22 Are there any rules regarding use of forest products? no → go to Qc.26 yes

c.23 What are the rules that your FUG have devised and are currently implementing?

1- prevent non-members from forest extraction
2- rules governing extraction of certain products
3- rules for sale of certain products
4- monitoring and policing

c.24 Are there any penalties imposed on persons who fail to abide by these rules? no → go to Qc.26 yes

c.25 What type of penalties are imposed?

1- fee (cash payment)	2- returning collected products	3- labour (extra work)
4- exclusion from group	5- other	

c.26 What forest products are mostly collected by members in the village?

c.27 What are the most common crops grown in the village?

c.28 Are there distinct seasons in your village, with variations in crops grown and forest product collected? no → go to Qc.30
yes

c.29 What are these seasons in terms of months? season 1 season 2

c.30 When did villagers start using chemical inputs in agriculture? year

c.31 What impact has it had on yield? (1- still increasing 2- initially increased but now decreasing 3- no effect)

c.32 Other than the Forest User Group (FUG), are there any other community/village level organisations for collective action?
no → go to c.34 yes

c.33 What activities are these organisations for? credit irrigation festival
 agriculture others _____

c.34 Is there any NGO working in the village? no yes