

## **Data Collection Planning Worksheet**

**Purpose** – to create a clear plan across all data sources and methods that will allow you to ensure balance, use resources wisely, and track progress

Investigative Question	Sub-Question	Data Source(s)	Sample	Method	Administrator	Schedule
		(who or what)	(which individuals or	(how)	(who will manage	(by when)
			records)		collection)	
Drawn from the Question	Drawn from the	Who or what	Within those data	How will you	Who is responsible	What is the
Matrix	Question Matrix	sources can help	sources, which	gather the data?	for managing data	timeframe for
		answer the	individuals or	questionnaire?	collection related	gathering data?
		question?	records will you	survey? focus	to this question	
			choose?	group? interview?	and gathering it	
					for analysis?	

## Tips:

- Be sure that those investigative questions identified as most important to your Steering Committee and stakeholders are given priority in any funding or time constraints
- o Ensure that data from any given source is linked to all of the investigative questions it supports for example, interviews with the supervisors of CHWs are likely to provide input on many different questions, and on questions that cover all four essential factors (expectations, ability, opportunity, and motivation)
- o Be sure that the sample and method you choose will support your *Acceptable Evidence Worksheet* targets for each question—for example, if your acceptable evidence is based on a percentage of CHWs reporting, ensure you either reach that percentage of *all* CHWs or that you pull a representative same so you can generalize with confidence to the larger population
- o If a needs analysis loses momentum, it is often in the data collection stage -- ensure Administrators of each data collection method have the resources needed to capture the data, and follow up with them on a regular basis to ensure they stay on schedule