TAPE

Guidance for data analysis

**TAPE is a tool for communities to support local development toward sustainability. It can be used in different ways and data can be analysed differently based on the identified needs in the transition process.**

The collective discussion at the beginning of the process (**STEP 0**) allows discussing the challenges, opportunities, specific strengths and weaknesses of the territory[[1]](#footnote-1). As a TAPE facilitator, you will collect the *features of the territory* discussed during this first meeting and capture the *dynamic of the collectivity* in terms of the way forward, transition and innovations. These elements represent the basis to identify how TAPE can support the improvement of the current situation in this particular territory.

After the interviews (STEP 1 and STEP 2), the TAPE facilitator will gather the participants again (with potentially local authorities, extension services, local organizations,…) to discuss (and validate) the results. This meeting represents **STEP 3**. Based on the analysis of the results of TAPE and the important elements identified in STEP 0, this meeting is the opportunity to share knowledge and ideas, innovate, strengthen important links, etc. We don’t know in advance what STEP 3 will look like and what would be the outcomes.

**Guidance for doing the data analysis of STEP1** (from the raw data to be downloaded on KoBo):

* Having clearly in mind the **goals** of the data analysis: What kind of trends are important to highlight (to make the community aware of) to advance agroecology in this territory?
* Defining categories (**typology**) that will a basis for comparison.
  + Typology can be based on: younger – older farmers, diversified – less diversified farms, low or high altitude, etc.
  + The typology can be evident when having the Step0 discussion[[2]](#footnote-2); or can be defined later in the process (based on the raw data).
  + It generally creates 2 or 3 groups within the whole group of interviewed farms.
  + Represent a basis for comparing the data / results from TAPE and find trends that “speak” to the community.
  + The highlighted trends represent the basis of the STEP 3 discussions

(Data analysis is done in excel, on a specific template.)

1. For instance the social environment (community building), ecological environment, the main productions, access to markets, the profiles of producers, energy issues, the challenges of the territory, the obstacles to move toward agroecology, etc. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. In this case, make sure to capture the belonging to a group or another when doing the surveys (Step 1 and Step 2) and indicate it in KoBo under the *name* or *production system* [↑](#footnote-ref-2)