



Community-Led Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) engages all community members to design, implement, monitor progress, analyze and disseminate results, and adapt the **theory of change**.

Key Considerations

Requires Flexibility in Design and Tools

Each community may require a different approach, methods and tools.

Requires Flexibility in Funding

Community identifies its own priorities, which may lay outside the planned project focus but still contribute to project outcomes.

Requires Flexibility in Time

Community-led programming needs at least 6-8 months of initial assessment, community mobilization and capacity building period.

Requires In-depth Initial Assessment

Gender, governance, human rights, environment and other aspects need to be thoroughly assessed by the project team at the community level.

Risk of leaving someone behind

Community-led programming can fully engage those most marginalized; but only if it is designed right, using the appropriate focus and tools.

Risk of Unpredictable Data Quality

Community drives their own sampling, data collection tools and process, which may lead to variable quality for higher aggregation.

Requires Significant Resources for the Initial Project Period

The initial period is critical for conducting a thorough assessment, mobilization and capacity building. This requires staff and funds available.

Not the Right Approach for All Contexts

This approach may not be the right fit for all communities, organizations or projects.