

Criteria for Selection of Villages for Participatory Needs Assessment (PNA)

1. Results of vulnerability – poverty mapping determines selection with preference for poverty codes 5 and 4: high / severe degree of
 - i) war / conflict affectedness
 - ii) social deprivation / lack of social facilities
 - iii) seasonal and / or structural food deficit and high degree of malnutrition
2. Potential for economic and social development must be there, e.g. agriculture production including minor tanks – irrigable paddy lands, area for other field crops, community formation, basic services etc. and reasonable accessibility
3. Consideration of villages under vulnerability – poverty codes 3 and 2: affected but comparatively higher potential for development of livelihoods under the conceptual framework of nutrition and food security; villages in codes 3 and 2 may serve as 'lead cases' for surrounding villages that fall into codes 5 and 4
4. Cluster approach and inclusion of neighbouring villages close to villages where PNA was done
5. IFSP supported activities and projects already in progress (e.g. village health team, mid-day meal for school children, minor tank development, water supply and sanitation, promotion of services and small-scale business and employment) but no PNA yet done
6. Request and proposal by village communities and CBOs according to above considerations
7. Request and proposals from government departments, Divisional Secretaries, NGOs according to
 - i) fitting into the overall criteria under nutrition and food security – development of livelihoods
 - ii) are confirmed by the IFSP technical project committee and / or IFSP Community Mobilisers and Civil Engineers in consultation with representatives from partner institutions and organisations (government and non-government)
 - iii) addressing district and divisional priorities according to development plans
8. Proposals from IFSP Engineers, Community Mobilisers and IFSP health team
 - i) focus on complimenting ongoing activities implemented by CBOs
 - ii) supporting and complimenting initiatives of partner institutions