

## Checklist of Questions for Research Merit and Integrity

| RESEARCH MERIT AND INTEGRITY | CHECKLIST OF QUESTIONS   | YES/NO |
|------------------------------|--|--------|
| Research Design              | <p>Is the methodology and analysis appropriate to the context and what is being investigated?</p> <p>Does the research design involve local partners at all stages (participatory approach )?</p>  |        |
| Planning                     | <p>Is the research well-planned as a project, and integrated into a program of work?</p> <p>Do researchers have the relevant expertise to conduct the research?</p> <p>Does the research have approval of and co-operation from a gatekeeper to access the groups or individuals participating in the research? (e.g. community leaders)</p> |        |
| Implementation               | <p>Have researchers received training, information and assistance related to addressing ethical issues?</p> <p>Is it clear information can or cannot be shared with the gatekeeper if requested?</p>   |        |
| Analysis and Reporting       | <p>Will the information be analysed and presented fairly?</p> <p>Will the data be collected and secured safely?</p>  |        |
| Dissemination and Use        | <p>Is there a plan for how the findings will be disseminated and used?</p> <p>Have you considered who else might benefit from the research?</p> <p>Will this research be presented in diverse places (i.e. academic conferences, other conferences) and contribute to the body of knowledge on this topic?</p>                               |        |

If you have answered **NO** to any of the questions above, please reread and review the Principles and Guidelines for Ethical Research and Evaluation in Development at <https://rdinetwork.org.au/effective-ethical-research-evaluation/principles-guidelines-ethical-research-evaluation/>