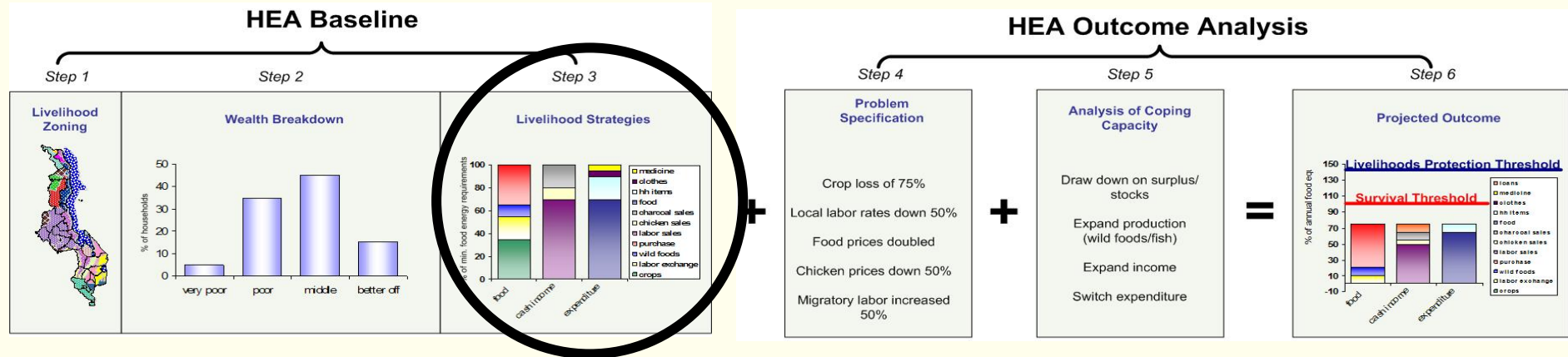


MODULE 2: BASELINE ASSESSMENT

Session 9: Livelihood Strategies

What are Livelihood Strategies?



The task of quantifying livelihood strategies is the last step in compiling the HEA baseline

What are Livelihood Strategies?

A livelihood is the sum of ways in which households obtain the things necessary for life, both in good years and in bad

What are Livelihood Strategies?

These necessities include :

- **Food**
- **Water**
- **Shelter**
- **Clothing**
- **Health care**
- **Education**

What are Livelihood Strategies?

Livelihood strategies,
therefore, are the specific
means by which households
obtain these basic
necessities

What are Livelihood Strategies?

In HEA, the analysis of livelihood strategies includes an investigation into how people obtain their food and cash, and what they need to spend their money on

Why do we care about Livelihood Strategies?

If we know how people get what they need, we will also know which things will affect that access

Cash needed for..

School fees

comes from..

**Weeding
labor**

Affected by...

**Drop in
daily wages**

Why do we care about Livelihood Strategies?

Knowing about **access**
allows us to link **hazards**
with **effects**

Effect

Access

Hazard

Cash needed for..

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comes from..

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labor**

Affected by...

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How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

Because there is a limited set of options for obtaining food and cash, it is possible to systematically explore each option to find out:

How much food or income does the option provide?

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

Because there is a limited set of options for obtaining food and cash, it is possible to systematically explore each option to find out:

When in the year is the option pursued?

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

Because there is a limited set of options for obtaining food and cash, it is possible to systematically explore each option to find out:

Who in the household pursues the option?

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

Because there is a limited set of options for obtaining food and cash, it is possible to systematically explore each option to find out:

Is the option expandable in a bad year?

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

How do people get their food?

- Own crop production
- Own livestock production
- Wild foods, fish and game
- Purchase
- Exchange (labour or goods for food)
- Gifts and loans

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

How do people get their cash?

- **Sale of crops**
- **Sale of livestock production** (*milk, ghee, live animals, hides*)
- **Sale of wild foods, fish and game**
- **Employment** (*casual labour, salaried employment, remittances*)
- **Self-employment** (*firewood, charcoal, handicrafts, etc.*)
- **Small business and trade** (*purchase and resale of goods*)
- **Other** (*gifts, loans, etc.*)

How do we find out about Livelihood Strategies?

What do people need to buy?

- **Staple** (cheapest calories)
- **Minimum non-food** (e.g. salt, soap, water, kerosene for cooking, etc.)
- **Livelihoods protection** (health, school, ag. inputs, vet drugs, etc)
- **Other** (money spent on non-essential, discretionary items)

Adding Things Up: Beyond the Checklist

Sources of **food** need to add up to around 2100 kcal pppd

Sources of **income** need to make sense given production and labour available in household

Adding Things Up: Beyond the Checklist

Total expenditure needs to balance with **total income**.