



3.5.1 History map checklist and summary

Contextual factors	Prompts	Notes
Institutions Organisations and structures through which society is ordered and administered (eg local and national government structures, religious groups, NGOs etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How have institutions in this community/ region/country changed over time, and what influence have they had?• Have different institutions become more/less important?• Have new institutions been set up?• What NGOs have been operating in this time period, and what impact have they had?	
Law The rules and regulations that govern society and how laws are implemented (eg through the judicial system, courts and police, or more informal mechanisms)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have any global, national or local laws been made or changed during this time? What impact has this had?• Have there been any local or national changes to the legal system or the ways that laws are implemented?	
Environment The natural environment and climatic conditions that impact people's lives (eg environmental disasters and degradation, availability of natural resources, ease of movement, soil fertility)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Have you seen changes in the environment over time? (eg climate change, environmental degradation)• What have been some of the impacts of those changes? (eg loss of wildlife and natural resources, changes in farming patterns and food availability)• Have there been environment-related disasters in this time period? What has the impact been?	
Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• How has the make-up of society	



<p>The make-up of society, including population demographics, family size and structure, tribal and ethnic groups, distribution of wealth, religious beliefs and cultural norms</p>	<p>changed in this time period? (eg demographics such as age, gender, ethnic groups, wealth)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Have there been any changes in social or cultural norms and attitudes over this time period? What has brought about those changes?● Have there been any changes in the distribution of power and wealth in society?● Has there been a change in the importance of family, ethnicity or religious affiliation in this time period?	
<p>Services The availability of essential public services eg clean water, education, health facilities, electricity, transport</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How have access and quality of services changed during this time period? (eg water, electricity, healthcare, education)● What has been the impact of any changes mentioned?	
<p>Politics The way power is exercised, how decisions are made and the impact of political events and decisions on people's lives</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● What key political events have taken place in this time period? Who has been involved in these events, and what impact have these events had?● Who has been in power, and what have their policies been over this time period? Have these policies affected this community? How?● Have there been any changes in who is or isn't involved in decision-making? (eg who takes part in voting)	
<p>Technology Access to, and the impact of, technology in people's lives (eg</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How has access to communication technology changed over this time period, and what impact has that had?● What technologies have been	



<p>livelihoods, banking, accessing new ideas, ability to communicate, energy)</p>	<p>developed? (eg in areas of health or sustainability) What impact have these had?</p>	
<p>Security The safety of the community and how levels of crime, violence and conflict impact people's wellbeing. The mechanisms that keep people safe and create or maintain peace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Have there been any events that have been a threat to people's safety over this time period?● Have there been any incidents of insecurity or violence at a local, regional or national level? What has been the cause and what were the consequences?● Have there been changes in local law enforcement in this time period?	
<p>Economy The cost of living, levels of trade and the strength of local businesses. People's access to markets, financial services and employment opportunities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● How has the local, national or global economy changed in this time?● What have been some of the key businesses or companies in operation?● Have there been times when it has been harder or easier to afford essential items?● Have there been changes in the types of livelihood and employment opportunities available to people?	



History map summary template

What are the most significant events in this community's history, and how have they shaped how things are today?

How has each aspect of wellbeing been impacted by events in the past? Has that been a positive or negative impact? Is that impact still felt today?

Living faith

Social connections



Personal relationships	
Participation and influence	
Emotional and mental wellbeing	
Physical health	



Material assets and resources	
Capabilities	
Care of the environment	