



Community Mapping Discussion Activity

Think of a community you have lived or worked in....

- Is the community remote? Would you define it as rural or urban?
- Does the climate and geography have any impact on the health profile of your community or on the delivery of health services? How so?
- How do issues such as distance, transportation and communication affect the way people use health services? How does this impact health?
- What is the history of the community? How does this impact health?
- How do socioeconomic characteristics of the community impact health?
- What is the community infrastructure like? Is it expanding or shrinking?
- Have any key facilities/resources closed in past 12 months? What is the impact of this?
- How cohesive is your community? Is it divided on any issues?
- How can not understanding the people in the community and their experiences lead to barriers to successful interactions?
- With your community in mind, what significant groups are not reached by, or less likely to access, current health services? Why?
- What are the significant risk factors contributing to the burden of disease, including demographic and lifestyle factors?
- Morbidity – What is the distribution of disease in your population?
- Mortality – Comment on the cause of death distribution in your community.
- How does local health status compare with the state and national averages? What inferences can you draw from this?
- What do health facilities in your community look like? What limits access to these services?
- What are the gaps in services provided by health facilities to meet the community's health needs?
- Are there groups that are not utilizing the appropriate health services? Why might this be?