**Checking the quality of your indicators**

As you’ve probably observed, it can be difficult to control the quality of your own indicators. However, quality is a very good way to discuss your indicators in an M&E committee meeting. Ask your partners to do it: How do they understand the indicator? Does it seem to answer their questions?

| Question | Indicator |
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| **Does it measure what it should?** | *Indicate what it should measure and why it measures it well.* |
| **Is its meaning unequivocal?** | *Explain in ordinary language what the indicator means and make sure that this is understandable in the indicator’s current phrasing* |
| **Can it be measured?** | *Describe how you will measure it and how likely it is that you will obtain the needed data at the expected frequency.* |
| **Is it sensitive enough?** | *Do you expect this indicator to vary if your programme is a success?* |
| **Is it reliable and credible?** | *Are you collecting the data yourself and do others do it as well? What measures will you take to ensure that the data collection process will be reliable?* |