Scoping Information Gathering

## [Purpose](#_[Name_of_Chapter)

To provide some suggestions for data sources and guiding questions to determine how much capacity you have for gathering data and information.

## What you’ll Need

**Who:** Core Team

**Where:** Varies

**How long will it take:** 1.5 Hours

**Materials:** Internet access

## Instructions

Use the following prompts to discuss and determine your information needs and capacity:

1. Discuss what was learned in workshop 1. Are there topics you would like to investigate with data or information?
2. Revisit your goals and project plan from chapter 1. Do you have specific information needs around hazards, equity, and social, natural, and build environment systems? For example, are you doing a vulnerability assessment or a hazard mitigation plan?
3. Look at table on page 2 and review the list of potential data sources. Fill in any other data sources that you have access to or that you feel are particularly important to include. Also review the Master Indicators List for the Indicator Card Sorting Activity. What data is already being tracked internally?
4. Discuss with the core team how much time and capacity available to gather data and information. Do you have deadlines for any resilience reports or deliverables? How much time and capacity do you, staff, or core team members have available to support data or information gathering?
5. Are there other ongoing planning activities that could be leveraged? Are other organizations tracking or managing relevant data? Are there opportunities to partner with community organizations, universities or local agencies that can help gather data and information?
6. Go to the next step for gathering the data and information you need, using the hazards and equity data worksheets, and the indicators spreadsheet.

After you’ve considered your capacity and looked at the data sources, you might decide that you:

* Have limited time and capacity, or already have the data and information you need, so you are not going to gather any additional data or information at this time. You just want to do the participatory activities including storytelling, mapping, and action identification to get input from community members.
* Have some time and capacity and want to gather some data on hazards, equity, or resilience using the worksheets in this section and by doing the participatory activities.
* Have enough time and capacity or have support from technical experts and cooperation from other agencies and local partners and want to gather to gather all the relevant data available to support your resilience plan.

## **What to do next**

Now that you understand your capacity to collect data, fill out the table below as a Core Team to map out how and where to collect relevant data and information in your community. Additionally, appoint a Core Team member to collect each area of data. Some examples have been filled out in the table below, but feel free to add any data types or sources that you’d like to collect. Next, return to the ERB and begin the next step: Gather the Data.

**Data Collection Table: Fill out the table below on what information/data needs to be collected for hazards and equity, what source the data will come from, how this data will be used, and the Core Team member to collect the data.**

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| **Hazards** | **Local Sources** | **On-line sources** | **How might you use this?** | **Core team point person** |
| Climate change | Hazard Mitigation Plan | [Climate Explorer](https://crt-climate-explorer.nemac.org/)  [FEMA Hazard Risk Index](https://www.fema.gov/flood-maps/products-tools/national-risk-index) | e.g. HMP risk analysis |  |
| Pollution/toxic sites |  | [EJ Screen](https://www.epa.gov/ejscreen)  State EJ Screen |  |  |
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| **Equity** |  |  |  |  |
| Community demographics |  | [Neighborhoods at Risk](https://nar.headwaterseconomics.org/?_ga=2.99205406.1689028597.1678843534-1326411450.1677528176&_gl=1*1o416r9*_ga*MTMyNjQxMTQ1MC4xNjc3NTI4MTc2*_ga_4GZ7QHJZ4N*MTY3ODg0MzUzNC4yLjAuMTY3ODg0MzUzNC4wLjAuMA..) |  |  |
| Health Issues | Local health department | CDC.gov |  |  |
| Local equity concerns | Community Based Organizations |  |  |  |
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