# **Help Set Up Kobo Collect Surveys & Train Field Agents - (need at least 10 surveys)**

## **Purpose**

We need an experienced **Kobo Collect and data collection specialist** to help us **set up digital surveys** for tracking the progress of farming communities in Africa. These surveys will be used by field agents to collect data on community transformation.

This will be an **iterative project** where we refine surveys based on field feedback. Once the surveys are working well, we will need **basic training for our field agents** to ensure smooth implementation.

## **What We Need**

### **Phase 1: Setting Up Kobo Collect Surveys**

* Convert our **community and farmer assessment checklists** into Kobo Collect surveys.
* Ensure surveys capture the **right data** to track community and farmer progress over time.
* Include **dropdowns & unique IDs** for tracking farmers and communities across multiple years.

### **Phase 2: Testing & Refining Surveys**

* Conduct **test runs** and identify any issues.
* Make changes based on user feedback to **ensure ease of use** for field agents.
* Optimize surveys for **offline data collection** in remote areas.

### **Phase 3: Data Integration and Visualization**

* Ensure Kobo Collect data can be **easily exported and analyzed**.
* Set up a simple workflow to send data to **Google Sheets, Power BI, or Google Data Studio**.
* Help create **unique identifiers** so that each farmer and community can be tracked over time.
* Ensure that can visualize and make sense of the Data

### **Phase 4: Training for Field Agents**

* Create a **simple guide (PDF or video)** to teach field agents how to use Kobo Collect.
* Conduct **one or two virtual training sessions** to answer questions.
* Provide **basic troubleshooting support** if agents have issues using the surveys.

### **Phase 5: Ongoing Refinements**

* After agents start using the surveys, make **small adjustments** based on their feedback.
* Ensure the system is **scalable** as we add more communities.
* Provide advice on **how to improve long-term tracking** of farmer progress.

Community Resource Mapping Survey

**Purpose:**The goal of this survey is to help communities **identify and maximize their existing resources**—both tangible and intangible—so they can drive their own transformation. This approach reinforces the mindset that **“we have everything we need; we just need to organize and optimize it.”**

This survey will also **map out organizations, businesses, and initiatives** that are already working in the community. By understanding the **history of engagement** with various entities (churches, government programs, NGOs, youth initiatives, agribusiness ventures), we can design interventions that **complement existing efforts** rather than duplicate them.

### **Key Sections & Data to Collect**

### **1. Community Assets & Existing Resources**

✅ **Natural Resources**

* What **natural resources** exist in your community? (Check all that apply)
  + ☐ Fertile land
  + ☐ Rivers/lakes for irrigation
  + ☐ Forests/agroforestry
  + ☐ Minerals (e.g., clay, limestone, etc.)
  + ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* What are the **main crops and livestock** produced in this community? (List top 5)

✅ **Physical & Infrastructure Resources**

* What **storage and processing facilities** are available in the community?
  + ☐ Community granaries
  + ☐ Milling facilities
  + ☐ Cold storage units
  + ☐ Solar dryers
  + ☐ None
* What **transportation infrastructure** is available?
  + ☐ Paved roads
  + ☐ Dirt roads (usable year-round)
  + ☐ Dirt roads (difficult in rainy season)
  + ☐ Access to major highways
  + ☐ Transport cooperatives or trucking services
* What **water sources** exist for farming and household use?
  + ☐ Wells
  + ☐ Boreholes
  + ☐ Rivers
  + ☐ Rainwater harvesting
  + ☐ Irrigation systems
  + ☐ None

✅ **Human Capital & Social Resources**

* What **skills** are present in your community? (Check all that apply)
  + ☐ Experienced farmers
  + ☐ Mechanics/technicians
  + ☐ Business owners
  + ☐ Financial literacy trainers
  + ☐ Youth with digital skills
  + ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Are there **strong community leadership structures** in place?
  + ☐ Yes
  + ☐ No
  + ☐ Somewhat, but they need support
* What **cooperatives or farmer groups** exist in this community?
  + Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

✅ **Financial & Economic Resources**

* What **financial services** are available in this community?
  + ☐ Local banks
  + ☐ Microfinance institutions
  + ☐ Savings & Credit Cooperatives (SACCOs)
  + ☐ Informal savings groups (VSLAs, SILCs)
  + ☐ None
* What **agribusinesses** are operating in this community?
  + Name: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
  + Type: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (e.g., seed supplier, fertilizer distributor, buyer, processor)
  + How do they support farmers? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **2. Mapping External Organizations & Past Engagements**

✅ **Existing Organizations & Their Work in the Community**

* What organizations have worked in this community in the past 5 years? (Check all that apply)
  + ☐ Government agricultural programs
  + ☐ International NGOs
  + ☐ Local NGOs
  + ☐ Faith-based organizations (churches, mosques, religious groups)
  + ☐ Youth groups & community-led initiatives
  + ☐ Business enterprises supporting farmers
  + ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* Can you list specific **organizations and their activities**?

| **Organization Name** | **Type (Govt, NGO, Church, etc.)** | **Project Focus (e.g., irrigation, finance, training)** | **Current Status (Active, Completed, Stalled)** |
| --- | --- | --- | --- |
| \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |
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✅ **Lessons from Past Engagements**

* Have these organizations **delivered lasting impact**?
  + ☐ Yes, their work improved the community significantly.
  + ☐ Some improvements, but they did not last long.
  + ☐ No, there was little to no impact.
* What are the **biggest gaps left unaddressed** by these organizations?
  + ☐ Poor market access
  + ☐ Lack of financial services
  + ☐ No follow-up after training programs
  + ☐ Infrastructure challenges (bad roads, lack of irrigation)
  + ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **3. Identifying Opportunities for Growth & Collaboration**

✅ **How Can This Community Leverage Its Resources for Growth?**

* What are the **top 3 community strengths** that can be used for transformation?
* What are the **top 3 barriers** preventing this community from thriving?

✅ **Potential Partnerships & Community-Led Solutions**

* What **new partnerships** would help this community grow?
  + ☐ More access to financing
  + ☐ Better market linkages
  + ☐ Business development support
  + ☐ Improved farming technology
  + ☐ More youth engagement in agriculture
* Is there **interest in forming a community working group** to maximize resources?
  + ☐ Yes
  + ☐ No
  + ☐ Not sure, but we’d like more information

### **Using the Data for Community Growth**

* This data will allow **Roots Africa changemakers** to **identify strengths first** rather than focus only on weaknesses.
* It will also help us **connect communities with existing resources**, reducing duplication and making partnerships more effective.
* By mapping out **past organizational engagements**, we can build on their successes and **fill in the remaining gaps.**

# **🌱 Roots Africa Community Readiness Survey**

**Note: Purpose:** This survey assesses a community’s **readiness for transformation**, ensuring that interventions are directed toward communities with the **right mindset, ownership potential, and collaborative spirit**.

**Instructions:** This survey should be conducted with **community leaders, farmers, youth representatives, and key stakeholders**. Responses will help determine whether Roots Africa should engage with this community.

## **1️⃣ General Community Information**

* **Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Region/District:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Survey Conducted By:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Date of Assessment:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_
* **Number of People Participating in This Survey:** \_\_\_

## **2️⃣ Mindset & Readiness for Change**

**1. Do community members see farming as a business rather than just subsistence?**

* ☐ Yes, most farmers already think this way.
* ☐ Some farmers do, but many still see farming as survival.
* ☐ No, most farmers only farm for household consumption.

**2. How willing is the community to try new agricultural practices?**

* ☐ Very open—farmers have already adopted new techniques before.
* ☐ Somewhat open—some farmers experiment, but most stick to tradition.
* ☐ Resistant—there is strong attachment to traditional methods.

**3. How does the community view external support from organizations like Roots Africa?**

* ☐ As a **partnership**—they want to actively participate and co-own solutions.
* ☐ As **assistance**—they are willing to engage but expect external help.
* ☐ As **charity**—they expect organizations to solve their problems for them.

**4. What happens when past agricultural projects have ended?**

* ☐ The community **continues and expands** the work independently.
* ☐ Some elements remain, but participation **declines without external help**.
* ☐ Most projects **collapse once outside support ends**.

## **3️⃣ Community Leadership & Ownership**

**5. Is there an active community leadership structure that can help drive transformation?**

* ☐ Yes, leaders are well-organized and actively support development projects.
* ☐ Somewhat, but leadership is weak and inconsistent.
* ☐ No, leadership is fragmented or uncooperative.

**6. Are farmers already working together in cooperatives or groups?**

* ☐ Yes, many farmers are part of **well-organized groups**.
* ☐ Some farmers are in groups, but **they need support**.
* ☐ No, farmers mostly **work independently**.

**7. Do community leaders believe in empowering women and youth in agriculture?**

* ☐ Yes, women and youth are actively involved in leadership and decision-making.
* ☐ Somewhat—there is recognition, but **they lack real power**.
* ☐ No, decision-making is controlled by a few older individuals.

## **4️⃣ Community Participation & Engagement**

**8. How have community members responded to past development programs?**

* ☐ **Very engaged**—they have contributed resources and time.
* ☐ **Somewhat engaged**—they participated but relied mostly on external help.
* ☐ **Not engaged**—they only participated when given incentives.

**9. How willing is the community to contribute resources (time, land, labor) to transformation efforts?**

* ☐ Highly willing—community members are ready to invest their own resources.
* ☐ Moderately willing—some will contribute, but only if there is external support.
* ☐ Not willing—people expect everything to be provided for them.

**10. Is there a history of community self-initiative (projects started without external funding)?**

* ☐ Yes, the community has launched and sustained projects independently.
* ☐ Some efforts exist, but they **struggle without external help**.
* ☐ No, very few self-driven initiatives have succeeded.

## **5️⃣ Existing Challenges & Opportunities**

**11. What are the biggest challenges preventing agricultural progress in this community? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Poor soil fertility
* ☐ Limited market access
* ☐ High post-harvest losses
* ☐ Lack of farming knowledge/training
* ☐ Weak farmer cooperatives
* ☐ Poor road and transport infrastructure
* ☐ Limited financial access
* ☐ Climate change impacts (droughts, floods)

**12. What existing strengths or resources can the community use to support transformation? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Strong leadership structures
* ☐ Active farmer cooperatives
* ☐ Fertile land and good climate conditions
* ☐ Access to markets and buyers
* ☐ Local savings groups/microfinance services
* ☐ Youth interested in agribusiness

## **6️⃣ External Partnerships & Past Engagements**

**13. Have other organizations worked in this community in the past 5 years?**

* ☐ Yes, and their impact has been long-lasting.
* ☐ Yes, but most programs did not last.
* ☐ No, this community has not received external support.

**14. What types of organizations have engaged with the community? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Government agricultural programs
* ☐ International NGOs
* ☐ Local NGOs
* ☐ Churches & faith-based organizations
* ☐ Private sector agribusinesses
* ☐ Youth organizations

**15. What is the community’s relationship with past organizations?**

* ☐ **Very positive**—they still collaborate.
* ☐ **Neutral**—organizations came and left, with little lasting impact.
* ☐ **Negative**—organizations failed, leaving the community skeptical.

## **7️⃣ Overall Readiness Score & Decision Criteria**

This section allows Roots Africa to **score the community’s readiness** and decide whether to engage.

| **Category** | **Maximum Score** | **Community Score** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **Mindset & Readiness for Change** | 20 | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Community Leadership & Ownership** | 20 | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Community Participation & Engagement** | 20 | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Existing Challenges & Opportunities** | 20 | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **External Partnerships & Past Engagements** | 20 | \_\_\_\_\_ |
| **Total Score** | 100 | \_\_\_\_\_ |

### **Engagement Criteria**

* **75+ Points**: ✅ **Highly Ready** – This community is an ideal candidate for Roots Africa’s transformation model.
* **50-74 Points**: ⚠️ **Moderately Ready** – Community has potential but may need extra support in leadership, participation, or mindset shift.
* **Below 50 Points**: ❌ **Not Ready** – Community is unlikely to sustain transformation efforts at this stage. Consider revisiting after 6-12 months.

### **Next Steps After the Survey**

* **If a community is selected** ✅: Begin the **Resource Mapping Survey** to identify what assets they already have and how we can optimize them.
* **If a community is borderline ready** ⚠️: Engage in **preparatory leadership training** before full implementation.
* **If a community is not ready** ❌: Provide **mindset-shifting workshops** or revisit after some time.

### **Final Thoughts**

This **Community Readiness Survey** ensures that Roots Africa **only engages communities that are truly ready for transformation**—saving time, effort, and resources. 🚀 Would you like me to refine or add any other aspects before finalizing?

### **🏡 Roots Africa Individual Household Survey**

**Purpose:**This survey collects **household-level data** to track **economic conditions, food security, farming practices, income, financial access, and well-being**. It helps Roots Africa **monitor individual household progress** and design interventions tailored to farmer needs.

**Instructions:**

* Conducted **annually or quarterly**, depending on the depth of tracking required.
* One survey per household, ideally with the **head of household** or primary decision-maker.
* Data collected using **Kobo Collect** for real-time tracking and analysis.

## **1️⃣ Household Identification**

* **Survey ID (Auto-Generated):** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Household Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Region/District:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Household GPS Coordinates:** 📍 Auto-collected
* **Date of Survey:** \_\_ / \_\_ / 20\_\_
* **Survey Conducted By:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **2️⃣ Household Demographics**

**1. Who is responding to this survey?**

* ☐ Male head of household
* ☐ Female head of household
* ☐ Other adult (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**2. How many people live in this household?**

* Total: \_\_\_
* Male adults (18+): \_\_\_
* Female adults (18+): \_\_\_
* Children (under 18): \_\_\_

**3. What is the highest level of education attained by the household head?**

* ☐ No formal education
* ☐ Primary school
* ☐ Secondary school
* ☐ Vocational training
* ☐ University degree

**4. Who makes financial decisions in this household?**

* ☐ Male head of household
* ☐ Female head of household
* ☐ Joint decision-making
* ☐ Other (specify): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

## **3️⃣ Economic Status & Livelihoods**

**5. What are the main sources of income for this household? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Farming (crop production)
* ☐ Livestock rearing
* ☐ Fishing
* ☐ Business/trading
* ☐ Casual labor
* ☐ Remittances from relatives
* ☐ Salaried employment
* ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**6. What is the estimated monthly household income (from all sources)?**

* ☐ Less than $20
* ☐ $20 - $50
* ☐ $50 - $100
* ☐ $100 - $200
* ☐ More than $200

**7. Do you have any financial savings?**

* ☐ Yes, in a bank or microfinance institution
* ☐ Yes, in a local savings group (SACCO, VSLA)
* ☐ No, but I want to start saving
* ☐ No, I have no savings

**8. Have you taken any loans in the past 12 months?**

* ☐ Yes, from a bank
* ☐ Yes, from a microfinance institution
* ☐ Yes, from a village savings group
* ☐ No, I have not taken any loans

## **4️⃣ Household Food Security & Nutrition**

**9. How many meals does your household eat per day?**

* ☐ 1 meal
* ☐ 2 meals
* ☐ 3 meals

**10. In the past 30 days, have you or your household members: (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Skipped meals due to lack of food?
* ☐ Gone a full day without eating?
* ☐ Relied on less preferred or less nutritious foods?
* ☐ Reduced portion sizes to make food last longer?
* ☐ No food-related difficulties

**11. Where do you get most of your food?**

* ☐ Own farm production
* ☐ Local market purchases
* ☐ Food assistance programs
* ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**12. What types of food does your household consume regularly? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Grains (maize, rice, millet, etc.)
* ☐ Vegetables
* ☐ Fruits
* ☐ Meat/fish
* ☐ Dairy (milk, cheese, etc.)
* ☐ Legumes (beans, lentils, etc.)

## **5️⃣ Farming & Agricultural Practices**

**13. Does your household own or rent land for farming?**

* ☐ Own land
* ☐ Rent land
* ☐ Use communal land
* ☐ No land access

**14. How much land do you farm?**

* ☐ Less than 1 acre
* ☐ 1 - 3 acres
* ☐ 3 - 5 acres
* ☐ More than 5 acres

**15. What crops do you cultivate? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Maize
* ☐ Rice
* ☐ Cassava
* ☐ Beans
* ☐ Fruits/vegetables
* ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**16. What livestock does your household raise? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Cattle
* ☐ Goats/sheep
* ☐ Poultry (chickens, ducks)
* ☐ Pigs
* ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**17. Do you use any of the following farming techniques?**

* ☐ Crop rotation
* ☐ Organic composting
* ☐ Irrigation
* ☐ Post-harvest storage techniques

**18. What is the biggest challenge your household faces in farming?**

* ☐ Poor soil fertility
* ☐ Lack of quality seeds
* ☐ Climate change (droughts, floods, etc.)
* ☐ Limited access to markets
* ☐ Pests and diseases

## **6️⃣ Access to Markets & Financial Services**

**19. Where do you sell most of your agricultural produce?**

* ☐ Local markets
* ☐ Direct to consumers
* ☐ Middlemen/buyers
* ☐ Cooperatives
* ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**20. What challenges do you face in accessing markets?**

* ☐ Low prices for produce
* ☐ High cost of transportation
* ☐ Lack of buyers
* ☐ Poor road infrastructure

## **7️⃣ Household Well-Being & Aspirations**

**21. How satisfied are you with your current standard of living?**

* ☐ Very satisfied
* ☐ Somewhat satisfied
* ☐ Neutral
* ☐ Dissatisfied
* ☐ Very dissatisfied

**22. What are your top three priorities for improving your household?**

**23. Are you interested in receiving training on any of the following? (Check all that apply)**

* ☐ Financial literacy
* ☐ Business skills for farming
* ☐ Climate-smart agriculture
* ☐ Post-harvest storage & processing

## **8️⃣ Final Notes & Recommendations**

* **Surveyor Comments:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Household Recommendations for Support:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

### **Using This Data**

✅ **Household-level tracking** to monitor **food security, income changes, and farming progress** over time.  
✅ **Identify struggling households** that need targeted interventions.  
✅ **Ensure that farmers are linked to the right training, resources, and financial services.**✅ **Data-driven decision-making** for Roots Africa’s programs.

### **🌱 Roots Africa Community Maturity Assessment**

**Purpose:**This assessment helps categorize communities based on their **stage of growth and development**, guiding Roots Africa in **tailoring support** to each community's needs. Communities will be ranked into **five maturity stages**:

1. **Discovery Stage** – Community is in the early stages of transformation, with limited organization and engagement.
2. **Foundation Stage** – Basic structures and leadership exist, but the community needs guidance and capacity-building.
3. **Growth Stage** – Farmers are adopting new practices, organizations are forming, and collaboration is increasing.
4. **Empowerment Stage** – The community is self-driven, businesses are growing, and market linkages are strong.
5. **Transformation Stage** – The community is fully independent, leading its own development, and serving as a model for others.

The **Community Maturity Score** will be calculated based on responses, automatically assigning each community to a **stage** using Kobo Collect.

## **1️⃣ Community Identification**

* **Community Name:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Region/District:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Survey Conducted By:** \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
* **Date of Assessment:** \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ / 20\_\_\_
* **GPS Location:** 📍 Auto-collected

## **2️⃣ Leadership & Community Organization**

**1. Does the community have structured leadership for development initiatives?**

* ☐ No leadership structure in place (1)
* ☐ Some leaders exist, but engagement is weak (2)
* ☐ Leaders are engaged, but need more training (3)
* ☐ Strong leadership, guiding community projects (4)
* ☐ Leadership is proactive and independent (5)

**2. Are there active farmer groups, cooperatives, or community organizations?**

* ☐ No formal groups exist (1)
* ☐ Some informal groups, but they are weak (2)
* ☐ Organized groups exist but need training (3)
* ☐ Active, well-structured groups working together (4)
* ☐ Strong cooperatives, fully independent (5)

**3. How does the community approach external support?**

* ☐ Relies entirely on aid (1)
* ☐ Participates but expects outside funding (2)
* ☐ Engages with organizations but needs motivation (3)
* ☐ Takes ownership of projects with minimal support (4)
* ☐ Fully independent, initiates own projects (5)

## **3️⃣ Farming & Agricultural Practices**

**4. How advanced are the community’s farming practices?**

* ☐ Traditional farming, no modern techniques (1)
* ☐ Some farmers experimenting with improved methods (2)
* ☐ Farmers applying new techniques with some success (3)
* ☐ Most farmers have adopted modern, sustainable practices (4)
* ☐ Advanced farming, commercial production, and value addition (5)

**5. Does the community have access to farming resources (seeds, tools, irrigation, etc.)?**

* ☐ No access to farming resources (1)
* ☐ Some resources but unreliable access (2)
* ☐ Adequate resources, but some farmers lack access (3)
* ☐ Good resource access, with some self-sufficiency (4)
* ☐ Full access, farmers invest in their own tools/resources (5)

**6. What is the state of post-harvest handling and storage?**

* ☐ No proper storage, high post-harvest losses (1)
* ☐ Some traditional storage methods, but losses are still high (2)
* ☐ Farmers using better storage but need improvements (3)
* ☐ Good storage and reduced losses (4)
* ☐ Advanced storage and processing for value addition (5)

## **4️⃣ Market Access & Business Growth**

**7. How do farmers sell their produce?**

* ☐ No structured market access, rely on local buyers (1)
* ☐ Sell through middlemen, low bargaining power (2)
* ☐ Some direct market access but inconsistent (3)
* ☐ Farmers connected to markets and cooperatives (4)
* ☐ Farmers control their own markets, strong linkages (5)

**8. Are there agribusinesses and local economic activities supporting farmers?**

* ☐ No agribusinesses in the community (1)
* ☐ Few businesses, mainly informal and struggling (2)
* ☐ Some small agribusinesses emerging (3)
* ☐ Strong agribusiness presence, providing farmer support (4)
* ☐ Thriving businesses, value addition, and market access (5)

**9. How financially independent are the farmers in the community?**

* ☐ No savings, no financial literacy (1)
* ☐ Farmers rely entirely on loans or aid (2)
* ☐ Some financial access but limited growth (3)
* ☐ Farmers save, reinvest, and have credit access (4)
* ☐ Fully financially self-sufficient community (5)

## **5️⃣ Social Engagement & Mindset**

**10. How involved are youth and women in agriculture and leadership?**

* ☐ Not involved at all (1)
* ☐ Some youth/women participate, but at low levels (2)
* ☐ Engaged but need leadership training (3)
* ☐ Active participants, taking leadership roles (4)
* ☐ Leading initiatives, driving community change (5)

**11. How does the community handle challenges and problem-solving?**

* ☐ Waits for external help (1)
* ☐ Discusses issues but does not act (2)
* ☐ Takes action, but leadership is weak (3)
* ☐ Solves problems through community efforts (4)
* ☐ Fully independent problem-solving, no reliance on external help (5)

## **6️⃣ Final Maturity Score & Ranking**

* **Total Score (Auto-Calculated in Kobo Collect):** \_\_\_\_\_ / 55
* **Community Maturity Level:**

| **Score Range** | **Community Stage** | **Readiness Description** |
| --- | --- | --- |
| **0-15** | **Discovery** | Just starting; requires full support and training. |
| **16-25** | **Foundation** | Some structure exists but needs leadership and engagement support. |
| **26-35** | **Growth** | Actively improving but needs market linkages and business training. |
| **36-45** | **Empowerment** | Strong community ownership; minimal support needed. |
| **46-55** | **Transformation** | Fully independent; can serve as a model community. |

### **Next Steps Based on Maturity Level**

1. **Discovery & Foundation Stages (0-25 points):**
   * Provide leadership training and build engagement.
   * Focus on mindset shift and cooperative formation.
   * Introduce basic farming and business skills.
2. **Growth Stage (26-35 points):**
   * Strengthen market access and cooperatives.
   * Improve financial inclusion and savings culture.
   * Introduce post-harvest handling and value addition.
3. **Empowerment Stage (36-45 points):**
   * Support advanced business development.
   * Improve financial literacy for investment and scaling.
   * Encourage full market integration.
4. **Transformation Stage (46-55 points):**
   * Scale community-led solutions to neighboring regions.
   * Partner with other organizations for larger market access.
   * Promote knowledge-sharing and mentorship.

### **Final Thoughts**

✅ **This assessment provides a clear pathway** for Roots Africa to know **where a community stands** and **what it needs next.**✅ **Automated scoring in Kobo Collect ensures objectivity** in ranking.  
✅ **Helps prioritize support and focus efforts** on the right communities at the right time.