

# Module 1: What is Livelihood

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**In this session we will cover:**

**Definition  
Mapping**



**Livelihoods  
in the  
Context of  
Social  
Safeguards**



**Identifying  
Key  
Livelihood  
Sources**

# Livelihoods in the context of social safeguards

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# Key Topics

Key  
Sources of  
Livelihoods

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graph LR; A[Key Sources of Livelihoods] --> B[Formal and Informal Livelihoods]; B --> C[Livelihood Systems]; C --> D[Monetary and non-monetary dimensions of livelihoods];
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Formal and  
Informal  
Livelihoods



Livelihood  
Systems



Monetary  
and non-  
monetary  
dimensions  
of  
livelihoods

# Assets and Livelihood Resources

- Land and access to land
- Structures, including houses and other buildings
- Crops and trees planted and harvested on land
- Plant, machinery and equipment
- Public services, such as water and electricity supply, health services, schooling, transport etc.
- Natural resources found and accessed in natural or humanly created and/or managed ecosystems

# Holistic view of Livelihood systems

Monetary and non-monetary income and sustenance

Formalized or informal/  
unregistered/non-titled occupation

Individual, household or community and customary common use rights

Rural and agriculture based or more urban and trade and manufacture based

## Context:

- economic
- legal, institutional, political
- socio-cultural context (gender norms, customs)
- ecological system

# Key Livelihood Sources

**Draft ESS5: Livelihood refers to the full range of ways and means that affected persons and communities utilize to make a living such as:**

- wages from employment;
- cash income earned through an enterprise or through sale of produce, goods, handicrafts or services;
- rental income from land or premises;
- income from a harvest or animal husbandry, share of a harvest, such as various sharecropping arrangements, or livestock production;
- self-produced goods or produce used for self-consumption, exchange or barter;
- self-consumed goods or produce;
- food, materials, fuel and goods for personal or household use or trade derived from natural or common resources;
- pensions and various types of government allowances.

# Key Livelihood Sources

## Employment and Wages: Individual Employment



Wages from employment including informal non-formalized or noncontractual employment, temporary, seasonal, "illegal" employment



# Key Livelihood Sources

## Enterprise and Business Income



Cash income earned through an enterprise or through sale of produce, goods, handicrafts or services  
(self-employment?)

# Key Livelihood Sources

## Rental Income



Rental income from land or premises

~ Several tiers of rental arrangements (leases, sub-leases, sub-sub leases)

# Key Livelihood Sources

## Social Programs



Social Protection, Assistance,  
Benefits

Availability and extension to Aps,  
Graduation Approach

# Key Livelihood Sources

## Self Produced Goods



**Self-produced goods** or produce used for self-consumption, exchange or barter

# Important considerations when assessing livelihood systems

- Livelihoods often draw on a suite of multiple activities and resources to meet livelihood needs
- Rights to livelihood sources and markets can be overlapping and competitive
- Intergenerational differences in livelihood sources and needs
- Social networks, social capital, and social safety nets are critical to livelihoods and household resilience
- Gender dimensions of livelihoods are important!
- Livelihoods are complex and dynamic

# Q&A

**Have any questions or clarifications?**

**Let us know.**

**Raise your hand, write in a piece of paper or approach any of our moderators or rapporteurs.**