

Questions for Student Discussion on Narangwal

Please note:

This is a list of questions that students prepared to discuss with the faculty. Please note all questions listed may not have been asked in the order presented in this document. Also, due to time limitations all questions may not be asked or discussed.

Understanding the Process

1. Please elaborate on process documentation that will help tease out which services in any integrative package are contributing more than other services to output.

Sustainability

1. Community-based interventions require intensive qualitative research. Researchers need to live with the community for a long duration, and the study needs to be tailored to the target population. All this makes implementing community-based interventions an expensive venture. How can we prevent dependency of the community on external funds?
2. How important is external support? How do we sustain the project once the external support is over?
3. Where does one get the funding to do this type of field research that may take a decade or more?

Research vs. Community

1. How can we maintain objectivity in field-based research when community participation in the research process introduces potential bias in both data collection and interpretation?
2. How authentic and reliable are data obtained by village community members?

