






# RREAL RAPID QUALITATIVE RESEARCH DECISION TOOL

This tool is a flexible guide based on the frequent application of these approaches. Some of these approaches can be used across all of the categories identified in the tool.

Questions to guide study design	Types of rapid qualitative research approaches		
 <p>AIM</p>	<p><b>Diagnostic purposes:</b> rapid appraisal, RRA</p>	<p><b>Exploration or to seek understanding:</b> rapid ethnography, RQI</p>	<p><b>Evaluation:</b> rapid evaluations, RAP</p>
 <p>How participatory?</p>	<p><b>High degree of participation:</b> PRA, RARE</p>	<p><b>Medium degree of participation:</b> Rapid appraisal, RQI</p>	<p><b>Low degree of participation:</b> rapid ethnography, rapid evaluations</p>
 <p>How structured?</p>	<p><b>Structured:</b> RAP, REA</p>	<p><b>Somewhat structured:</b> rapid evaluations, rapid appraisals, RQI, RRA, PRA</p>	<p><b>Unstructured:</b> rapid ethnographies</p>
 <p>Team or lone researcher?</p>	<p><b>Team-based:</b> rapid appraisals, RQI, RARE, RAP, team-based rapid ethnographies</p>		<p><b>Lone researcher:</b> rapid ethnographies and some types of rapid evaluations</p>
 <p>When are findings needed? (one time-point or regular feedback?)</p>	<p><b>Regular feedback:</b> rapid feedback or rapid cycle evaluations, rapid appraisals, RAP, RARE, rapid ethnographies</p>		<p><b>One-time feedback:</b> REM, rapid ethnographies</p>

**RAP:** Rapid Assessment Procedure

**RARE:** Rapid Assessment Response and Evaluation

**RQI:** Rapid Qualitative Inquiry

**REA:** Rapid Ethnographic Assessment

**RRA:** Rapid Rural Appraisal

**PRA:** Participatory Rural Appraisal