

Checklist for interview with government offices and local administration

1. Could you please introduce yourself and share what function you have and what your main tasks are?
2. What is the mission and tasks of your department/office?
3. For how long you are working in this upazilla/district/department?
4. In your opinion, what are the general risks or impacts on the lives of fishermen in your region?
5. Does your department/office undertake any activities targeted at the improvement of the lives of fishermen and fishing communities? If so, what activities, how and when are they implemented?
6. Do you consider those activities in your district yearly development plan? If yes, what are they?
7. Do you have any specific activities in relation to women, for example in relation to fishermen's widows? If yes, could you please elaborate?
8. Do you collaborate with any other stakeholders about activities related to the fisheries sector and the lives of fishermen? If yes, with whom do you collaborate (e.g., District/upazila/union administration, local/national NGOs, local community, local police, coast guard, RAB, navy and others)?
9. If you collaborate with any of the above stakeholders, how would you consider this collaboration (e.g. positive, challenging)? Why?
10. Are there any representatives of fishermen groups in your local committee (e.g., word committee, local government social accountability committee)? If yes, are any women represented as well?
11. If yes, are those representatives present in the regular committee meetings and do they participate in the discussions? Has any decision ever been made based on their opinions?
12. How is your department's relation with fishermen, boat owners, merchants, warehouse owners and other stakeholders working in the fisheries sector?
13. Does your department or office provide any emergency relief to fishermen in need, e.g. after a natural disaster, incidents, during the lean season or other circumstances? If yes, please elaborate what relief you provide.
14. In your opinion, what are the main challenges in relation to the fisheries sector in your area? How do you think these challenges can be addressed? And by whom?