

Suggested introduction for team leader / assistant to use when conducting community entry / liaison.

The below are only example intros. Please use whatever you find appropriate in the given context. What is important is that you introduce yourself, the organisation and the project prior to any implementation of a baseline study and (later) impact assessment.

Introduce yourself and DDG

Good morning/ Good afternoon. How are you? My name is... I am... And these are my colleagues... We come from Danish Demining Group and (Danish Refugee Council) (DDG Mine Action and DRC).

Ask if the interviewees are already familiar with DRC and/or DDG, otherwise explain that,

DRC and DDG are international NGOs and have been operating in x-name land since 200X. DDG has conducted mine and UXO clearance, MRE and / or other activities, while DRC has been implementing projects within the following main sectors;

Check with DRC before you mention any sectors! DRC generally implement income generated projects (micro finance), agriculture, water & sanitation, school construction, peace building & conflict resolution and community policing.

Explain the background and purpose of the visit and the Baseline Study

In xx month / week we conducted a recce visit to your community. We did this because we had already been contacted by you and your leaders / and / or MAC (RMAC), UNHCR / name of NGOs, others. The contact / assessment was concerned with the contamination of mines and UXOs because it created constraints in your personal security and it was hard to rehabilitate your livelihoods.

DDG has now decided to start working in your area, and based on a baseline study, which we would like to implement, we hope we will be better able to address your concerns about, who in your community should be prioritised for clearance and who will benefit most. The feedback you can give us – the information you can share with us – is important. Based on this information, DDG will be able to better target its operation where it is needed in your community and ensure disposal of ammunition or other explosive devices that are creating a risk to your people and livestock around you. If needed, DDG will also try to help your community to identify other agencies or institutions that might assist in the enhancement of the safety and livelihoods in the community.

Ask for their opinion

We would like to hear your opinion on this....

If they are happy to set aside time to talk to you – follow the procedures with community mapping and getting a sense of the community (with groupings). Set up meetings with key informants and focus groups if needed. The training in section 2 refers to this.