Bath Social and Development Research (Bath SDR) is delighted to offer a two-day training course for any Monitoring & Evaluation practitioners interested in joining our network of accredited QuIP Lead Evaluators.

The next courses will take place on 18th and 19th May, and 14th and 15th September 2020 in a central Bath location. If you would like to book a course please contact us via jo@bathsdr.org. The cost for the two-day course is £600 (plus VAT), including lunch and refreshments. The course will be run by experienced QuIP practitioners along with Professor James Copestake, author of the QuIP and Professor of International Development at the University of Bath.

About the QuIP™

The Qualitative Impact Protocol (QuIP) is a methodology developed at the Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath in response to a DFID research call to better address the ‘attribution problem’ so often encountered when evaluating development interventions. The approach aims to find out directly from intended beneficiaries, service users and citizens what they perceive to be the most significant drivers of change in their lives, livelihoods and wellbeing - without use of a control group. This is particularly useful in complex contexts where a variety of factors may influence the outcomes of an intervention, and where you are seeking un-biased and unprompted feedback in a structured and replicable way. The QuIP offers:

- A qualitative ‘reality check’ on significant drivers of change - putting a stronger emphasis on respondents’ views and experiences.
- Independent data collected by trained local field researchers who, alongside respondents, and where appropriate, are not briefed on the theory of change (‘blindfolded’) to mitigate for bias.
- Narrative data processed by trained analysts, using a QuIP coding system and specially adapted software to conduct rapid and detailed contribution analysis of qualitative data.
- Findings presented in an accessible and standardised dashboard with full access to source data.

BSDR has worked with a number of international organisations over the past two years to deliver QuIP studies, developing a network of trained field research teams in more than ten countries, as well as adapting the methodology for different contexts and thematic areas. A full list of our studies and clients is available, and includes Self Help Africa, Save the Children, Oxfam and Tearfund. More papers and articles about our research, QuIP guidelines and example reports are available at the Resources section of our website. We would urge you to read the QuIP Briefing Paper as a starting point.
QuIP Accreditation

Satisfactory completion of the course and a Lead Evaluator assignment will ensure you are part of a network of trained QuIP project managers. Bath SDR will offer opportunities to members of the network to be Lead Evaluator on projects as and when we require external support and depending on your specialism. You will also be able to design and bid for QuIP studies in your own work, independently or alongside Bath SDR, with different options for support from us on data collection and data analysis. You may also be interested in using the course to adapt the way you currently design qualitative evaluations, without using the QuIP approach in its entirety. The Lead Evaluator assignment and feedback are included in the cost.

The course includes an overview of data collection and data analysis techniques, but if you would like to be accredited to undertake QuIP coding and analysis you will need to complete a separate coding assignment following the Lead Evaluator training. You will be provided with a round of feedback, a data upload into a QuIP dashboard and a Skype call to talk through use of the dashboard. Satisfactory completion of the assignment will lead to accreditation as a QuIP Analyst. The cost for this additional accreditation is £400+VAT per person to cover the personalised feedback and dashboard training session. Courses are run throughout the year, subject to the availability of our experienced coding assessors.

QuIP Lead Evaluator training course

BSDR has a remit to encourage and facilitate wider use of better qualitative methods in evaluation, and as such is training a network of trained Lead Evaluators who will be able to design and manage QuIP studies, with support from Bath SDR as required. This two-day course will offer an in-depth introduction to the theory behind QuIP as well as the practical aspects of designing, costing and managing a study from sample selection to final data analysis. The schedule will include:

- Methodological overview
- When and where a QuIP-type approach will be appropriate
- Planning a QuIP: time scales, roles and expectations
- Sampling strategy
- Questionnaire design
- Data collection (an overview)
- Data coding (an overview)
- Presentation and use of analysis

Find out more about supported QuIP studies on our website.

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BSDR is a not for profit, independent company founded by staff from the Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath. We aim to offer access to high quality applied research skills and methodology, building on the work and experience of CDS staff and alumni. Bath SDR was founded to continue to develop and disseminate the QuIP approach, including subsidised training and licensing for small charitable organisations, and continuous investment in development of our qualitative analysis software solutions.

BSDR is proud to be a University of Bath start-up company. The QuIP™ methodology is promoted and used by BSDR under licence from the University of Bath.