Bath Social and Development Research is currently running a blended learning course suitable for any Monitoring & Evaluation practitioners interested in joining our network of accredited QuIP Lead Evaluators. It can be followed from anywhere, as long as you have a good internet connection!

To book please email jo@bathsdr.org

The course is run over eight working days (Mon-Weds), consisting of a combination of independent study and four interactive sessions over Zoom with Bath SDR staff, including Prof James Copestake, author of the QuIP and Professor of International Development at the University of Bath. Different courses’ live sessions will suit different time zones - please click here for our latest course availability.

The cost of this course is £500 (plus VAT), which includes personal review of an assignment if you would like accreditation. Spaces are strictly limited on each course.

About the QuIP

The Qualitative Impact Protocol (QuIP) is a methodology researched and developed at the Centre for Development Studies, University of Bath, 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 researchers who, alongside respondents, and where appropriate, are not briefed on the theory of change (‘blindfolded’) to mitigate for bias.
- Structured coding and analysis of narrative data using a bespoke approach and specially adapted software to conduct rapid and detailed contribution analysis of qualitative data.

BSDR has worked with a number of international and UK-based organisations since 2016 to deliver QuIP studies, developing a network of trained field research teams in more than 20 countries, as well as adapting the methodology for different contexts and thematic areas, for commissioners including Self Help Africa, Save the Children, Aga Khan Foundation and Tearfund. More papers and articles about our research, QuIP guidelines and example reports are available at the Resources section of our website: www.bathsdr.org
QuIP Lead Evaluator training course

This 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 includes four live sessions (typically on days 2, 4, 6 and 7) discussing the modules which cover:

1. Methodological overview; main features, contexts where QuIP fits best
2. Planning a QuIP: time scales, roles and expectations
3. Case selection
4. Questionnaire design
5. Data collection (an overview)
6. Data coding (an overview)
7. Analysis and use of results

QuIP accreditation and follow-up

Satisfactory completion of the course and a Lead Evaluator assignment will ensure you are part of a network of trained QuIP project managers. You will also be able to design and bid for QuIP studies in your own work, independently or alongside Bath SDR. 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 QuIP data coding and analysis techniques using new software launching this year, Causal Map. Causal Map is not owned or operated by Bath SDR, but developed by Bath SDR staff and advisors in order to fill a software gap and provide a more affordable and independent option than relying on Bath SDR to process data. The software is in beta, and will be free to access for QuIP training participants during the course.

About Bath SDR

Bath Social & Development Research is a not for profit, research consultancy specialising in QuIP studies. We aim to offer access to high quality applied research skills, building on the work and experience of staff and alumni from the Centre for Development Studies at the University of Bath. Bath SDR also has a remit to encourage and facilitate wider use of better qualitative methods in evaluation through training. We re-invest any annual surpluses in further development and dissemination of the QuIP, including subsidised training and support.

Two different Causal Map packages are available for use following the course if you are interested in continuing to use it. There is also an optional advanced QuIP Coding & Analysis accreditation which can be completed with an extended free trial of Causal Map or with one of the subscriptions available.