Tool 5: Continuing the RAM or not

The following decision tree helps the RAM team to discuss and decide whether, based on the information at hand, it is appropriate to continue the RAM or not.

Do shock-affected households use local markets to buy or sell commodities?

Yes | No
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Are shock-affected households physically able to access local markets?
Consider security, ethic, gender and transport issues.

Yes | No
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Do shock-affected households require assistance to access key commodities?
Consider transport, security, gender, ethnicity, etc.

Yes | Yes | No
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Stop the RAM.
Longer term development projects should assess the market situation.

Can the aspect restricting access be overcome?
Check and start assessing markets at the same time in order not to lose time.

Yes | No
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Identify the key markets to be assessed.
Proceed with Tool 6 to select the key market

Stop the RAM.
Other needs and assistance assessments may be necessary.
Tool 6: Key marketplaces the assessment should focus on

1. Decide on the number of markets that can feasibly be assessed
   (Take into consideration logistics, time available, distances, RAM team numbers)

2. List all the marketplaces that are of importance for the shock-affected population.
   (Use information from Tool 2 and Tool 4.)

3. Select a number of representative marketplaces from the list above.
   (Account for factors such as size, ease of access, operating frequency, shock affectedness, etc. and explain each choice)

4. List all marketplaces that are important suppliers of the marketplaces listed above.
   (Conduct a brainstorming)

5. Select a number of representative marketplaces from the list above.
   (Account for factors such as size, ease of access, operating frequency, shock affectedness, etc. and explain each choice)

6. List the selected marketplaces and the reason for their selection.
   (Have a final discussion and make sure everybody agrees on the importance of the selected marketplaces)

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7. If the team has the capacity to assess additional marketplaces, it can look at some reference marketplaces. That is, marketplaces that are similar to the marketplaces used by the shock-affected households or to those that supply the latter but that have not been affected by the shock.
   (Note potential reference markets below and explain which marketplaces they can be a reference for)