	Quantitative	Qualitative
Some methods used	Quick counting estimates     Sampling surveys     Population movement tracking     Registration	Individual interviews     Key Informant interviews     Focus group discussions     Semi-structured discussions     Observation
Main features	General overview     Demographic characteristics     Reliable and objectively verifiable     Apt for generalization	In-depth understanding of specific issues     Rich and detailed information     Perspectives, opinions and behavior of population assessed
Types of questionnaire tools	Paper and pen     Smart phones, tablets or laptops	Topics checklist with guide     Paper and pen     Recorders
Types of questions	Controlled sequenced questions     Predetermined possible answers	Open ended questions     Questions arising from discussion
When to use it?	To answer "Who/What? How much? How many?" To get a understanding of the situation To collect socio-demographic characteristics To compare relations/correlations between different issues To collect accurate and precise data To produce evidence about the type, scale and size of problems	To answer "How? Why" To collect in-depth information on a specific issue To understand the population's behavior, perception and priorities To help explain information provided through quantitative data
Interview skills require- ments	Staff well trained on the questionnaire (high reli- ance on a well constructed questionnaire)	Expert researchers and interviewers (high reli- ance on interviewer skills)     Very good knowledge of the society, culture and situation
Strengths	<ul> <li>Precise estimates</li> <li>Relatively easy analysis using relevant analytical software</li> <li>Based on statistical theories</li> <li>Verifiable</li> <li>Replicable in the complementary/comparable way by different teams in different areas and periods</li> </ul>	Rich and detailed information Context taken into consideration High Influence of the population on the information provided Limited number of respondents In-depth analysis Requires limited amount of resources