SAS² tools used for monitoring and participatory planning of technical assistance projects in Las Segovias, Nicaragua

Context
Communities and agricultural producers in Las Segovias, Nicaragua draw on technical assistance provided by specialists for over five years. A monitoring process is needed to assess, amongst other things, people’s participation in the project. Qualitative information is needed to corroborate the results of surveys and interviews undertaken at the beginning of the project, and to plan new directions.

Objective
Monitor the impacts of technical assistance in the Las Segovias region.

Contributions of SAS:
Participants felt that the process helped them articulate their own ideas
Skills and tools were transferred people could use in the future to carry-on the process themselves.

Outcomes
- Understanding of the relationship between Action, Research and Training in the technical assistance process.
- Plans for technical assistance co-created with local actors.
- A deeper understanding of the main components of the technical assistance process.

Participants
Agricultural Producers
Technical Promoters
Cooperative Board Members

SAS Tools
ART (Action, Research, Training)
Causal Dynamics
Viability
Process Manager

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