# **EASY EVALUATION**

Designing and Analysing Feedback Forms

# PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK



# DESIGNING AND ANALYSING FEEDBACK FORMS PARTICIPANT WORKBOOK

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Introduction

Welcome to the SHORE & Whariki Evaluation Training: Designing and Analysing Feedback

Forms. This workbook will provide you with information about how to design feedback forms

and how to analyse quantitative and qualitative data collected.

**Acknowledgements** 

The development of this workbook has been a collaborative effort by our evaluation team

members.

**Follow-up Support** 

Evaluators from SHORE & Whariki are able to provide you with follow-up support after the

workshop. If you would like to ask us questions, discuss particular evaluation issues, review data collection tools, and/or review your logic model and evaluation plans please contact us

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**Workshop Outline** 

Section One: Feedback forms

Section Two: Using Excel to Analyse Quantitative Data

Section Three: Analysing Qualitative Data

Section Four: Reporting

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#### **Section One: Feedback forms**

#### What is a feedback form?

A feedback form is an efficient and economical way to collect information from your programme participants about the quality of your programme and the short-term outcomes such as knowledge, skills and attitude change that have occurred. Feedback can be anonymous in paper form or in internet form. An email survey is not usually anonymous.

It is important to allow sufficient time for participants to provide feedback otherwise forms will not be completed fully.

Most feedback forms will collect quantitative and qualitative data so think about how the data will be analysed.



Activity: What makes a great feedback form?

#### Designing a feedback form

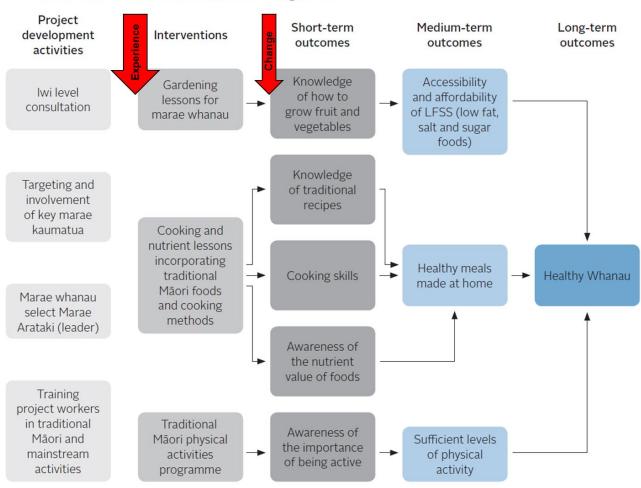
Here are some tips for designing user-friendly feedback forms:

- Order questions logically
- Place easy (non-controversial) questions first
- Place important questions early
- Group questions by topic
- Use plenty of white space
- Use a readable type size
- Provide brief instructions on how to complete the form
- Use rating scales

#### Points to consider...

- Don't seek feedback if you don't intend to use the information to take action
- Link to logic models (if you have one)

#### Marae-based Nutrition and Exercise Programme



#### Intervention: Cooking lessons for families Evaluation Criteria Key Sources of Data Method The content covers Dietician or Review of cooking skills required for nutritionist lesson plans cooking and accurate nutrition information The delivery of lessons Participant Feedback form is engaging, interesting Interview and at the appropriate Course leader Reflection/assessment level for participants The lesson design Feedback form Participant allows participants time to practise new skills and apply knowledge

#### **Rating scale questions**

1. The workshop content was relevant for my day-to-day work

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

2. I had enough time to practise the skills taught in this workshop

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

3. The presentations held my attention

1	2	3	4	5
Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree

#### Use free text boxes

#### Wording the questions

Use simple, suitable vocabulary and consider reading skills. Avoid using complex technical terms, jargon and phrases that are difficult to understand. Instead use language that is commonly used by respondents. For example:

Use	Instead of
Work	Employment
Tired	Exhausted
About	Regarding
People who live here	Occupants of this household
Your answers	Your responses to this question
Job concerns	Work-related employment issues
Providing health care	Health care provision

Be specific e.g., last year (2016)

Use clear wording e.g., often (daily, twice weekly)

Include all information so questions can be adequately answered

#### Avoid demanding and time consuming questions

#### Example:

Please rank the following 15 items in order of their importance to you.

In 25 words or less what is your philosophy of life?

#### **Avoid assumptions**

#### Example:

How many children do you have?

#### Avoid bias (leading questions, not providing negative/positive options)

#### Example:

How would you rate the housing in which you live?

- 1. Satisfactory
- 2. Good
- 3. Excellent

#### Avoid double barrelled questions

#### Example:

Did the counselling session help you improve your relationships with your teachers and increase your ability to get along with your friends?

#### **Examples of feedback questions**

- Would you recommend this course to others?
- How could this workshop be improved?
- What did you enjoy most?
- What was the most useful thing you learnt on the course?
- How do you think you will apply what you have learnt on the course in your work?
- Any other comments you have about this course?

#### Section Two: Using Excel to Analyse Quantitative Data

#### **Overview**

Feedback forms can collect both quantitative (numbers) and qualitative (descriptive) data.

Quantitative data in relation to feedback forms refers to answers to the following types of questions:

- Yes/No questions
- Multiple choice questions
- Ranking questions
- Rating questions

The analysis of these questions allows us to know:

- Number (and percentage) of people who agreed to a particular statement (or question)
- Ranking of the question items
- Average rating of the question items

It is recommended to use Microsoft Excel to analyse the quantitative data.

#### **Enter data into Excel:**

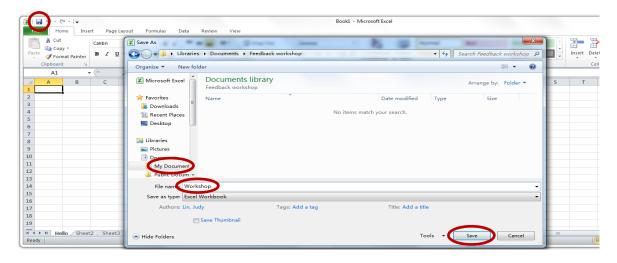
#### To start Microsoft Excel:

- 1. Click the Start menu
- 2. Select All Programs
- 3. Select Microsoft Office
- 4. Select Microsoft Excel



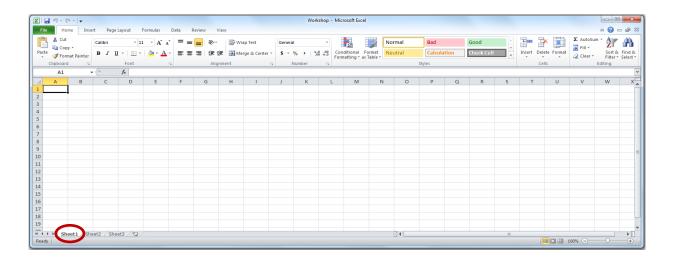
#### Save document:

- 1. Save your workbook by clicking the 'save' button
- 2. Select the folder to save it
- 3. Enter the name
- 4. Press 'save'



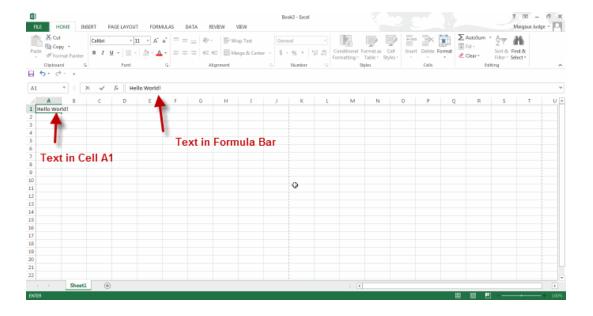
#### **Label Worksheet:**

- 1. Double click 'Sheet 1' (or the sheet name that you are working on)
- 2. Type in text
- 3. Press 'enter'



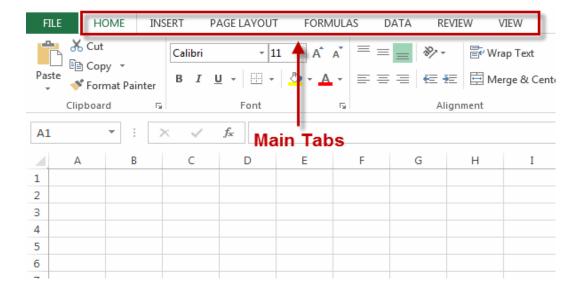
#### **Entering data:**

- When open, Excel Cell A1 is automatically selected. To enter a number or text in cell A1, simply begin typing
- Or you can select another cell (by using mouse or keyboard)
- If you are entering a lot of text, it is sometimes easier to type directly into the formula bar.
   To do this, simply select the cell by clicking on it and then click in the Formula Bar and begin typing



#### **Command tabs:**

- Excel commands are organized onto 7 main tabs
- We will be only using HOME and INSERT commands in this workshop



#### **Analysing Yes/No questions:**

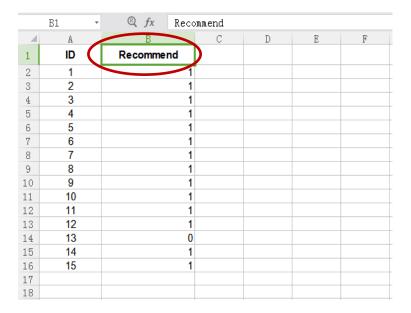
Example:

Would you recommend this course to others? (Circle one answer)

- Yes
- No

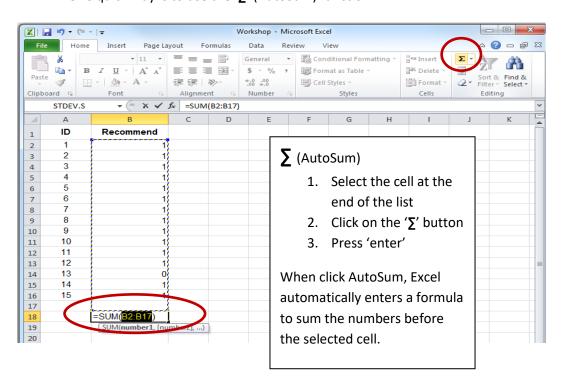
#### Entering data:

- 1. Name the column by type in the key word(s)
- 2. Assign '1' for 'Yes' and '0' for 'No' (1=Yes, 0=No)



#### Analysing data:

- Calculate total number of 'Yes' = summing up the column
- One quick way is to use the 'Σ' (AutoSum) function



- Calculate the percentage of 'Yes' =  $\frac{Number\ of\ yes}{\#\ Participants}$  X 100
  - 1. To write a math formula in Excel, start by typing '='
  - 2. Click the cell with the sum (or type the cell name)
  - 3. Type '/'
  - 4. Type total number of participants
  - 5. Type '\*100'
  - 6. Press 'enter'

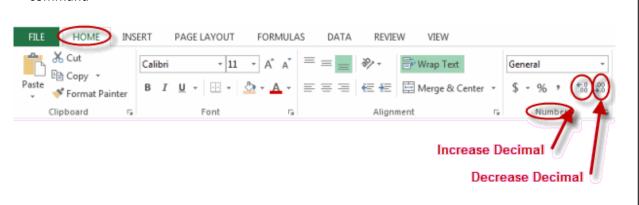
#### **Basic Math Operators**

- Addition: Plus sign (+).
- Subtraction: Minus sign (-).
- Multiplication: Asterisk (\*).
- **Division**: Forward slash (/).



To change the number of decimals showing for numbers in Microsoft Excel:

- 1. Select the cell or cells for which you wish to change the number of decimals showing for numbers.
- 2. On the **HOME** tab, in the **Number** group, click the **Increase Decimal** or the **Decrease Decimal** command



#### **Analysing Multiple Choice questions:**

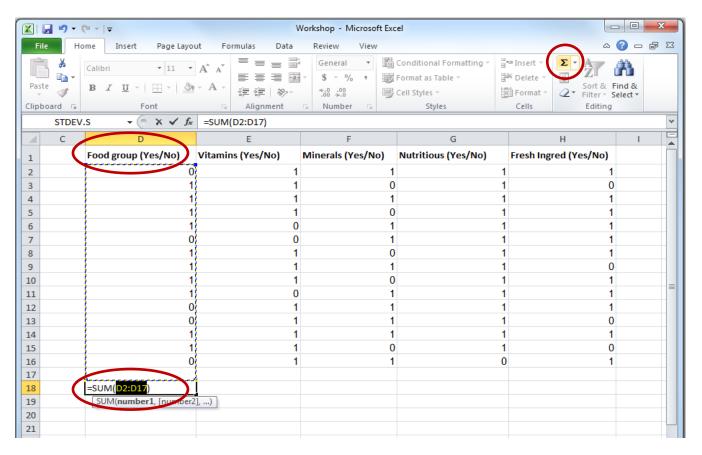
#### Example:

Has the cooking sessions ... (tick all that apply)

□ Increased your knowledge about the main food groups
□ Equipped you with the ability to state which foods are the best sources of key vitamins
□ Equipped you with the ability to state which foods are the best sources of key minerals
□ Increased your ability to design a balanced nutritious meal
□ Increased your confidence in using fresh ingredients

#### Analysing data:

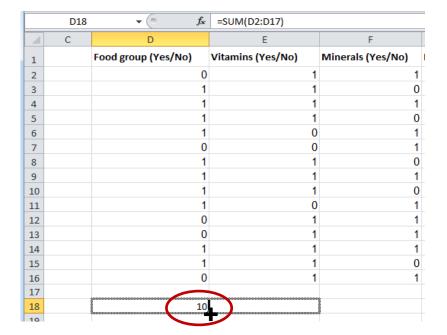
- 1. Name each column by type in the key word(s)
- 2. Treat each item as a Yes/No question
  - Assign '1' for 'Yes' and '0' for 'No' (1=Yes, 0=No)
  - Use 'Σ' (AutoSum) to sum up the column



• Use 'Auto Fill' function to automatically fill the adjacent cells with the same formula

#### Auto Fill

- Highlight the cell
- Put the cursor to the bottom-right corner (a solid '+' will appear)
- Drag the fill handle (+) across the cells that you want to fill



#### **Analysing Ranking questions:**

#### Example:

Please rank the usefulness of the following topics you learnt in the cooking sessions (mark the most useful topic with a 1, the second most useful topic with a 2 etc.)

- ☐ Main food groups
- ☐ Best sources of key vitamins
- ☐ Best sources of key minerals
- ☐ Designing a balanced nutritious meal
- ☐ How to use fresh ingredients

#### Analysing data:

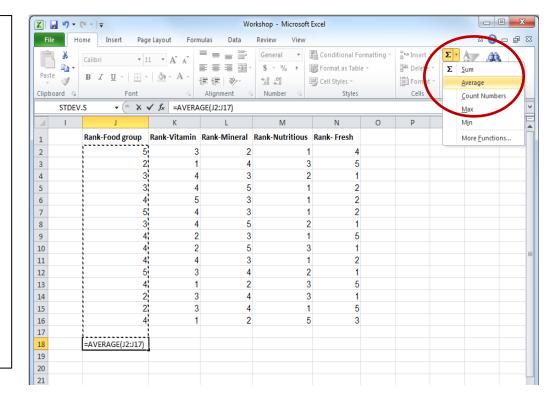
- 1. Name each column by type in the key word(s)
- 2. Type in the ranking number
- 3. Calculate average using '∑ Average' for each statement/column

#### **\( \)** (Average)

- Select the cell at the end of the list
- Click on the drop down of 'Σ' button
- 3. Select 'Average'
- 4. Press 'enter'

#### Auto Fill

 Use 'Auto Fill' function to automatically fill the adjacent cells with the same formula



Note: If top rank =1, rank the number from smallest to largest.

#### **Analysing Rating questions:**

#### Example:

The co	oking lessons inc	creased my knov	vledge about the	main food gro	ups (Circle one ar	nswer)
	1	2	3	4	5	
	Strongly	Disagree	Neither	Agree	Strongly	
	disagree		agree nor disagree		agree	

#### Analysing data:

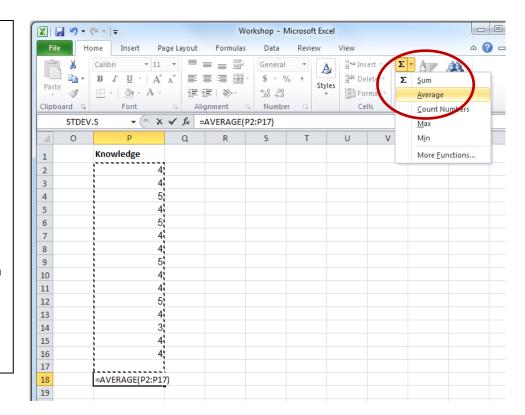
- 1. Name each column by typing in the key word(s)
- 2. Number the scale in the right direction (higher score = higher rating)
- 3. Calculate average using '∑ Average' for each statement/column

#### (Average)

- Select the cell at the end of the list
- Click on the drop down of 'Σ' button
- 3. Select 'Average'
- 4. Press 'enter'

#### Auto Fill

 Use 'Auto Fill' function to automatically fill the adjacent cells with the same formula

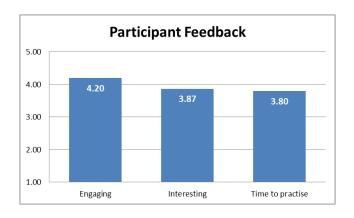


Note: Higher the score = higher the rating

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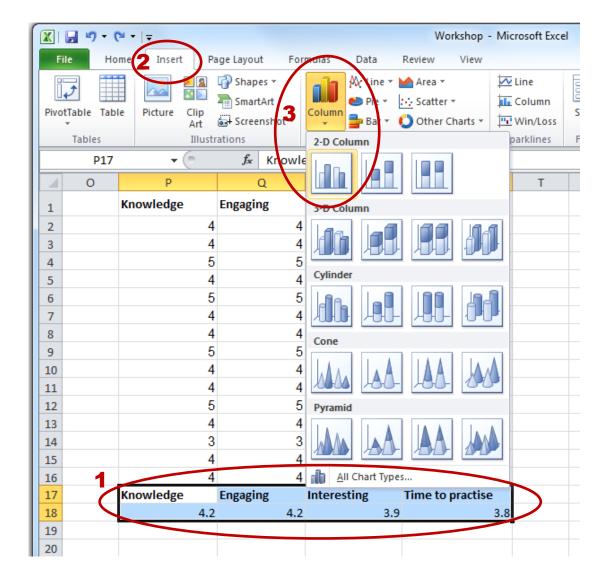
#### Points to consider:

- Bar graphs are better than pie graphs
- 2-D graphs are better than 3-D graphs
- Y-axis should start at smallest possible number, with meaningful intervals
- Label each bar



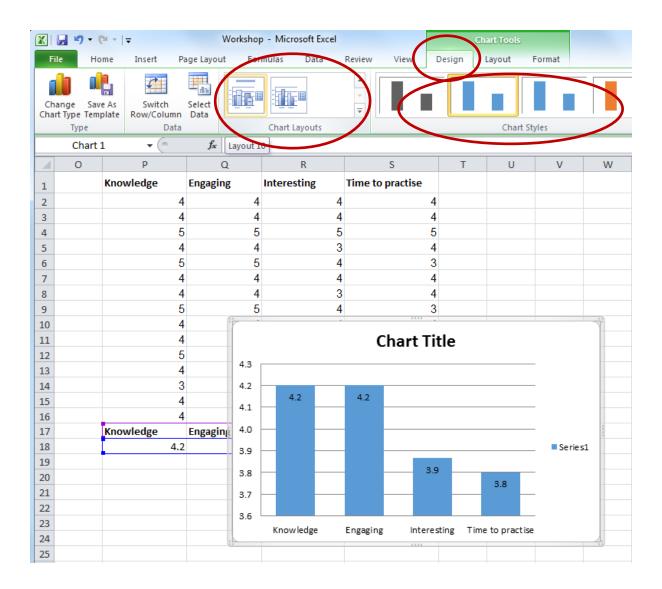
#### Column Bar graph

- 1. Highlight the data to be included in the chart include row and column headings
- 2. Go to 'Insert'
- 3. Click 'Column' and choose '2-D Column'



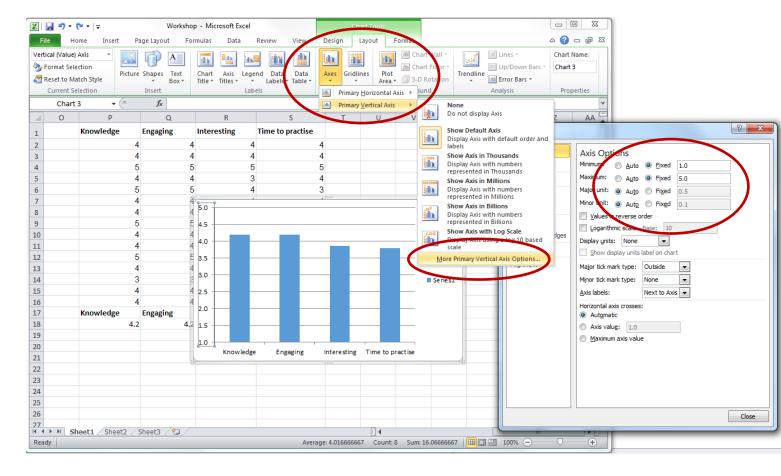
#### Formatting Column Bar graphs:

- Highlight the graph and 'Chart Tools' tab will automatically appear
- Select the desired layout and colour theme from the 'Chart Layouts' and 'Chart Styles' section (personally, I prefer *Layout 10* because it gives chart title, legend and data labels)



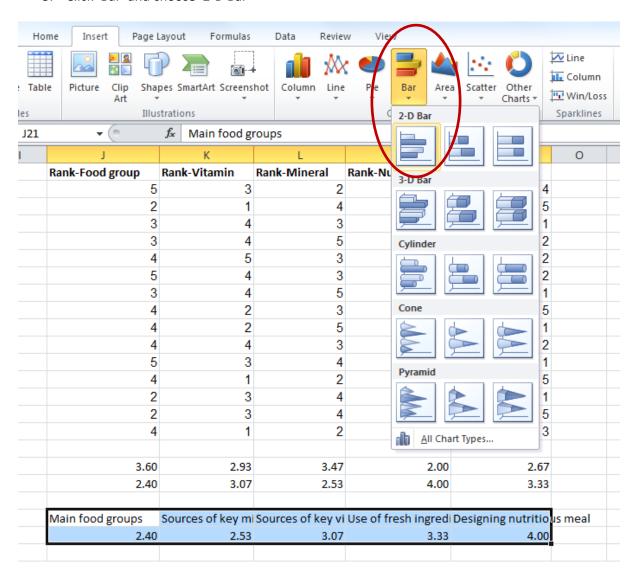
Type in chart title and legend (if required)
 (Click on the HOME tab to change the font type, size and colour)

- Change vertical axis intervals by going to 'Layout'
- From the 'Axes' drop-down, highlight 'Primary Vertical Axis' and select 'More Primary Vertical Axis Options'
- Type in minimum figure, maximum figure and major unit



#### **Horizontal Bar graph**

- 1. Highlight the data to be included in the chart include row and column headings
- 2. Go to 'Insert'
- 3. Click 'Bar' and choose '2-D Bar



#### Note:

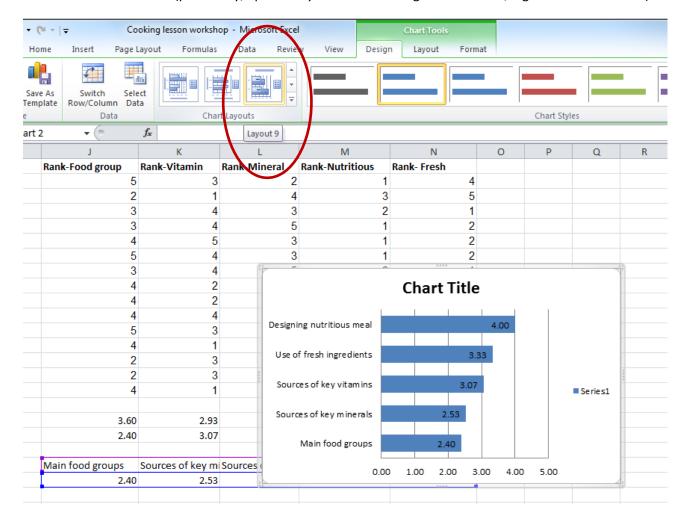
If you are graphing 'ranking' questions, remember to reverse code it, so that instead of top rank =1, top rank should be the highest possible number.

Formula for reverse coding = (highest possible number +1) – current rank.

Arrange the item so it is from smallest to highest number (from left to right).

#### Formatting Horizontal Bar graphs:

- Highlight the graph and 'Chart Tools' tab will automatically appear
- Select the desired layout and colour theme from the 'Chart Layouts' and 'Chart Styles' section (personally, I prefer *Layout 9* because it gives chart title, legend and data labels)



#### **Section Three: Analysing Qualitative Data**

#### **Overview**

Feedback forms can collect both quantitative (see section 2) and qualitative data (this section).

Qualitative data in relation to feedback forms refers to written answers people provide to questions that are asked about their experience of the programme or about the achievement of short term outcomes.

Feedback forms usually produce data that is simple and short – typically a few sentences or more.

In most instances the analysis of these data is concerned with the surface level (semantic) level meaning of the data which means that any meaning beyond what is being written is not looked for. The analysis is also usually focused on the evaluation questions and any criteria that might have been established.

#### **Analysis**

There are many ways to analyse qualitative data. One of the common ways in evaluation is the general inductive approach developed by a New Zealand academic Professor David Thomas (2006).

The key ideas of this approach are to:

- Condense raw textual data (e.g., comments on a feedback form) into a brief, summary format
- Establish clear links between the results (based on the data) and the evaluation question

The aim of the analysis is to identify the core meanings in the feedback forms relevant to the question. This is done through identifying the key categories/themes in the data and reporting these in relation to the evaluation questions.

There are four key steps in the data analysis process:

- 1. Read and code data
- 2. Develop categories and name them
- 3. Revise coding / categories
- 4. Writing up the results

A tip to help keep the analysis process manageable is to be focused on data related to the evaluation questions, but also look out for other significant points of interest raised by the people filling out the feedback forms.

#### Step 1: Read and code data

The first step involves reading the data. The idea is to become familiar with the data. At this stage it is useful to develop a sense of the key ideas that are written about.

When reading the data you might like to highlight the key ideas and note any ideas that you feel are important. This could be done by circling or underlining data (see following slide).

#### Read and code What did you most enjoy about this workshop? Exercises to illustrate points, logical sequence, applying to my own project Interactive participation the logic model Great burner of facilitators, fun and energising sessions. Keep up the great work The new approaches and new learnings Learning about the programme logic model Learning about a template that can be utilised for each project undertaken and the ability to adapt the template to meet the type or size of project Focused and hands-on. Not too much listening to power point presentation · Learning how the principles could be applied practically with others Tag teaming facilitators usually makes me hoha but you guys had a good flow and mixed well in pairs and then listening to groups' projects in the morning Practising what we learnt bearning new skills and applying them to existing knowledge Thanks guys for taking us through this easy evaluation course that turned out to be challenging Great to use real project to work with, variety of teaching methods and activities Being able to apply my project to the new skills I learnt while attending the course Creative teaching i.e., the ways groups were selected I liked the team approach to presentations

After reading the data and making notes you will have an idea of some codes. It is then useful to return to the data, and write down codes (key words) next to the data (see following slides).

Exercises to illustrate points, logical sequence, applying to my own project exercises	Exercises Apply own project
Interactive participation	Interactive
The logic model	LM - content?
Great bunch of facilitators, fun and energising sessions. Keep up the great work	Facilitators, fun
The new approaches and new learnings	New info
Learning about the programme logic model	LM - content
Learning about a template that can be utilised for each project undertaken and the ability to adapt the template to meet the type or size of project	Template – Model adapts
Focused and hands-on. Not too much listening to power point presentation	Presenting style
Learning how the principles could be applied practically with others	Practical application

Tag teaming facilitators usually makes me hoha but you guys had a good flow and mixed well	Facilitating, good flow
Working on the basic logic in pairs and then listening to groups' projects in the morning	Working with others
Practising what we learnt	Time to practice
Learning new skills and applying them to existing knowledge	Applying
Thanks guys for taking us through this 'easy' evaluation course that turned out to be challenging and interesting	Challenging
Great to use real project to work with, variety of teaching methods and activities	Tchg methods
Being able to apply my project to the new skills I learnt while attending the course	Practicing, applying
Creative teaching i.e., the ways groups were selected	Tchg methods
I liked the team approach to presentations	Presenting team

#### **Step 2: Develop categories**

The next step is to sort the codes into categories.

An easy way to do this is to list all the codes without paying attention to any ordering or grouping (see slide following).

# Develop categories: List codes

Exercises Apply own project Interactive LM - content? Facilitators, fun LM - content Template - Model adapts Presenting style Practical application Facilitating, good flow Working with others Time to practice Applying Challenging Tchq methods Practicing, applying Tchg methods Presenting team

The next step is to put these codes into categories (groups). The idea is to form a few categories that contain ideas that are very similar. You may well not get this right the first time, and need to re-sort the codes to develop coherent categories. You also need to name the categories?

# **Develop categories: Naming**

#### Facilitation

Exercises
Interactive
Facilitators, fun
New info
Presenting style
Facilitating, good flow
Working with others
Time to practice

#### Applying learning to own work

Applying Apply own project Model adapts

#### Content

LM - content?
LM - content
Template Practical application
Challenging
Tchg methods
Practicing, applying
Tchg methods
Presenting team

At this point it is also useful to write a short description for each category to help you remember what ideas are included in each category. See following slide for a description of the Facilitation category.

# Category & description

Category: Facilitation

Description: All data related to facilitation, including the facilitators, interactive, time to practice skills, environment for learning

#### **Step 3: Revise coding / categories**

The next step is to return to your data and check the coding and categories. With a small data set it can be easy to go back and recode or check the codes. For example with the sample data set you might review the coding and code to the three main categories.

# Sample analysis: Categories

Facilitation (bold); content (red); applying learning to own work (purple)

- Exercises to illustrate points, logical sequence, applying to my own project
- Interactive participation
- The logic model
- · Great bunch of facilitators, fun and energising sessions. Keep up the great work
- The new approaches and new learnings
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- Focused and hands-on. Not too much listening to power point presentation
- Learning how the principles could be applied practically with others
- · Tag teaming facilitators usually makes me hoha but you guys had a good flow and mixed well
- Working on the basic logic in pairs and then listening to groups' projects in the morning
- Practising what we learnt
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- Thanks guys for taking us through this 'easy' evaluation course that turned out to be challenging and interesting
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- Creative teaching i.e., the ways groups were selected
- I liked the team approach to presentations

The next step is to bring all the data for one category together in one place. For example see below all the data in the slide for Facilitation. Gathering this information allows you to decide what are the key points you want to report. It's important to remember that not everything will need to be reported – decisions need to be made and only the key areas identified need to be reported.

# Sample analysis: Facilitation data

- Interactive participation
- Great bunch of facilitators, fun and energising sessions. Keep up the great work
- Focused and hands-on. Not too much listening to power point presentation
- Tag teaming facilitators usually makes me hoha but you guys had a good flow and mixed well
- Working on the basic logic in pairs and then listening to groups' projects in the morning
- Practising what we learnt
- ... variety of teaching methods and activities
- Creative teaching i.e., the ways groups were selected
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#### Step 4: Writing up the results

The final step is to write up the results. To do this the key areas to be reported need to be identified. You then write a description/analysis of a key area, and provide an example of the data to illustrate the point being made. See below for a write up of the data related to facilitation.

#### **Facilitation**

Participants reported that the workshops were delivered in an interactive way, and the sessions were enjoyable. The sessions were reported to be fun and energising.

Great bunch of facilitators, fun and energising sessions. Keep up the great work.

A number of design features of the workshop were identified as contributing to the usefulness of the workshop. These included using a variety of teaching styles such as hands-on and not requiring too much listening.

... variety of teaching methods and activities Focused and hands-on. Not too much listening to power point presentation

Opportunities to put learning into practice during the workshop were also noted.

\*Practising what we learnt\*

The facilitation team was noted to have contributed positively to the enjoyment of the sessions; and having a team of facilitators was viewed as favourable by several respondents.

Tag teaming facilitators usually makes me hoha but you guys had a good flow and mixed well

I liked the team approach to presentations

#### **Section Four: Reporting**

When reporting mixed methods results it is useful to weave these together to tell a story about the responses to a particular question.

Here is an example:

Question: What is the quality of the evaluation workshops?

Evaluation criteria:

• Time to practise skills and apply new knowledge

To what extent did participants have enough time to practise and apply their new knowledge?

#### Sample report (1):



Ninety-three % of participants either agreed or strongly agreed that they had enough time to practice the skills presented in the workshop.

Participants' comments also reflected they had enough time to practise their new skills but some also wanted follow up sessions so they could be kept updated.

I loved it when we got to try things. Sometimes things looked easy but when you did it, it didn't look quite the same

I learnt a lot eh but it makes you realise how much you don't know. I'm on a bit of a buzz at the moment but I want to keep this knowledge up you know. My family thinks I'm the best cook in the world now

Yeah it was great. I just want to learn more about cooking but the nutrition stuff was really interesting. I went home and tried everything out and the kids just loved it.

#### Sample report (2):

#### Time to practise skills and apply new knowledge

Majority of participants (93%) felt they had enough time to practice the skills presented in the workshop.

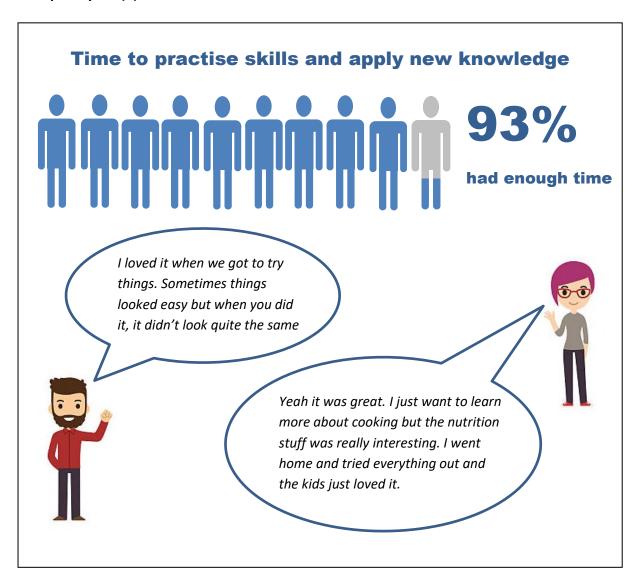


Participants' comments also reflected they had enough time to practise their new skills.

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#### Sample report (3):



## Appendix One: Activity for designing feedback question

# Quality of intervention:

Criteria	Feedback questions	Response type

## For this workshop

Short-term outcome:					
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Criteria	Feedback questions	Response type

#### For your own programme

Quality of intervention:		

Criteria	Feedback questions	Response type

#### For your own programme

Short-term outcome:		

Criteria	Feedback questions	Response type

## **Appendix Two: Quantitative Activity**

1. '	Would you recommend ☑ Yes ☐ No	I this course to ot	hers? (Circle one	answer)		
2.	Has the cooking session	ns (tick all that	apply)			
	☐ Increased your knowledge about the main food groups ☑ Equipped you with the ability to state which foods are the best sources of key vitamins ☑ Equipped you with the ability to state which foods are the best sources of key minerals ☑ Increased your ability to design a balanced nutritious meal ☑ Increased your confidence in using fresh ingredients					
	Please rank the useful ost useful topic with a 2				king sessions (mark the	
	<ul> <li>5 Main food groups</li> <li>3 Best sources of key vitamins</li> <li>4 Best sources of key minerals</li> <li>2 Designing a balanced nutritious meal</li> <li>1 How to use fresh ingredients</li> </ul>					
4.	The cooking lessons in	creased my know	ledge about the	main food grou	ps (Circle one answer)	
	1 Strongly disagree	2 Disagree	3 Neither agree nor disagree	4 Agree	5 Strongly agree	
5. I had enough time to practise the skills taught in this cooking lesson (Circle one answer)						
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#### **Appendix Three: Qualitative Activity**

#### Would you recommend this workshop to others? Why/why not?

Great practical, easy to follow, clear how to apply this to everyday work

Relevant, good discussions and group discussions. No information overload

Excellent practically based learning using my project so very relevant

It's really helpful and simple to ensure quality of programmes

User friendly, felt respected and safe environment

Well-paced lots of opportunity to practise. Using real life examples is great (so good to related my projects to the learning and provide an opportunity to get started.

Evaluation is a task inherent in many different roles. Having a clearer sense of and evaluating within a framework will result in improvements.

Would greatly assist some of my co-workshop in public health

Great information, useful for a wide variety of situations

Very easy to understand with 'real world' applications

Because these evaluation tools are great, there are a lot of things in my work I now know need re-evaluation for the benefits of staff and clients

Information very practical, clear explanations

It was way more than I expected, I have learnt tremendously

Practical, well presented, well focused.

Excellent hands on education on how to evaluate projects/events

Because it makes my work more valuable to our team (the information that an evaluation gives)

Very well structured and delivered in a simple way that everyone can understand, no hard to understand language; small group is good to learn in

Good for project development

Great to ensure projects are evaluated

To learn other ways of doing evaluations to projects

Because it was appropriate for someone unfamiliar with evaluation

Our team planning for key priorities will be through using what we have learnt in this workshop

## References

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