**EXERCISE 4C. CREATING THE GROUP**

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| *OBJECTIVE***After this exercise the participants will be able to:*** Decide whether they wish to join a group
* Choose a name for the group
* Formally create the group.
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| *EQUIPMENT NEEDED** Flipchart paper, marker pens
 | *EXPECTED OUTPUTS** A list of group members
* An agreed name for the group
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| *TIME*60 minutes | *PREPARATION*None |

This exercise helps prospective members decide whether they wish to form a group to help achieve their joint vision. It may be better to create the group after discussing the roles of the members (see Lesson 5). To form savings and internal lending communities, see the separate training module on SILCs.

*SUGGESTED PROCEDURE*

1. Remind the group of the vision and activities they discussed in the previous meeting. Explain that it is now time for each person to decide whether they wish to be part of the group. Each person must decide on their own: no one should feel obligated or pressured to join.
2. Explain that the group itself will decide on its activities and the requirements for members (such as membership fees).
3. Ask the participants to think carefully about these questions:
	* Do they have the **time** to come to meetings and engage in activities?
	* Are they **committed** to the vision they discussed?
	* Do they have the **support** of their family? Note: This is especially important for women, who may need to discuss this with their husbands, fathers, etc. depending on cultural norms.
4. Ask them to raise their hands if they want to join. Explain that people can join later if they wish. Make a list of those who would like to join.
5. Ask the members to think of a name for the group.
6. Invite the members to sign next to their name to confirm they have joined the group. Ask the village chief or local leader to witness the event.

**Member registration sheet**

**DATE**

**FIELD AGENT**

**NAME OF GROUP**

**LOCATION**

**WITNESSED BY**

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