

Worksheet 3.5: Evaluate the Platform

On the previous table, each ICT platform is assigned a number from 1-6. Using that numbering system, circle the platform number(s) that you feel are best rated for each of the statements in this table. You can circle more than one platform in each row.

Compare the results after you complete this worksheet. Which platform number is most often circled? Is this the best choice for the campaign? What is the second best choice?

Fit for purpose	
The platform has the tool we need for the campaign	1 2 3 4 5 6
The features of the tool(s) appear to be adequate	1 2 3 4 5 6
It is easy to configure (set up, maintain, operate)	1 2 3 4 5 6
It is easy for community members to use	1 2 3 4 5 6

Integration	
It can be integrated with ICT the community has already	1 2 3 4 5 6
We can integrate it with other platforms/tools if needed	1 2 3 4 5 6
It is easy to integrate with other platforms/tools	1 2 3 4 5 6
It does not rely on another other platform to function	1 2 3 4 5 6

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Performance	
It can support enough users for the campaign	1 2 3 4 5 6
It allows for multiple administrators/profiles	1 2 3 4 5 6
It will scale up to meet our needs if it is successful	1 2 3 4 5 6

Pricing	
It is affordable for the campaign	1 2 3 4 5 6
It is affordable if we need to grow/scale up	1 2 3 4 5 6
Using this platform will not incur a cost burden for users	1 2 3 4 5 6
We do not need to request funds to try it for the campaign	1 2 3 4 5 6

Vendor	
The vendor has a good reputation (check reviews)	1 2 3 4 5 6
The vendor provides good support (check reviews)	1 2 3 4 5 6
We can accept the terms of service/end-user agreement	1 2 3 4 5 6
We can move our data to another platform later	1 2 3 4 5 6

Security	
The platform is secure enough for our purpose	1 2 3 4 5 6

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Other considerations	
	1 2 3 4 5 6
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