

3. Community Assets Map (EPAS Competency 8 – Intervention)

Community assets mapping is the process of identifying resources (human, financial, material, social) among vulnerable populations in communities. It focuses on assets, rather than solely on deficits, in vulnerable populations and communities.

The field internship assignment requires the intern to gather information about a community served by the placement agency. The required areas of information include:

- 1) A description of the community in terms of place, population, demographic data, and other basic identifying information.
- 2) Information about the community's history (the influence and power of residents, any problems or issues experienced by residents):
- 3) Identification and classification of the strengths and assets of the community (e.g. churches, banks, grocery stores, community groups, etc.) How can assets be used for community improvement, how organizations which serve the community together or should work together and major challenges faced by the community.
- 4) Formulate a brief strategy for community betterment.