Why NEAT+?

- A simple, user-friendly way for non-environmentalists to identify environmental concerns
- Flags key issues for subsequent mitigation and advocacy
- Open-source, based on Kobo toolbox, adaptable to individual or organizational needs

What is the NEAT+?

- A simple environmental project-level screening tool for humanitarian contexts
- Combines environmental data with site-specific and activity-based questions to automatically analyze and flag priority environmental risks

Who?

Humanitarian actors, e.g. field staff, community members and team leaders working in camp, peri-urban or rural non-camp or informal camp settings

When?

After life-saving needs have been met; immediately following a crisis and prior to project design, or during a change in humanitarian setting, such as an expansion of a camp or development of new livelihood support programmes

NEAT+ combines Kobo toolbox questionnaires available on mobile phones, tablets and computers, with an automated Microsoft Excel analysis in three steps:

**STEP 1** Select the data collection method.

**STEP 2** Complete the Environmental Sensitivity Module (20–30 minutes) to receive an automated summary of key environmental concerns.

**STEP 3** Complete Activity Modules on WASH, shelter or livelihoods and food security (around 45 minutes per module) to automatically establish the environmental impacts of the chosen activity.
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A December 2018 pilot of the NEAT+ at the Mantapala refugee settlement in Zambia highlighted the use of wood for construction materials as a high risk factor for deforestation.

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The NEAT+ can be downloaded on EHA Connect at [https://ehaconnect.org/resource/neat/](https://ehaconnect.org/resource/neat/)

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