

Data Collection Type	Name of Software	Description/Notes	Free?	Online/Offline
Activity (Internal) Data				
Online Form/Survey	Google Forms	Create custom forms for surveys and questionnaires. Gather data in a spreadsheet. Analyse in Google Sheets or export data to Excel.	Yes	Online
	Microsoft Forms	Create surveys, quizzes, polls. Collects responses in real time and provides charts to visualize data. Can export to Excel.	No	
	Kinaki	Intuitive drag-and-drop survey design and data collection. Analysis of qualitative and quantitative data, visualization with charts, tables, graphs.	No	
	Monday.com	Can be used for activity tracking and reporting.	No	
Spreadsheet	Excel	Create, view, edit, share spreadsheets. Formulas, graphs, charts.	No	Offline
	Google Sheets	Pre-made spreadsheet templates, built-in formulas. Charts and graphs. Works with Excel. Live collaboration.	Yes	
	LibreOffice	Calc spreadsheet: free alternative to Excel. Built-in wizards, templates. Works with Excel.	Yes	
Self-administered Surveys				
Online Form/Survey	Google Forms	See above.	Yes	Online
	Microsoft Forms	See above.	No	
	SurveyMonkey	Create surveys and questionnaires, collect data and analyse, filter and export results.	No*	
	Kinaki	See above.	No	
	QuestionPro	Create engaging and conversational surveys, collect and analyse. Survey templates, drag-and-drop.	No*	Online

On-site Tablet	SurveyMonkey	See above.	No*	Offline
	HarvestYourData	iPad and Android survey app for mobile offline data collection. Design mobile survey with drag-and-drop editor. Capture data on smartphone, iPad or tablet. Real time survey results. Manage one or hundreds of devices and field workers.	No	Offline
Live Survey	Polleverywhere	Create a poll with instant results during your workshop/presentation. Export data for further usage	No*	Online
	Mentimeter	Audience uses their smartphone to answer surveys and questionnaires. Visualize their responses in real time. Share and export results for further analysis.	No*	Online
	Slido	Live polling and Q&A platform for virtual and in-person meetings.	No*	Online
Enumerator-administered Surveys				
Offline Survey App (android)	KoBoCollect	Used for primary data collection in the field. Enter data from interviews to device. Visualize, analyse, share, download collected data.	Yes	Offline/ Online
	SurveyCTO	Collect data on Android and iOS mobile devices in a secure way. Monitor and visualize data. End-to-end encryption. Allows for case management. Used globally for field research and MEL.	No	Offline
Survey App (android/ apple)	Magpi	Build and deploy mobile forms in minutes, Android, iOS. Collect data and view real-time dashboards and data visualizations. Integrate with Google Sheet or Excel. Used by UN agencies, World Bank, Plan and others.	No*	Offline
	HarvestYourData	See above.	No	Offline
	SurveyMonkey	See above.	No*	Offline
Data collection via text messaging (SMS)				
	FrontlineSMS	Used by organizations to distribute and collect information via text messaging (SMS). The software works without an internet connection and with a cell phone and computer.	Yes	
	Magpi	See above.	No*	

Case Management				
Field data collection	Agile CRM	Customer relations management software that can be used for participant tracking.	No*	
	SurveyCTO	See above.	No	
	CommCare	Data collection on phone or tablet: build your own mobile app. Used by frontline workers and for case management. Allows for recording of video, audio, images, signatures, and GPS data. Data visualization and exportation into Excel, Tableau and others. Used by WHO, UNICEF, Save the Children, World Bank +	No	Offline
Qualitative Data				
Interviews, focus group discussions, workshops	Zoom GoToMeeting Microsoft Teams Google Meet Cisco Webex Meetings	Virtual conferencing software. Include such features as conference calling, breakout rooms (for group discussions and exercises), chat, recording, screensharing. Audio only, audio and video. GoToMeeting has a transcription feature. Microsoft Teams has file sharing. All of these apps allow for the “human connection” factor that can be missing with online surveys.	No* No No* No* No*	Online
Photos	KoBoCollect	Use a KoBo form for structuring your photos, with fields to note what are you taking the picture of, to rate its characteristics, or to add other information about it.	Yes	Offline
Various types of qualitative data	Kinaki	Kinaki foresees improving its coverage of qualitative data (from collection to analysis)	No*	Online
Audio (interview recordings)	Google Voice to Text (part of Google Docs)	Play back your recording to Google Voice to Text, let it transcribe it, then revise this text.	Yes	Online
	Transcribe by Wreally	Convert interviews to text with automatic transcription. Convert speech to text with dictation.	No	Offline
Word clouding	Wordle	Generate word clouds from text you provide.	Yes	Offline/ online
Videos	Videos for Change	Collect one-minute videos on what has changed for target populations thanks to your project.	No	Online

No* : Some features or a limited version are available for free.