

According to Misra (1998) offers 10 principles for monitoring:

1. **Monitoring must be simple.** A complex or complicated monitoring system is self-defeating.
2. **Monitoring must be timely** so that appropriate action may be taken.
3. **Monitoring must be relevant** to program objectives and generate useful information.
4. **Information provided through monitoring should be dependable.** Management will rely on monitoring findings only if the information is believed to be reasonably accurate.
5. **Monitoring efforts should be participatory.** It should include all concerned with extension, be they field-level personnel, subject-matter specialists, or extension's clients (the farmers).
6. **Monitoring must be flexible.** It is iterative in nature. It also becomes routine over time.
7. **Monitoring should be action-oriented.** It should follow pragmatic approaches, keeping the requirements of extension's clients uppermost in view.
8. **Monitoring must be cost-effective.**
9. **Monitoring efforts should be top management-oriented.** Monitoring units should keep in mind the requirements of top management when designing and operating a monitoring system.
10. **Monitoring units represent specialized undertakings.** Monitoring is not merely concerned with the collection and analysis of data, but with diagnosing problems and suggesting alternative practical solutions.