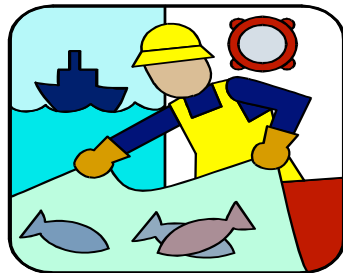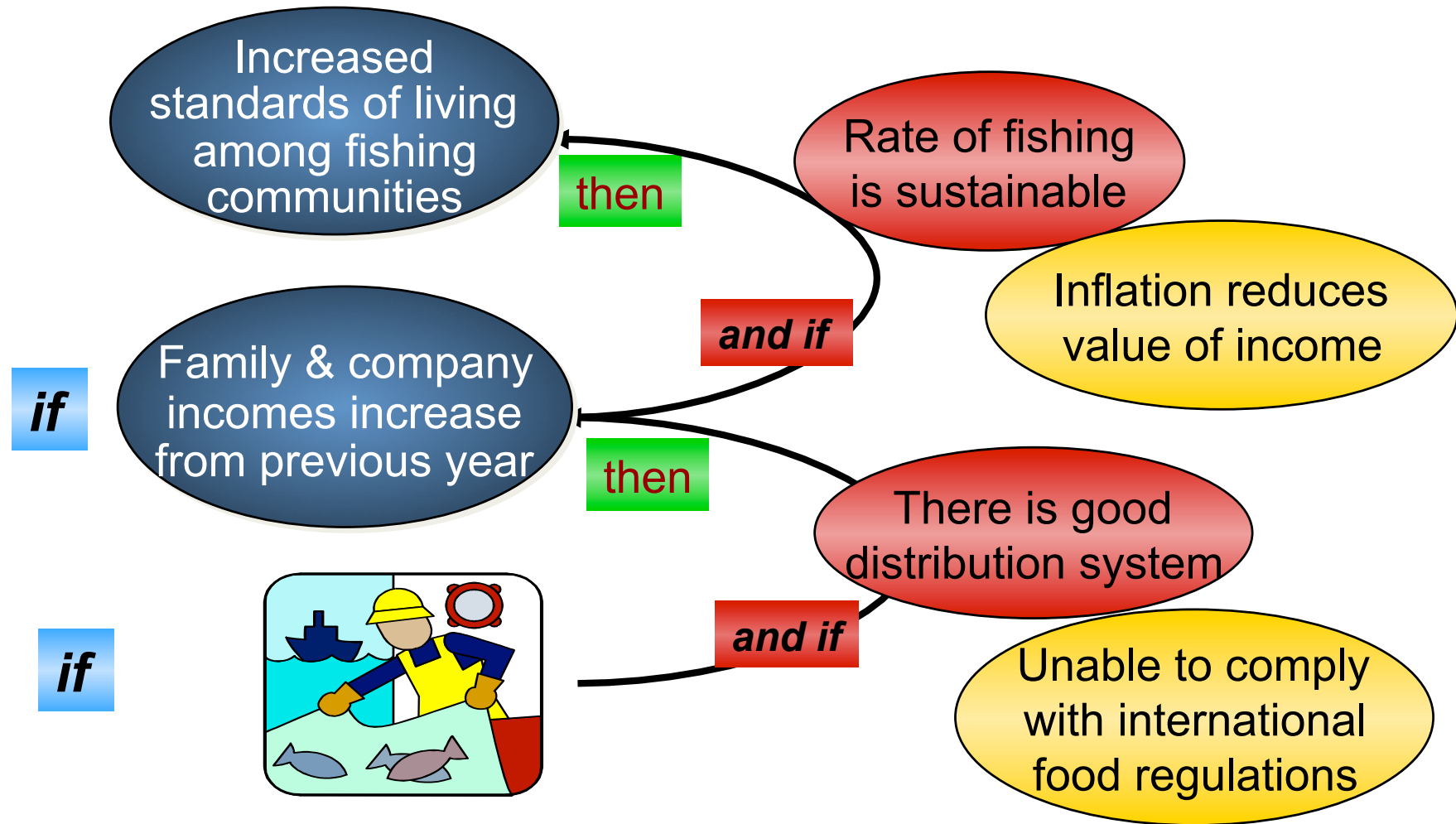# Assumptions and Risks

Assumption: A Definition

- A necessary condition for the achievement of results at different levels.

- Part of the cause-effect logic

- Stated as though it is actually the case

- Less probable at the higher level of the hierarchy

- Can help identify additional results or outputs

Risk: A Definition

- A potential event or occurrence beyond the control of the programme that could *adversely affect* the achievement of the desired results

- A threat to success

- Not just the negative of an assumption

- A trigger for reconsideration of strategic direction

Table 1:UNDAF M&E Framework

Outcomes	Indicators (w. baseline)	Sources of verification	Risks & Assumptions
UNDAF Outcome 1 **Agency Outcome 1.1** Major Outputs… **Agency Outcome 1.2** Major Outputs…	Indicator 1 Baseline: Target: Indicator 1.1 Baseline: Target: Indicator 1.2 Baseline: Target:	Source 1 Agency resp. Source 1.1 Agency resp. Source 1.2 Agency resp.	**Summary of risks and assumptions for each UNDAF and Agency outcome**
UNDAF Outcome 2 …			
UNDAF Outcome 3 …			

Group Work

In Groups...

- Review the the M&E table (Malawi) and the UNDAF document (Nepal)

- Identify and write 2 assumptions...
    1. Between outcomes and outputs

- Identify and write 1 risk

- Use the checklist to verify

The value of the logical approach is not in filling the blanks in a table….

……but in reviewing and revising the interventions, until they are likely to achieve the intended result