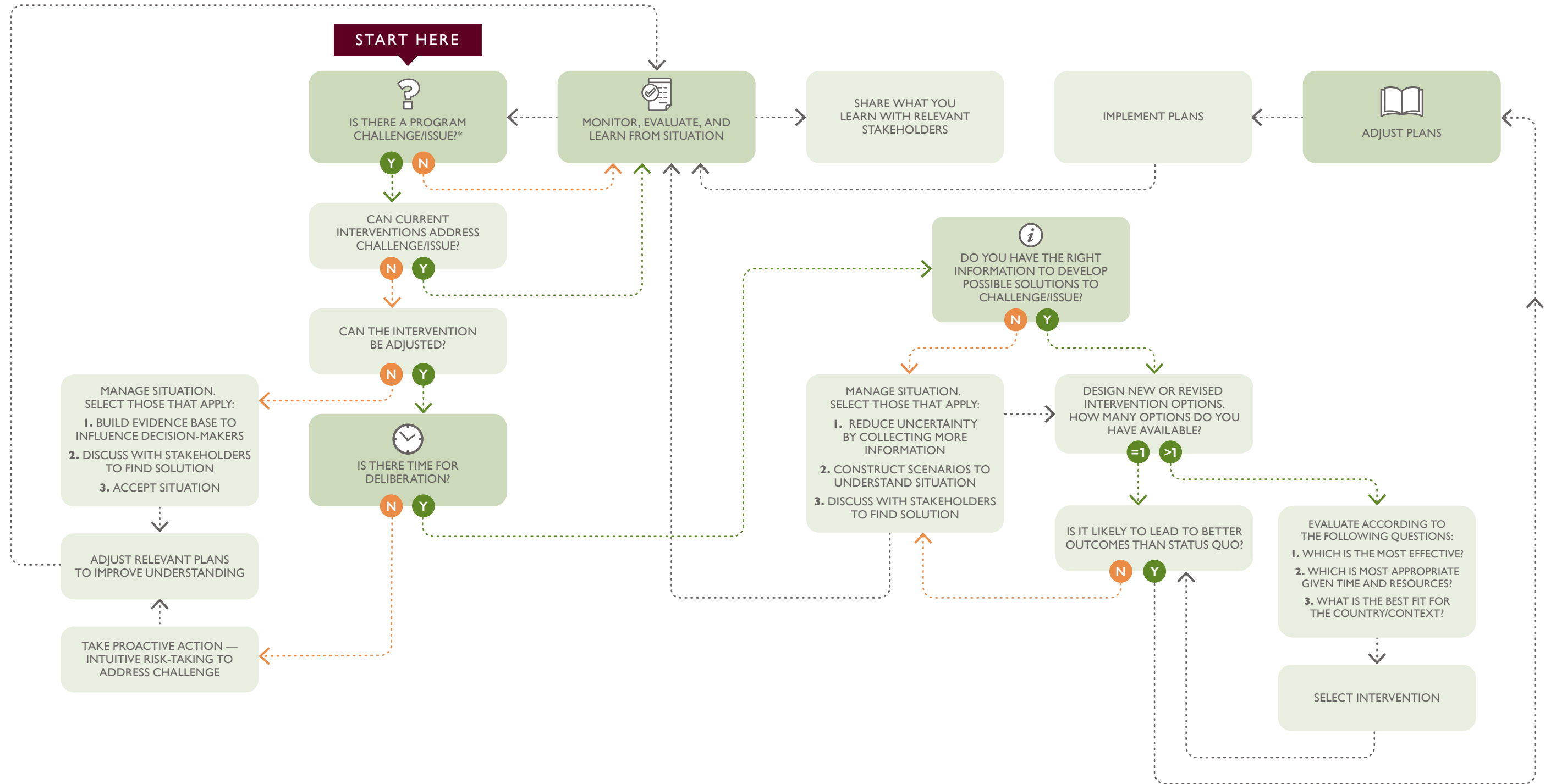# KNOWING WHEN TO ADAPT
DECISION TREE

This job aid will help you determine how best to resolve a challenge/issue in programming.
It is intended for use by USAID, partners, and others working in international development.

START HERE

IS THERE A PROGRAM CHALLENGE/ISSUE?*
Y N

MONITOR, EVALUATE, AND LEARN FROM SITUATION

SHARE WHAT YOU LEARN WITH RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS

IMPLEMENT PLANS

ADJUST PLANS

CAN CURRENT INTERVENTIONS ADDRESS CHALLENGE/ISSUE?
N Y

DO YOU HAVE THE RIGHT INFORMATION TO DEVELOP POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS TO CHALLENGE/ISSUE?
N Y

CAN THE INTERVENTION BE ADJUSTED?
N Y

MANAGE SITUATION. SELECT THOSE THAT APPLY:
1. BUILD EVIDENCE BASE TO INFLUENCE DECISION-MAKERS
2. DISCUSS WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO FIND SOLUTION
3. ACCEPT SITUATION

MANAGE SITUATION. SELECT THOSE THAT APPLY:
1. REDUCE UNCERTAINTY BY COLLECTING MORE INFORMATION
2. CONSTRUCT SCENARIOS TO UNDERSTAND SITUATION
3. DISCUSS WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO FIND SOLUTION

DESIGN NEW OR REVISED INTERVENTION OPTIONS. HOW MANY OPTIONS DO YOU HAVE AVAILABLE?
=1 >1

IS THERE TIME FOR DELIBERATION?
N Y

EVALUATE ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
1. WHICH IS THE MOST EFFECTIVE?
2. WHICH IS MOST APPROPRIATE GIVEN TIME AND RESOURCES?
3. WHAT IS THE BEST FIT FOR THE COUNTRY/CONTEXT?

ADJUST RELEVANT PLANS TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING

IS IT LIKELY TO LEAD TO BETTER OUTCOMES THAN STATUS QUO?
N Y

TAKE PROACTIVE ACTION — INTUITIVE RISK-TAKING TO ADDRESS CHALLENGE

SELECT INTERVENTION

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