O'Reilly, K. (unpublished) Showdown in the Sunderbans (or Coping with Gatekeepers) & PLUM Implementation Protocol Table

- 1. Can you think of a time when gatekeepers stood in your way? What did you do about it?
- 2. Should I have left the area—either immediately after rumors began to circulate or before the confrontations? Or was it better to stay and debunk the stories, even though I felt threatened?
- 3. Facing an angry mob was not in my research assistants' job description. Does your answer to #2 change when you consider their roles?
- 4. It was clear to us that some men and women in the study area were concerned about protecting their families' privacy, especially women's. How might our responses to their actions been different if we had focused on this interpretations of events?
- 5. Our protocol is long, detailed and time-consuming because the use of PLUMs is highly sensitive. What modifications to the protocol do you think are possible without compromising the research?
- 6. Reflection: Imagine someone comes to you and asks to install a PLUM in your toilet. What would determine your answer?