EXPERIENCES OF THE SOMALIA NGO CONSORTIUM

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Major Milestones

Status

❑ The Somali NGO Consortium Journey : 2016 WHS Attendance; Whole of network convening – GOV, Donor, UN, NGOs and Community (2017 in country)

❑ Localization 1 / 4 Pillars in SNC Strategy from 2017-2019 (hold ourselves to account as 100 members)

❑ From Dialogues   - Advocacy – Research:

❑ commissioned 2 research to explore

    ✓ Existence of successful localization.

    ✓ Understanding of the challenges and opportunities in country.

    ✓ Minimum requirements for successful localization.

    ✓ Identify 3 case studies/experience of successful localization in the country.

    ✓ Response Evaluation from GB perspective

❑ HCT increased LNGO seats

❑ HCT directive on GB/Localization

❑ Local Researcher with HLA Support: December 2017 > Contract with RCA in April 2018 > Field work June-July 2018 > September Final Report Published 2019

❑ Draft Research Paper accepted June and Presented at IHSA August 2018 (2/80)

❑ Research led by local researchers, in 2018 together with FORA platform localize workshops 💪

Approach

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❑ Largely Qualitative approach -key informant interviews, expert forums and case studies.

❑ Comprehensive desk review

❑ Research participants drawn INGOs, Donors, LNGOs, private sector, CSOs and state actors.

❑ Limitations – perspectives of local communities not captured due to time constraints

Key Informant Interview

Representatives of:	No. of interviews
Donors	9
UN Agencies	6
INGOs	14
NNGO/CSOs	16
Government	8
Private Sector	5
Total	58

The beginning of wisdom ...

- *The involvement and engagement of local actors including the government, national NGOs and beneficiary communities in planning and implementation of humanitarian and development programmes in the country.*
- *LNGOS: The belief that humanitarian responses should encompass a catalogue of activities that take into account the local realities at the field, contribution of affected populations, and the existing capacities and resources.*

Case Studies – Rafiki from Lion King said 'Look Harder…

❑ **Cases of Successful localization**

SHF's Localization Approach (Direct funding to National NGOs)

- *Composition of the Strategic Review Committee (SRC).*
- *Decision-making.*
- *Funding Priorities.*
- *Eligibility criteria for SHF .*
- *Accountability to affected communities.*
- *Capacity Support.*

SDF LOCALIZATION APPROACH (Inclusive Approach to Development)

- *Local Ownership.*
- *Working within government structures.*
- *Improving aid effectiveness.*

Case Studies

Wadajir Framework

o Establishment of local governments through a **community-owned and led process.**

o Successful implementation of the initial phase of the program achieved in Galmudug, South West State etc.

o Design of the program underpins the need to build trust among communities and with government.

o The framework incorporates **government's stabilization strategy.**

INGOs' partnership models

o Oxfam, Concern, WVI, Trocaire, UNDP, CARE, SC among others adopted a more localized approach based on stronger partnerships.

o Significant investment in capacity strengthening of LNGOs.

Learned: Min req for GB& Localization

o Field and practitioner driven research is KEY

 o RCA has done evaluations and this was a huge capacity building opportunity for them

 o Private sector and academic engagement also to sectors tools and access to different markets

o Engaging the local private sector to diversity funding and add to sustainable solutions in long run

o Improved Power Relationships (Strategic Partnerships)

o Enabling Policy & Regulatory Environment - stronger NGO policies should help with access and furthering conducive environments for NGO sectors

o Multi-year Direct Funding & Continued study on specific contexts for localization approaches to take root and Econ models to test cost/benefit analysis on ways to deliver aid in fragile settings

The End of Widsom…

o Call for Transformation, system change and behavior change….focus on $, lose sight of whats important.

o Whats our intention?

o Call for simple participation/ representation and fail due to capacity to fit into existing system…it's a man/woman power issue

o Us vs Them…end of multilaterism, Coalitions, alliances and working across differences , lose Hum Imperative/ Principles

o Focus on Easy, tangible things like $, leaving out soft and difficult and hard won battles: trust, connection,inclusion (belonging) values, followership (enough with leadership), mutual accountability

o Ignoring the incentives for Power Sharing…

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Question, Next steps???