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Methodology and approach

- Consistent with 2017 and 2018 annual reports to ensure comparability = same tools, same approach, similar scope
- **Primary evidence base = self-reports**
- Verification interviews with signatories and co-conveners
- Consultations with other stakeholders
- Review of literature
- Revised reporting process

Substantive progress is being made...

Evidence of shifts in norms and operational practice;
Measurable gains in efficiencies and effectiveness;
Increased country-level engagement;
Furthering gender equality;
Conviction that Grand Bargain can achieve its potential.

Workstream 2:
More support and funding for local and national responders



Workstream 3:
Increase the use and coordination of cash



Workstream 9:
Harmonise and simplify reporting requirements



Progress on localisation

- 1. Growing normative shift towards more support and more funding for local and national responders.**
2. Increased sharing of information within and outside the workstream
3. Supporting OCHA to integrate localisation definitions into FTS
4. Promoting sharing of experiences & a coordinated approach to plugging knowledge gaps



But challenges remain....

- X Progress remains uneven;
- X High transaction costs for - as yet - relatively limited returns;
- X 'Quid pro quo' is still not functional;
- X Progress at technical level but limited political dialogue to resolve challenges.



How to maximise the potential of the Grand Bargain?

Adopt a strategic approach to:

-  Address or better navigate remaining challenges; *and*
-  Exploit opportunities and scale up successes

Expand, scale-up, build upon the successes achieved to date:

- ☑ Enhanced quality funding: use the funding that is available more *strategically*;
- ☑ Harmonised reporting: upscale from a pilot to *standard* practice.
- ☑ **Localisation: focus on the *quality* of investments in local/national partners**

Achieving localisation in practice will require...

- radical shifts in policy and operations
- peer-to-peer learning & exchanges
- incentives from donors to encourage shift in approach
- predictable funding for capacity strengthening programmes
- strategic approach that considers how the opportunities for and benefits of localisation can be realised across the Grand Bargain framework