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GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LOCALIZATION

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Gender Perspectives in Localization

- **Localization** – Direct support and funding to local and national responders at different levels
- **Women CSOs Consultation** – Regional consultation with 40 Women Led CSOs from 10 countries in Eastern-Southern Africa and West-Central Africa, ActionAid, CARE and UN Women on “Voice-visibility influence- Promoting women’s leadership in humanitarian settings”.
- **Key Recommendations** – Identification of key priority areas and recommendations for gender responsive localization.

Key Gender Priorities for Localization

- Funding for gender responsive localization
- Equitable Partnerships and Institutional Strengthening
- Gender Responsive Humanitarian Needs Assessment and Planning
- Women's Leadership
- Accountability and Transparency as cross cutting considerations and themes

Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 1

- **Funding for gender responsive localization -**
- Dedicated and sustainable funding for Women-Led/Women Rights' Organizations with focus on **Humanitarian Programming, Women's Leadership, Economic Empowerment/Livelihoods, Social Protection, SGBV, Access to Services** in humanitarian and crisis response settings
- Internal funding tracking mechanism to monitor and report on partnerships and resource allocations for Women-Led/Women Rights' Organizations across Grand Bargain Signatories (donors, UN agencies and INGOs)

Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 2

• **Equitable Partnership and Institutional Strengthening-**

- Focus on **longer term partnerships** to strengthen local WRO / WLO leadership through training, policy development, contribution to overheads, **flexible funding and reporting requirements** rather than transactional project-based partnerships.

- Access to **humanitarian country pool funding opportunities particularly** for women led and women's rights organizations.

- Establish/Strengthen partnerships between humanitarian agencies and local Women CSOs on issues related to **accountability for affected populations** (gender responsive community feedback mechanisms).

- Provide **alternative means of partnership/collaboration with women's organisations** by supporting coordination hubs, training, consortia development and peer support.

Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 3

Gender Responsive Humanitarian Needs Assessment and Planning:

- Women's led CSOs **participation** and **leadership** at the different stages of **humanitarian planning processes and humanitarian coordination mechanisms** e.g: HCT and other related coordination mechanisms (including gender coordination).

- Gender equality and empowerment of crisis affected women and girls as a **stand alone component in HROs and HRP**s with **dedicated resource allocations**.

- Women led CSOs' **meaningful participation** in priority setting in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), Flash appeals; **Conduct gender analysis and needs' assessment** with **engagement** of Women's CSOs.

- Availability of **sex, age, disaggregated data (SADD)** and **Vulnerability profiles** for HNO/HRP and cluster plans.

- Establish/Strengthen women's networks to **monitor, inform** and **influence** humanitarian response **prioritization** and **funding allocations**.

Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 3

• **Women's Leadership:**

- Support national and local Women led and Women Rights' CSOs on women's **leadership development** for **effective influence** and **engagement** along the humanitarian-peace and development nexus.

- Promoting **social norms** on **leadership** towards inclusion and gender equality.

- Develop **comprehensive leadership programs** building support for women's leadership in communities and organizations enhancing women's self organization and links with humanitarian organizations.

- **Organizational change** in **culture, structure** and **policy** within the humanitarian organizations, including human resources (**Affirmative actions to support women's representation at senior management level**).

- Train women's CSOs on the **cluster system, coordination, and humanitarian funding processes. Access to relevant information.**

Good Practices

- Establishment of **National Cluster Gender Focal Points Reference Group (N-CGFP-RG)** – Gender coordination, capacity building, technical support and gender analysis and assessment on gender responsive planning and programming with women CSOs' engagement (South Sudan)
- Updated **National Database** on Women led organizations working on humanitarian-peace and development nexus programming and supporting crisis affected communities (South Sudan)
- Establishment of **National Women Humanitarian Network**, that engaged with humanitarian actors on service delivery to the affected populations, with focus on the rights of women and girls (Liberia)
- Gender **responsive Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA)**, where local Women CSOs' developed a Common Charter of Demands with key recommendations, including on resources. (Somalia)

Good Practices

- Documentation of the **voices and experiences** of refugee women leaders, refugee young women and girls in support of advocacy and development of priorities for humanitarian interventions and planning (Uganda)
- **Dedicated funding streams/opportunities** for local women's organisations with a strong institutional strengthening component (across GB signatories and country contexts)

Remember - "The great end of learning is not knowledge but actions."



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