



DAY 2: PRIORITY ISSUES, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Based on the discussions and learnings from Day 1, three groups deliberated and eventually identified a set of priority issues and imperatives required for substantive and sustained changes.

GROUP 1:

PRIORITIES:

WOMEN LEADERSHIP / GENDER: Being at the forefront of humanitarian responses, women's impact is critical and therefore their input is essential in decision making // urgency to challenge gender stereotypes

COORDINATION MECHANISMS / CAPACITIES: Need to engage L/NNGOs on an equal footing in national coordination mechanisms and provide them with resources to engage meaningfully

CAPACITY STRENGTHENING: Need to be a two-way mechanism; consider what value is brought to the table by all partners

PARTNERSHIPS / RELATIONSHIPS that build trust and consensus

LOCAL FUNDING: Need for a funding mechanism exclusively for local actors at country level

GRAND BARGAIN: Dialogue at the national and regional levels between relevant actors to raise awareness and ownership

CRITERIA for prioritisation:

- Inclusive & equitable humanitarian system
- Ownership & accountability from the different actors in the humanitarian sector
- Sustainability of L/NNGOs

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GROUP 2:

PRIORITIES:

PARTNERSHIP: Create and enhance trust

GENDER: Women leadership

FUNDING: Direct funding; multi-year funding; women-led organisations

COORDINATION: Within local NGOs and take leadership among INGOs

CAPACITY: Sharing capacity for increased impact and influence

CRITERIA for prioritisation:

- Multiplier effect
- Create trust within a short amount of time
- Institutional strengthening through multi-year funding
- Bring more impact
- Inclusion within the localisation stream

What will happen **IF NOT ADDRESSED**:

- Business as usual
- Less impact on human lives and assets
- Less efficient & higher costs
- Duplication of efforts
- More conflicts
- Lack of ownership
- Dependency Syndrome

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GROUP 3:

PRIORITIES:

Priorities that require global level decisions:

- Achieving long-term **financial stability / institutional capacity** of local actors
- Addressing **risk sharing** and accountability, including due diligence

Priorities that present immediate opportunities in country:

- **Representation & decision-making** of local actors (in particular for women-led organisations), strengthening networks and more effective coordination / convergence on the localisation agenda at national level
- **Pooled funds** and other funding mechanisms - to make localisation a consistent priority

Priorities that have been addressed the least so far:

- Accelerate work on the **role of governments** in the localisation agenda

CRITERIA for prioritisation:

- Building on existing good practices
- Issues that need work at the system level
- At least one that would have the most significant impact on the localisation agenda
- Be aware of what level needs to act to make the change (local / country / regional / global)
- Issues that will contribute to sustainable local capacity - look to the long term
- Look for synergies