

Overview of the Grand Bargain and its Localisation Workstream



Overview



Origins of the Grand Bargain



Main provisions



The Localisation Workstream

Consultations prior to the World Humanitarian Summit

“It is time for international humanitarian organizations to ensure a real shift of power to affected people, by seeking genuine partnerships with affected communities and other local and national actors, rather than treating southern NGOs and civil society organizations as sub-contractors.”

UN High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing

“The transformation of simple low-cost humanitarian organisations into complex transnational bureaucracies has brought mixed results: more vulnerable people than ever are being reached with assistance but the associated rising costs are unsustainable. The centre of preparedness and response needs to be reset at the national and local levels.”

The Grand Bargain: commitments in 10 areas

1

Greater transparency

Co-conveners: The Netherlands, World Bank

2

More support and funding tools for local and national responders

Co-conveners: Switzerland, IFRC

3

Increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming

Co-conveners: UK, WFP

4

Reduce duplication and management costs with periodic functional reviews

Co-conveners: Japan, UNHCR

5

Improve joint and impartial needs assessments

Co-conveners: ECHO, OCHA

6

Participation Revolution: include people receiving aid in making the decisions which affect their lives

Co-conveners: USA, SCHR

7

Increase collaborative humanitarian multi-year planning and funding

Workstreams 7 & 8 were merged in 2018.
Co-conveners: Canada, Sweden, UNICEF, ICRC

8

Reduce the earmarking of donor contribution

9

Harmonize and simplify reporting requirements

Co-conveners: Germany, ICVA

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Enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors

Workstream was mainstreamed in 2018.

Areas of mutual ambition

Quid pro quo

Humanitarians: Transparency, reduced costs, joint needs assessments

Donors: Reduced earmarking, multi-year funding, harmonized reporting

Cash,
humanitarian-development nexus,
localisation,
participation

Localisation Commitments



Partnership

Remove barriers to partnerships
Incorporate capacity strengthening into partnership agreements



Capacity Strengthening

Invest in institutional capacities
Reinforce not replace



Financing

25% as direct as possible
More use of pooled funds
Measure direct and indirect funding to local actors



Coordination

Support and complement national mechanisms
Involve local actors in international mechanisms



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Members

- Grand Bargain signatories (donors, UN, INGOs, IFRC) and local actors

Activities

- Clarification of key terms
- Promoting coordination and dialogue
- Demonstrator country missions and regional workshops
- Upcoming -- Guidance notes