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Overview of Presentation



Background
introduction



Lessons Learned



Networking



Recommendation

Introduction

- In order to accelerate the Localisation of humanitarian leadership in Myanmar.
- 6 Local and National NGOs formed a group of Localisation Promoters to lead, drive and steer with the local perspectives
- Localisation Promoters Group engage in the programme designing, implementation, monitoring the programme with committed vision
- LPG Members take lead in advancing and championing the localisation concepts and commitment



Lessons Learned for Localisation

Myanmar



Best Practices which is most conducive to Localisation

A summary of what was shared during the global learning session:



Fair budgeting



Responsiveness to feedback



Capacity strengthening support



Equality in partnerships



Ethical recruitment

Partnership Practices suggested for Localisation

- Partners conduct joint monitoring visits to communities, providing opportunities for joint reflection on progress, obstacles and required modifications.
- Capacity strengthening needs of local actors are assessed to understand strengths and gaps which then inform a tailored approach to building on strengths and addressing gaps.
- International agencies involve local partners in meetings, communication and coordination with donor agencies to support relationship building.
- Local actors are supported to link up communities with international actors and government related to the humanitarian response.

Networking



Networking

- ALTP Program facilitate the process of integrating the networking and co-learnings from local existing network of LPG Members
- LPGs and Consortium Members collectively advocate for the promoting of Localisation Agenda in humanitarian response in Myanmar through INGO Forum
- The practical experiences and thematic knowledge of LPGs' network member has been applied



Recommendations for Localisation

Myanmar & Nepal





UN agencies

- Adapting operating procedures to the local context
- Humanitarian support to be more demand driven (based on needs identified by local communities)
- UN should practice/implement the equal partnership model with local/national NGOs
- Putting the local/national NGOs in the driver's seat at cluster meetings. Co-leading of clusters by UN and local/national NGOs.

International NGOs

- Recognise the capacity of local organisations based on accountability, transparency, effectiveness, efficiency etc. (e.g. operations, finance, resources etc.).
- Be adaptable to local contextual and cultural needs (e.g. contracting, policy and procedures, language etc.).
- Bring local organisations (and local partners) into initial meetings with Donors
- Advocate to other INGOs about localisation so that they can practice a localised approach also.



Donors

- **Allow overhead costs for local partners (NNGOs). (Research Recommendations)**
- **Allocate fund for local partners system development (not only project costs).**
- **Increase direct contact with local partners. *(this is a recommendation from the research)***
- **Develop user-friendly reporting and proposal templates. (this is one of the Grand Bargain workstreams (9)).**
- **Increase funding appropriate for local CSOs.**
- **Reduce the minimum standards for local partners (e.g. due diligence and compliance).**

Government

- Department of Disaster Management to be aware of, recognize and support the localization agenda and maintain relationships with the localization actors in Myanmar (Consortium + LPG).
- Government needs to recognise the capacity of LNGOs (working in only one township) as well as NNGOs.
- Awareness promoting actions jointly hosted with Government to encourage and influence others humanitarian actors

Thank you

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