

GLOSSARY OF LOCALISATION TERMS

Capacity strengthening – a deliberate process that supports the ability of organisations and networks to institutionalise new or improved systems and structures, and individuals and groups to acquire or improve knowledge, skills, or attitudes, which are necessary to function effectively, achieve goals, and work towards sustainability and self-reliance⁵

Complementarity – an outcome where all capacities at all levels – local, national, regional, international – are harnessed and combined in such a way to support the best humanitarian outcomes for affected communities⁶

Direct funding – For donor governments, funding may be counted as “direct” if it channelled directly to local actors for their humanitarian programming. For international humanitarian organisations, funding can be counted as “direct” if it is sourced from private donations (not from donor governments) and then channelled directly to local actors⁷

‘Direct as possible’ funding – signatories committed to an aggregate goal of 25% of international humanitarian financing to be channelled directly or “as directly as possible” to local actors. It was agreed that the following could be included in measuring this: (1) funding channelled through a pooled fund that is directly accessed by local and national actors; (2) funding channelled through a single international aid organisation that reaches local and national actor directly from that one intermediary⁸

Grand Bargain – an agreement between some of the largest donors and humanitarian organisations who have committed to get more means into the hands of people in need and to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the humanitarian action.

Local actors – the governmental authorities at the national and local levels of a crisis-affected country as well as non-governmental ‘organisations engaged in relief that are headquartered and operating in their own aid recipient country and which are not affiliated to an international NGO.⁹

Women-led organisation – an organisation with a humanitarian mandate/mission that is (1) governed or directed by women or ; (2) whose leadership is principally made up of women¹⁰

Women’s rights organisation – an organisation that self-identifies as a women’s organisation with primary focus on advancing gender equality, women’s empowerment and human rights; or (2) an organisation that has, as part of its mission statement, the advancement of women/girls’ interests and rights; or (3) an organisation that has as part of its mission statement or objectives, to challenge and transform gender inequalities, unequal power relations and promoting positive social norms¹¹

5. Definition recommended by the Localisation Workstream for the Core Commitment Indicators and Target Results

6. Rethinking capacity and complementarity for more local humanitarian action, V. Barbelet, ODI-HPG October 2019

7. Definition as agreed by Grand Bargain signatories, [Identified categories for tracking funding flows](#)

8. Ibid.

9. Ibid. “A local actor is not considered to be affiliated merely because it is part of a network, confederation or alliance wherein it maintains independent fundraising and governance systems.

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