

Grand Bargain annual self-reporting exercise:

SCHR

Work stream 6 – Participation Revolution

1. Baseline (only in year 1)

Where did your organisation stand on the work stream and its commitments when the Grand Bargain was signed?

Humanitarian organisations are inconsistent in how they involve affected people in decisions which affect them (the 2015 State of the Humanitarian System states that “44% of surveyed recipients reported not having been consulted by aid agencies on their needs prior to commencement of the aid programming, while only 33% said they had been. However, only 19% of those that had been consulted said that the agency had acted on this feedback and made changes”).

Standards on participation already exist, such as the Core Humanitarian Standard on quality and accountability (CHS), which is fast progressing and gaining sector-wide acceptance. The CHS has been designed in such a way as to be verifiable.

There is no common understanding of how to achieve effective participation of affected people from the perspective of a collective humanitarian response.

2. Progress to date

Which concrete actions have you taken (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream?

SCHR has taken the co-convenorship of the Participation Revolution work stream of the Grand Bargain to help facilitate and achieve effective participation of affected people in decisions that affect them in organisational as well as collective humanitarian responses.

SCHR members are taking forward work to get a baseline, developed from within its membership, of enablers and dis-enablers to effective participation of affected people in programming decisions.

Several SCHR members are investing in implementing the Core Humanitarian Standard (CHS) and demonstrating learning and improvement against the CHS.

SCHR through its contribution to the Board of the Humanitarian Quality Assurance Initiative (HQAI) is investing in quality assurance to objectively demonstrate adherence to humanitarian standards and good practices, including in how accountability to people affected by crisis is demonstrated.

3. Planned next steps

What are the specific next steps which you plan to undertake to implement the commitments (with a focus on the next 2 years)?

Take forward the work put forward in section 2.

4. Efficiency gains (optional for year 1)

Please indicate, qualitatively, efficiency gains associated with implementation of GB commitments and how they have benefitted your organisation and beneficiaries.

5. Good practices and lessons learned (optional for year 1)

Which concrete action(s) have had the most success (both internally and in cooperation with other signatories) to implement the commitments of the work stream? And why?