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## **ZOA Statement to the 2019 Grand Bargain Annual Meeting**

Since the inception of the Grand Bargain Process in 2016, much has been achieved; yet for some themes, more progress is needed to fulfil the collective Grand Bargain commitments. ZOA remains committed to the Grand Bargain process in order to improve the humanitarian architecture and to reach as many vulnerable people affected by crises, in the best possible way.

ZOA is thankful for the excellent work of the outgoing Eminent Person and welcomes Minister Sigrid Kaag in her role of Eminent Person.

The scale and scope of the commitments and its interlinkages require an integrated implementation process, acknowledging the variety of the signatories.

ZOA recommends:

1. ZOA recommends a strengthened political will to deliver.
2. ZOA recommends collaboration between the workstreams to find immediate ways to link outcomes.
3. ZOA recommends emphasising on implementation of commitments on country level, in order to see actual change
4. ZOA receives multi-annual funding from Dutch Relief Alliance (DRA) which allows for better planning and implementation in protracted situations. ZOA intends to transfer these multi-annual arrangements to its local partners.
5. ZOA publishes DRA funding in IATI, which allows for better planning between DRA partners in the Joint Responses and improved planning with other humanitarian partners. ZOA is committed to include the partner reporting in IATI and to assist them in building their capacity for reporting in IATI. ZOA intends to publish more of its humanitarian financial data in FTS than we do now.
6. ZOA recommends combining as much as possible IATI and FTS in order to make it a useful tool for tracking funding flows.
7. ZOA is committed to increasing its Cash and Voucher Assistance (CVA) in relief settings, for instance in Nigeria, Afghanistan and Iraq. CVA is already an important modality within DRA.
8. ZOA is pleased with the 8+3 reporting model; ZOA intends to ask its private donors to use the same reporting requirements; ZOA invites other signatories to also embrace this reporting requirement. This will help in decreasing the administrative burden for INGOs as well as for local responders.
9. ZOA is increasingly involving local actors in its programming. ZOA is committed to moving the role of local partners to a more strategic level where they are not just implementers on project basis but actively participate in on issues such as policy development, monitoring & evaluation and mutual accountability
10. Nexus: ZOA has made a deliberate choice in its strategic plans to continue to focus on its dual mandate of relief and recovery, in order to make our interventions sustainable.