

ActionAid – Grand Bargain Annual Meeting 2019 Statement

ActionAid welcomes the joint progress achieved by the Grand Bargain signatories, based on mutual trust and collaboration, in implementing core commitments, advancing gender equality and women's empowerment and transforming the humanitarian system to make it fairer and more inclusive. This is making the assistance and protection delivered in disasters and conflict more effective and efficient for the people that need it most.

The Grand Bargain process must scale up and get closer to those people most in need in the next two years. This requires a **collaborative effort** from the sixty-one signatories to make a large-scale investment in several countries affected by humanitarian crisis. The objective should be to roll out, in collaboration with affected governments and national civil society particularly women-led organisations, localised and participatory responses. These responses could implement the most advanced core commitments such as harmonised and simplified reporting, joint and independent needs assessments, transparency and coordinated cash programming.

ActionAid will support this effort reinforcing its internal systems to make them more transparent, participating in an open and collaborative manner in Grand Bargain joint initiatives around cash, localisation and other commitments and continuing to inform ActionAid affiliates and partners about the Grand Bargain.