

## Localization Workstream Workplan 2017- 2019 (Updated April 2019)

### Objectives

The overall objective of the Workstream is to promote and facilitate the implementation of the localization commitments by all Grand Bargain signatories. To achieve this, we will:

1. Ensure information sharing and wide engagement of Grand Bargain signatories and local actors in the work of this workstream, other relevant Grand Bargain workstreams as well as other initiatives and processes.
2. Demonstrate the potential for improvements in localization of aid through cooperative activities in selected pilot countries.
3. Share experience and research in order to develop common understandings of how best to achieve localization goals.
4. Support the measurement of progress on local financing goals.

### Activity plan

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<b>Engagement</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ensure strong information sharing and wide engagement of Grand Bargain signatories and local actors in the work of the workstream, other relevant workstreams and other initiatives and processes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organize <u>bi-monthly teleconferences</u> of Grand Bargain signatories and other partners to share information and coordinate activities in the workstream.</li> <li>• Aim for at least 25% of participants of the workstream to be local actors (ensuring a diversity of voices, regions and areas of focus (e.g. women's issues, development, etc.).</li> <li>• As appropriate, organize separate, <u>smaller-group calls</u> on specific projects (e.g., the guidance notes and/or pilot projects).</li> <li>• Hold quarterly webinars open to anyone interested to update on workstream progress and plans.</li> </ul>	<p>Co-conveners</p> <p>Accelerating Localisation through Partnerships consortium, CAFOD for Charter for Change organisations, CP AOR and ICVA will reach out to their networks</p> <p>Leads of the projects</p> <p>Co-conveners</p>	<p>IASC HFTT LMWG</p>	<p>From September 2017</p> <p>From November 2017</p>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Engage with <u>other Grand Bargain workstreams and other relevant actors and initiatives</u> to ensure proper linkages. Members of the workstream who also attend other workstreams asked to share information about activities of other workstreams.</li> <li>• Involve and regularly inform Eminent Person</li> </ul>	<p>Co-conveners – with CAFOD, CARE, Christian Aid and OXFAM. UNICEF and OCHA with GCCG.</p> <p>Sherpas</p>	<p>GB work streams. <b>GCCG</b> and clusters. IASC, Charter 4</p>	<p>From November 2017</p>

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote more <u>information-sharing</u> and engagement between signatories and with local actors, highlighting progress, good practice and learning including through: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a bi-monthly email bulletin,</li> <li>translating and loading key documents on the localization workstream page of the GB website</li> <li>developing orientation materials for local actors.</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-conveners (with support from Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA))</li> <li>IFRC</li> <li>HLA and Oxfam</li> </ol>	Charter 4 Change endorsers, VOICE Grand Bargain Taskforce. ICVA?	From October 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize <u>3 in-person regional meetings</u> to widen engagement, discuss regional particularities and lessons, and consult on guidance products (described below)</li> </ul>	Co-conveners (with support from signatories present in regions)		October 2018 - August 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize an <u>in-person meeting</u> in Brussels in 2019 to <u>commence dialogue on the guidance products</u>.</li> </ul>	Co-conveners with support from ECHO on organizational aspects		2019
<b>Country-level activities</b> <i>Demonstrate potential for improvements through cooperative activities in selected pilot countries.</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize <u>3-4 joint missions</u> by GB signatories and local actors to <u>3 demonstrator countries</u> (to be selected by GB signatories) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the current situation of financing, capacity strengthening, partnership, coordination (including in clusters, HCTs and NGO platforms), leadership</li> <li>Support discussions at the country level about potential improvements along the lines of the GB localization commitments</li> <li>Devote attention to how gender issues are impacted by localization</li> <li>Findings will contribute to shared guidance (below)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Co-conveners with support from OCHA, UNICEF and interested signatories from each of the main stakeholder groups		Throughout 2018 and early 2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Where they don't exist, support the development of <u>country-based national NGO local actor coordination forums, coalitions and networks</u>.</li> <li>Support national coordination forums, coalitions/networks of local civil society actors to address issues in the workstream (and in the GB).</li> </ul>	Christian aid, Oxfam, CRS, ActionAid, Tearfund, Care (Accelerating Localisation consortium), ICVA, OCHA, UNICEF, UN Women		2018-2019
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Explore the potential development of <u>country-based funds</u> specific to investing in capacity strengthening of local actors</li> </ul>	Christian Aid, CAFOD, OCHA, UNICEF, UN Women	IASC HFTT, HLA Humanitarian Action Forum, NEAR	2018

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<b>Shared guidance</b> <i>Share experience and research to develop common understandings of how best to achieve localization goals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote and consolidate research relevant to implementation of the GB localization commitments.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organize periodic researcher coordination meetings/teleconferences, with leads identified for each sub theme</li> <li>Share updates with the workstream</li> <li>Research on gender-responsive localization, capacity strengthening initiatives and funding for women's organizations (focus on women's voices)-linking it to the issue of promoting women's leadership in humanitarian settings</li> <li></li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Co-convenors with support from signatories willing to lead on key issues</li> <li>(Accelerating Localisation consortium, CRS, WFP/CAFOD/ UNICEF, ICRC, BRC)</li> <li>UN Women</li> </ol>	ODI, HLA etc	Each 6 months
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop <u>guidance notes, tip sheets or similar tools</u> drawing on relevant research findings and consultations in regional meetings and country pilots, on how best to implement commitments, with a focus on:               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Best practices in humanitarian response <u>partnerships</u>.</li> <li><u>Model provisions on localisation for partnership agreements</u></li> <li>Supporting local actors to strengthen their <u>capacity</u></li> <li>Country level financing for local actors</li> <li>Gender responsive localization initiatives (promoting women's leadership and funding for women's organizations-good practices, opportunities and challenges)</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Accelerating Localisation consortium, UNICEF/CP AoR</li> <li>IFRC</li> <li>IFRC</li> <li>IFRC</li> <li>UN Women</li> </ol>	Multiyear financing works stream, IASC HFTT  HD Nexus re country level financing  Friends of Gender Group	All drafts finalized September 2019
<b>Measurement</b> <i>Support the measurement of progress on financing goals</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finalize agreements on <u>definitions and categories</u> for reporting on financing goals.               <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop indicators and priority actions related to the core commitments</li> <li>Disseminate consolidated guidance to relevant actors</li> <li>Dialogue with IATI, OCHA FTS, OECD other external partners that can track financing</li> <li>Support FTS to systematically categorize organizations upon finalization of definitions</li> </ol> </li> </ul>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Working Group on Indicators</li> <li>Co-convenors</li> <li>Co-Convenors and IASC HFTT</li> <li>OCHA</li> </ol>	Multiyear financing WS, IASC HFTT	Nov 2017

	Propose <u>modifications to the 2017 GB reporting template</u> to include reporting on financing goals and support its use by GB signatories.	Co-conveners	Facilitation Group IASC HFTT	Nov 2017
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a <u>baseline study on financing</u>, looking at 2016 data</li> </ul>	CAFOD/LMWG	IASC HFTT	March 2018