

IASC Briefing on Strengthening the Participation, Representation and Leadership of Local Actors in Humanitarian Coordination

Speakers:

- ***Mr. Ahmed Abdinahir Mohamed***, Deputy Director/Head of Programs for Save Somali Women and Children & Chair of the Localization and Partnership working group in the Somalia NGO Consortium (SNC)
- ***Mr. Mark Cutts***, Deputy Regional Humanitarian Coordinator for the Syria Crisis
- ***Mr. Divine Arrey***, Humanitarian Affairs Officer, OCHA Cameroon
- ***Ms. Stella Ogunlade***, Chief of the NGO and Civil Society Unit, UNHCR & co-Chair of the IASC Results Group 1 on Operational Response Sub-group on Localisation

Moderator:

- ***Ms. Mervat Shelbaya***, Head, Inter-Agency Standing Committee (IASC) secretariat

BACKGROUND ON RESULTS GROUP (RG)1 SUB-GROUP ON LOCALIZATION

- Established by IASC RG 1 on Operational Response in early 2020, under co-chairmanship of UNICEF and IFRC.
- Objective: Support efforts to operationalise localisation, incl. representation of national and local organisations in coordination structures.
- Take-over of chairmanship of **UNHCR and the Somali NGO Consortium** in autumn 2020.
- Members: UN Habitat, UNFPA, UNICEF, OCHA, Save the Children, Global Protection Cluster (GPC), Global Education Cluster (GEC), NEAR, CRS, Global CCCM, IFRC and ICVA.

BACKGROUND ON RG 1 SUB-GROUP ON LOCALIZATION CONT.

- Objective: Ensure **50%** of sub-group members are National and Local NGOs.
- Representation of all regions.
- Development of ***Selection criteria and launch of Call for Interest.***

**Inclusion of
National and
Local NGOs
in RG1 sub-
group**

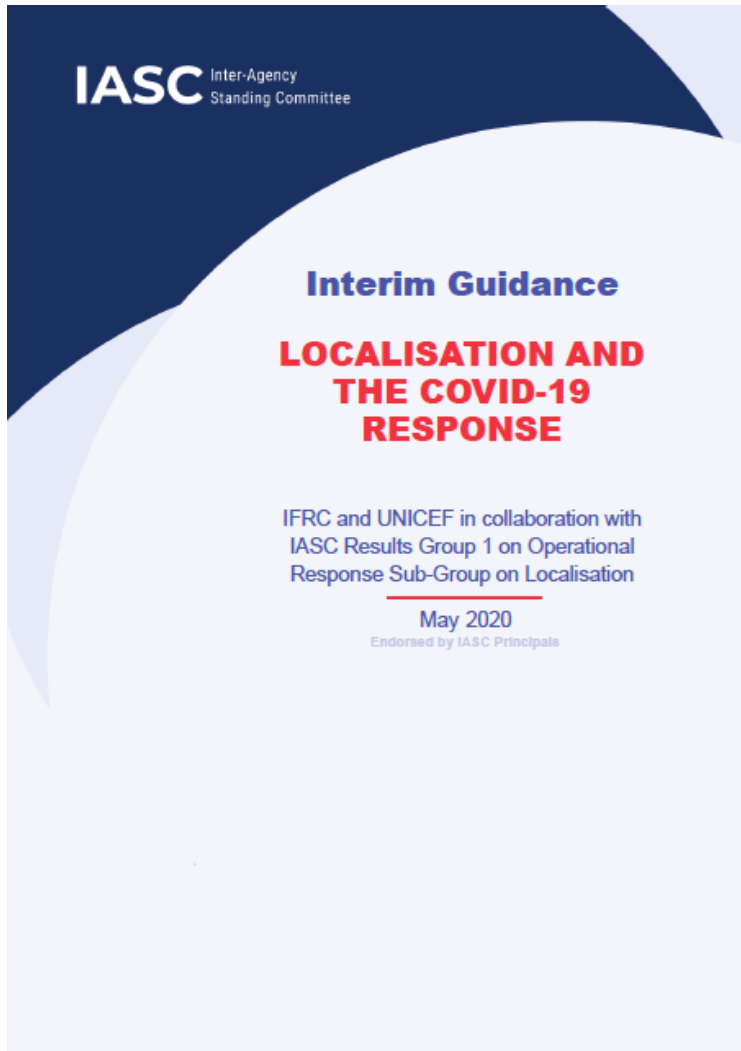
- Objective: **Strengthen collaboration** between **local governments** and **humanitarian actors** on preparedness, response and recovery.
- Developed by Global Alliance for Urban Crises, the United Cities and Local Governments, etc.
- Two key components:
 1. A **Statement of Principles and Commitments**
 2. An **Operational Guidance Note**
- Validation by the IASC Principals before Great Bargain High-Level Meeting in July 2021.

Information Repository on Localization

- Objective: **Improve information sharing** on localization and coordination.
- Include guidance, policies, good practices, case studies, information on localization initiatives and projects.
- Online on ***reliefweb.int***
- Input can be shared with Lea Moser (moserl@unhcr.org) and Tamara Hallaq (hallaq@un.org).

GUIDANCE ON MEANINGFUL PARTICIPATION OF LOCAL/NATIONAL CIVIL SOCIETY ACTORS IN IASC COORDINATION

- Objective: Guidance for HC/HCTs, clusters, etc. to support meaningful ***participation of local/national NGOs*** and other civil society actors in coordination.
- Covers inter alia areas of Participation, Leadership, Capacity Strengthening, Collaboration on Preparedness, Response and Nexus, Accountability and Monitoring  ***Indicators.***
- Review by different RGs, global clusters, Great Bargain workstreams, national NGOs, etc. before IASC endorsement.



- Developed in response to Covid-19 outbreak and endorsed by IASC Principals in June 2020.
- Objective: Guidance for IASC members on adapting Covid-19 response modalities through advancing the localization agenda.
- Please share feedback with Philimon Majwa (pmajwa@unicef.org) with a copy to IASC Correspondence (iasccorrespondence@un.org)



Where to go for more information?

The [Interim Guidance on Localisation and the COVID-19 Response](#) and other valuable resources can be found on the IASC website:

<https://interagencystandingcommittee.org/>

IASC

Inter-Agency
Standing Committee

Visit our website for more information:

www.interagencystandingcommittee.org

Twitter: @iascch | Facebook: FriendsofIASC

IASC MEMBERS



IASC STANDING INVITEES

