



Charter4Change recommendations on Grand Bargain 2.0

The Charter4Change (C4C) was launched at the World Humanitarian Summit in 2016 as a coalition of international NGOs and national NGOs jointly committed to press for more deliberate action to implement wider global commitments on localisation. The coalition is joined by 37 INGO Signatories and 400 LNNGO Endorsers from 56 countries. The C4C coalition is investing in collective effort to support C4C country-level working-groups and/or wider national NGO forums, networks and platforms at country level. C4C is pleased to see that localisation is a key priority for Grand Bargain moving into the next phase. The recommendations below reflect the views and voices of both C4C INGO signatories and national NGO endorsers highlighting some practical ways forward for the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group (FG) and Eminent Person (EP) in accelerating the Grand Bargain process:

1. C4C recommends that the FG **connect to a wider range of local and national NGOs** (LNNGOs) and national NGO fora, including diverse forms of civil society often marginalised by the mainstream international response, and with the **country offices of international agencies** to identify practical steps and transformative options for fast tracking localisation grounded in the priorities and feedback of LNNGOs on the ground; and to catalyse joint action and accountability on localisation priorities in those contexts. HCTs and clusters are primarily dominated by international stakeholders and have generally a poor record at engaging LNNGOs – especially smaller and more diverse forms of national and local civil society. We encourage the next Eminent Person help to **co-convene country-level dialogue** and engagement to link the global discussion with realities and creative solutions identified on the ground.
2. C4C recommends that the FG supports and insists **on incentive structures for quality partnership** with LNNGOs that call for a global set of expectations on intermediary agencies to [a] provide overheads to local partners; [b] invest in mechanisms for improved accountability to and ownership of LNNGOs throughout the programme/project cycle which foster local leadership; [c] invest in multi-year capacity-strengthening of LNNGO partners.
3. C4C recommends that FG ensures buy-in from states and donors to **invest in country-level funding mechanisms**, exclusively accessible to LNNGOs, that are local NGO managed or co-managed, such as through local platforms or consortia in humanitarian settings by 2023. There are numerous examples of umbrella or pooled funds that have strengthened localisation outcomes.¹ These country-level mechanisms have as a key priority to support with multi-year, flexible funds for LNNGOs, including their institutional capacity strengthening. These country-level locally led platforms can be one of the strongest entry points to support local leadership, innovative and complementary community led responses, rather than expecting LNNGOs to fit into existing funding mechanisms that are largely dominated by international actors.

¹ For example, the Humanitarian Response Grant Facility in Uganda and Bangladesh. Details available here: <https://www.oxfamnovib.nl/donors-partners/about-oxfam/projects-and-programs/elaha/transferring-more-funds-directly-to-local-actors>