

Grand Bargain 2.0 Step-by-step guide for establishing the Grand Bargain National Reference Groups (NRGs)

NRGs are national level, constituent-based, consultative forums for humanitarian stakeholders that are led by local and national actors.

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Are you a local actor?

NO

NRGs are locally generated and locally led. Revert back to the existing coordination mechanisms in your context and/or discuss with local actors.

YES

Are there specific needs in your context, linked to the two Grand Bargain 2.0 enabling priorities (quality funding, localisation and participation of affected people), that require action by the local actors' community?

YES

Are there already existing coordination structures in your context aimed at effective and efficient humanitarian action, including the Grand Bargain?

NO

Are you able to gather different stakeholders, which could include representatives from LNNGOs, INGOs, UN agencies, donors, national government bodies, private sector, and academia, committed to create an NRG, led by local actors?

NO

YES

Are local actors strategic members of these existing coordination mechanisms, being able to meaningfully participate?

NO

YES

Discuss with existing coordination mechanisms to see if you can collectively address the priorities that local actors identify as important.

Establish a National Reference Group, following the steps on the next page.



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Draft **Terms of Reference** for your National Reference Group.

These could include, but are not limited to:

- Objective and desired outcomes
- National-level information sharing and agenda setting
- Coordinating joint advocacy and evidence-based learning on relevant issues, including quality funding and local leadership
- Improving and enabling multi-stakeholder consultation that includes national authorities, local and national stakeholders, and where relevant, international humanitarian agencies and/or Grand Bargain Signatories
- Improving and enabling equitable coordination that includes local and national actors
- Increasing the voices, influence, and leadership of local and national actors in humanitarian response in country
- Peer-to-peer learning and sharing best practices with other NRGs
- Establishing connections with the Grand Bargain at the global level and informing its work where relevant

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Establish a connection with the **Grand Bargain global coordination** by reaching out to the representative of local actors in the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group (NEAR in 2022).

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Establish a connection with the **existing coordination mechanisms in your context**, inform them of your plans and see what are the potential areas to build synergies and work together.

- While NRGs should be self-resourced, the Facilitation Group, and in particularly NEAR, can provide support by sharing information, enabling peer-to-peer support, and assistance in preparing for the Grand Bargain's Annual Meeting.

- Wherever possible, build on efforts launched by the Grand Bargain's Workstream 2 Country-Based Dialogues, Charter for Change's national working groups, or other existing consultative forums.

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Organise **meetings of the National Reference Group** and document them.

- Meetings could be held in a language(s) that enable(s) access to a wide range of local actors across the country.
- The NRG may decide to engage with the global level through periodic engagement with the Grand Bargain Facilitation Group or the Secretariat.
- If possible, invite diverse groups of local groups, including women's rights organisations, women-led organizations, youth groups, disabled persons organisations, and others.

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Share information regarding the objectives, outcomes, and developments in your National Reference Group both with your peers at local level, and global level.

- Ensure a regular and accountable flow of information at local level to inform the humanitarian community in your context of NRG's work.
- Demonstrate accountability to the populations the NRG represents, including by communicating actively to them what the NRG is doing.
- Draft and submit an annual self-report and participate at the Grand Bargain Annual Meeting.