

Caucus on funding for localisation – detailed strategy

Objectives for discussion on 25% target

1. The caucus participants will work together with the caucus champions and facilitators to share information on a) amount of funding delivered to L/NAs; b) methodology used to calculate this amount; and c) their challenges, if any, in comprehensively calculating amounts according to the currently agreed definitions of “direct” and “direct as possible” funding. They will work with the facilitators to design a common methodology that they commit to meet as of the next annual Grand Bargain reporting cycle that will result in data that can be compared and analysed.
2. Broker a political agreement that includes a roadmap, which establishes a new timeline, through milestones, to reach the 25% target of all funding delivered as directly as possible to L/NAs and to ensure ongoing transparency (potentially through FTS).

Strategy

To achieve the objectives identified above, the caucus champions will be supported by Development Initiatives who will act as a technical advisor (TA) to the process.

Key responsibilities of the TA will include:

1. **Primary data collection phase**
 - a. **First senior level technical discussion:** Present strategy and explain participation/data needed from caucus participants and the proposed process for this information and data gathering. Contact focal points from each caucus participant to establish a bilateral dialogue and data gathering plan¹.
 - b. **Survey dissemination:** Survey collecting data from caucus participants.
 - c. **Bilateral dialogues:** Work with caucus participants to explore²:
 - i. Improving tracking of funding to L/NAs, including:
 1. Current approaches to funding L/NAs
 2. What data on financial flows to L/NAs is currently collated and the processes and systems involved in this data collection. This will include interrogating how common definitions (“local and national actors”, “directly” and “as direct as possible”) are being interpreted and where resistance to definitions can be identified.
 - ii. Increasing volumes of funding to L/NAs, including:
 1. Barriers and solutions to increased provision of funding for L/NAs.
 2. The current and emerging policy and practice of caucus members
 3. Identified opportunities for increasing funding to L/NAs
2. **Analysis and reporting**
 - a. **Mapping of localisation practices:**
 - i. **On tracking funding to L/NAs:**
 1. Provide a summary of current funding for L/NAs (approaches and volumes), highlighting current methodologies for calculating funding to L/NAs, reporting practices and challenges.

¹ These discussions will establish and define the role of L/NA caucus members in this phase of the caucus and ensure that their contributions are adequately captured in the mapping process.

² Requests for information will be coordinated with ongoing parallel work on the caucus’s second subset discussion on overheads.

2. Propose options for what and how to better track funding; and identify issues to be addressed/resolved in implementing better data collection and tracking.
 - ii. **On increasing volumes of funding to LNAs (challenges and solutions):**
 1. Produce a mapping of current practices on funding to L/NAs, identifying barriers, inconsistencies, priorities and opportunities. This will provide the baseline for political negotiations towards raising the proportion of funding towards L/NAs.
 2. Identify recommendations for individual roadmaps and for the political negotiations.
 - b. **Sharing of results:** Present findings of the mapping process at the Senior Level Technical Discussions.
 - c. **Support to negotiations:** Technical follow-up (meeting attendance and answering questions) throughout political negotiations.
3. **Review and consultation**
- a. **Information sharing with caucus co-chair:** To ensure data-gathering shapes and informs a dynamic negotiation process, the TA will update and share information with the caucus co-chairs through bi-weekly check-in meetings.

Timeline

Date	Objective(s)	Participants
Early September	First senior level technical discussion to present and discuss the way forward (Directors' level)	All caucus members Caucus chairs DI
September/October	Bilateral discussions to share information on a) amount of funding delivered to L/NAs; b) methodology used to calculate this amount; and c) their challenges, if any, in comprehensively calculating amounts according to the currently agreed definitions of "direct" and "direct as possible" funding.	DI & caucus members bilaterally Caucus chairs
Early October	Second senior level technical discussion to take stock of progress, discuss preliminary findings, identify common challenges (Directors' level)	All caucus members Caucus chairs DI
End of October	Third senior level technical discussion for DI to present main findings and suggest a common methodology to calculate funding amounts (Directors' level) Initial discussion on development of a roadmap	All caucus members Caucus chairs DI
November/December	Individual caucus members work on developing concrete roadmaps	Individually – all caucus members
End of November	Fourth senior level technical discussion to discuss the development of a common roadmap, identifying convergence points and developing a menu of options to achieve the common target (Directors' level)	All caucus members Caucus chairs DI External facilitator
Mid December	Fifth senior level technical discussion (tbc, in person) to finalise the roadmap/s, draft a common outcome document (Directors' level)	All caucus members Caucus chairs DI External facilitator
January	Final high-level political dialogue and endorsement of the recommendations (Principals' level)	All caucus members Caucus chairs

		DI External facilitator
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* Principals of the organisations represented in the caucus might be invited to attend an ad-hoc meeting halfway through the process should mayor obstacles that cannot be resolved by the technical group arise.

Link with other processes

This caucus will build on efforts undertaken by other fora, including the previous IASC Results Group 5 on Humanitarian Financing, the Workstream 2 and 7&8, the IASC Task Force on Localisation, as well as the GB caucuses on quality funding and the role of intermediaries.