The Facilitation Group and workstream Co-convenors prioritised 11 core commitments (out of original 51) to move forward with the implementation.

At the Annual Meeting in June 2019 in Geneva 59 Signatories (out of 61) put forward 63 collective and individual action points to scale up existing progress and address remaining obstacles to implementation of commitments.

JANUARY 2020: 48 (76%) of the action points were reported as either completed, ongoing or planned to be started, including 13 collective action points (87% of the original ones), and 35 individual ones (73% of the ones initially put forward).

Signatories and workstreams are working towards results on areas prioritised by the Eminent Person and Facilitation Group:

The enhanced quality funding workstream has been refining the evidence base to show that multi-year funding and reduced earmarking have the potential to contribute to effectiveness and efficiency of humanitarian responses. They are now focusing on the following issues: passing down quality funding to implementing partners, and collecting case studies on unearmarked funding and best practices on quality funding.

After concluding the pilot phase of the harmonised reporting template mid-2019, the 8+3 template has been finalised. It represents a useful tool to reduce the reporting burden for partners, while providing the necessary information for donors. Several Signatories have already adopted the template, but more need to do so to achieve all of its potential system-wide benefits.

The workstream members on coordinated needs assessments and analysis are currently focused on further strengthening data and its use in joint analysis to better understand the inter-relationships between needs, their causes and underlying risks and vulnerabilities. Work on the Joint Intersectoral Analysis Framework is a key focus of this effort.

The localisation workstream undertook missions to 3 countries in 2018-19, and organised 4 conferences in different regions in 2019, gathering participants from over 40 countries. The outcomes are being synthesised into guidance notes for the Signatories on partnership, capacity strengthening, coordination, financing, gender and arrangements between donors and intermediaries.

The cash workstream is working on improving coordination by tackling the political level, and involving local partners. They are also committed to enhance quality of cash by improving capacity, and by piloting multi-purpose cash outcome indicator guidance. To improve gendered outcomes in cash programming, they are developing guidance on GBV and cash.

IN 2020:

14 February 2020: Self-reporting

The Signatories are submitting self-reports, which will result in an Annual Independent Report of the progress.

April 2020: Expert level meeting on risk sharing

The Netherlands and ICRC are organising a meeting with experts beyond the Grand Bargain to discuss risk sharing.

May 2020: Co-convenors workshop

Workstream Co-convenors and the Facilitation Group will meet ahead of the Annual Meeting to discuss progress and remaining challenges.

25 June 2020: Annual Meeting

The Signatories will gather in Geneva to take stock of the progress made and decide on the next steps.

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