



Creating Alternative Knowledge: Localisation in Practice

The vision of Alliance for Empowering Partnership is a world where sustainable, independent and accountable local organisations promote a society based on democratic principles, equality and social justice, and particularly in aid-recipient countries, are leading voices and play a leading role in relief and humanitarian assistance.

Our mission is to create an active and effective network of independent and locally grown organisations and global activists. We provide a platform for promoting South – South cooperation through information dissemination, sharing experiences, evidence, good practice and learning. We share information about our initiatives and advocacy strategies in our own countries, where possible, contribute to on-going research and debates, and develop consulted and commonly agreed positions and advocacy strategies around the global agenda of 'localisation' 'participation revolution' and 'transparency'. We believe in triangular cooperation which emphasises that while Southern actors continue leading response and coordination and decision-making platforms, International actors continue to provide efficient complementary support. Principles of equity, justice and agency are at the heart of our discussions.

This dialogues series is brought to you by members of Alliance for Empowering Partnership supported by Community World Services Asia and, KUNO (Platform for Humanitarian Knowledge Exchange) and in collaboration with other international and local platforms to contribute to the body of alternative knowledge.

Virtual dialogue Series

There are small and large humanitarian disaster all around the world. Normally, it is the local authorities together with Civil Society actors and the citizens who are the first and longer-term responders to those disasters. Their work, however, remains under acknowledged and unrecognised and unsupported. This dialogue series hopes to create alternative knowledge.

In these dialogues, we will hear from the local actors and their partners about their experiences of localisation in practice. Why do we call it a dialogue? We see this as a conversation or discussion to resolve problems. Our focus is to talk about issues of inequities in the aid system and solutions and way forward.

Each dialogue will be held in collaboration with other platforms and with professionals from the aid sector, who will be sharing their experiences from various perspectives and addressing key questions raised by the discussion paper.

The topics of the dialogue have been identified through consultation process with A4EP members and other local and national organisations and the key current issues which are blocking the progress on localisation. It will contribute to identifying good practice and provide concrete recommendations on the way forward and reinforces our campaign “Local Actors Matter”.

A short discussion paper will be shared with the participants to provide clear focus for the dialogue. In a 90-minute session, you will hear from local and national actors of their experiences and perspectives from the country level. The participants will be able to pose questions or take part in smaller group discussions for deeper exploration of the issue. The method of participation will depend on the number of participants.

A recording of the dialogue and short paper of the discussions will be made available to the participants and the wider community after the event

Localisation Dialogue Series:

Dialogue 1: Solidarity and Diversity – Is there crisis of solidarity? Have we lost our way?

Sep 2020

Location: Online (Zoom Conference)

Actors from Global South, Regional and Country networks, INGOs, Charter4Change, Academia and others

Dialogue 2: Accountability – Who is accountable to whom?

Oct 2020

Location: Online (Zoom Conference)

Local leaders from CSO from different regions, IASC results group 2, CWS, CHS

Dialogue 3: Innovative and Empowering Partnership - Whose empowering whom?

Oct 2020

Location: Online (Zoom Conference)

Actors from Global South, Regional and Country networks, INGOs, Kuno, UN and others

Dialogue 4: Co-ordination and representation – Who is making the decisions?

Nov 2020

Location: Online (Zoom Conference)

Local, national, regional and global networks and initiatives

Dialogue 5: Localisation - Why does it matter?

Dec 2020

Location: online (Zoom conference)

Actors from Global South, Regional and Country networks, INGOs, Charter4Change, Academia and others

Details to follow.