

**Grand Bargain in 2020:**  
**Annual Self Report – Narrative Summary**

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### **Grand Bargain in 2020**

**Question 1: Reflecting on the information you have provided in the Excel spreadsheet, please highlight the 2 or 3 key outcomes or results relating to the Grand Bargain that your institution achieved in 2020?**

- Finland started providing multi-annual funding to Finnish NGOs. As a result, 12.8% of the NGO-funding granted in 2020 was multi-year (biannual).
- Finland increased flexible funding to 47.4% of the total humanitarian budget. Finland started contributing to Education Cannot Wait, oPt humanitarian fund and UNFPA thematic fund.

**Question 2: How has your institution contributed to the advancement of gender equality and women's empowerment<sup>1</sup> in humanitarian settings through its implementation of the Grand Bargain? What results/outcomes have been achieved in this regard? (please outline specific initiatives or changes in practice and their outcomes/results).** Please refer to the Guidelines for definitions of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, which are included in this self-report template package.

- Finland started contributing to the UNFPA thematic fund.
- Finland systematically promoted gender mainstreaming, inclusion of women and girls with disabilities and better tracking and reporting of gender funding and better use of flexible funding to improve gender response in humanitarian action. Joint advocacy with other donors contributed to the inclusion of stronger gender perspectives in the GHRP and to ERC's decision to allocate 25 MUSD to UNFPA and UN Women.

**Question 3: How has the humanitarian-development nexus been strategically mainstreamed in your institutional implementation of the Grand Bargain commitments?** Please explain how your institution has linked commitments 10.1 - 10.5 with other commitments from other workstreams.

### **Grand Bargain 2016-2020: Overall achievements and remaining gaps**

**Question 4: What are the 2-3 key achievements/areas of most progress by your institution since 2016?** Please report on your institutional progress for the period 2016-2020, **even** if your institution did not become a signatory until after 2016.

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<sup>1</sup> Refer to the IASC definitions of gender equality and women empowerment, available [here](#).

- Finland has systematically increased the proportion of multi-year and flexible funding. In 2020, the MFA started granting multi-year funding also to Finnish humanitarian NGOs.

**Question 5: What, in your institutional view, have been the main achievements of the Grand Bargain signatories, as a collective, since 2016?**

Please indicate specific commitments, thematic or cross-cutting issues or workstreams where you think most progress has been made collectively by signatories.

**Question 6: What has the Grand Bargain not been able to achieve in its five year tenure? What outstanding obstacles, gaps, areas of weakness still remain after five years, in terms of improving the efficiency and effectiveness of humanitarian action?** Please indicate specific commitments, thematic or cross-cutting issues or workstreams where you think there remain key gaps or obstacles.

### **Risk and the Grand Bargain**

**Question 7a: How has risk (financial, operational, reputational, etc) affected your institution's implementation of the core commitments since you became a signatory to the Grand Bargain?**

**Question 7b: How has your institution sought to mitigate or address these risks to enable implementation of the core commitments?**