



Trócaire Statement for the Grand Bargain Annual Review Meeting 2022

Trócaire's recommendations for the Grand Bargain relate to its internal structures and future mandate.

Caucuses: The Grand Bargain's caucuses can create stronger linkages and improve ways of working, particularly between the Intermediaries Caucus (which explores the evolving role of intermediary agencies) and the new Localisation Caucus (which will address barriers to achieving the 25% direct as possible funding target).

The Intermediaries Caucus can develop an action plan on how to implement agreed commitments on issues, such as: 1) sharing of indirect costs budget lines with local partners; 2) embedding capacity strengthening lines into partner budgets; 3) ensuring local partners are at the table with donors and have increased visibility; and 4) including local partners and communities throughout all aspects of project planning.

National Reference Groups: The National Reference Groups (or NRGs) are the main country-level platforms for engaging with the Grand Bargain. They seek to give voice to those with limited power within the humanitarian ecosystem. They are a space where local actors can engage in open dialogue and challenge Grand Bargain signatories and hold them accountable.

While these groups now exist in 10 countries, there is a need to ensure wider participation and understanding of their work. Donors should commit to participating in these groups, even if only in a select number of countries. The NRGs should also coordinate closely with pre-existing platforms and networks at the country level, including Start Network and the Charter for Change.

The Future of the Grand Bargain: The Grand Bargain Annual Independent Report's findings illustrated that the work of the Grand Bargain is not yet completed. It is also unlikely that the goals will be achieved in the remaining 12-month period of the Grand Bargain's current phase. As the Grand Bargain is the only platform of its kind to influence sector level change, Trócaire feels the Grand Bargain must extend its mandate beyond June 2023.

Trócaire's Grand Bargain commitments for the coming year

Building on its 50 years of experience working in partnership with local organisations around the world, Trócaire has made considerable progress on its localisation efforts and commits to the following over the coming year:

- Continue to uphold a high percentage of our funding that flows directly to local partner organisations, ensuring this remains well above the Grand Bargain's 25% commitment of direct as possible funding to local actors. Trócaire commits to do this for humanitarian and development funding to its local partners.
- Track progress of the Grand Bargain's new Localisation Caucus to support increased global commitment to the 25% direct-as-possible funding target to local actors across Grand Bargain Signatories.
- Support women-centred organisations to actively participate in and influence coordination and decision-making spaces, including cluster groups, coordination forums, and Humanitarian Country Teams.

- Proactively engage with the Grand Bargain's National Reference Groups in the countries where we work and foster the inclusion and active participation of our local partners in these spaces.
- Roll out a new organisational policy on the sharing of indirect costs with local partners. This will help support partners to cover core costs that are necessary for the long-term sustainability of their work and impact.
- Establish organisational Key Performance Indicators for our localisation objectives, including the percentage of funding that supports capacity strengthening and the number of partners supported to access direct funding from donors.

The shifting of power dynamics within the humanitarian sector takes time, but it is a necessary change that can and will result in better and more empowering forms of support to affected populations.

Trócaire believes this is a change worth pursuing and that it is possible to achieve within each organisation, regardless of its size and previously established ways of working. We will continue to advocate for this change, in close collaboration with our local partners, in our ongoing engagements with other Grand Bargain Signatories.