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Substantive progress is being made…

Evidence of shifts in norms and operational practice;
Measurable gains in efficiencies and effectiveness;
Increased country-level engagement;
Furthering gender equality;
Conviction that Grand Bargain can achieve its potential.
But....

- Progress remains uneven;
- High transaction costs for - as yet - relatively limited returns;
- ‘Quid pro quo’ is still not functional;
- Progress at technical level but limited political dialogue to resolve challenges.
How to maximise the potential of the Grand Bargain?

Adopt a strategic approach to:

- Address or better navigate remaining challenges; and
- Exploit opportunities and scale up successes
Navigate the challenges, barriers and bottlenecks that are stalling progress:

- Insufficient progress on provision of more flexible funding;
- The impact of (increased) compliance requirements;
- Linking better quality needs analyses with more principled resource allocations.
Expand, scale-up, build upon the successes achieved to date:

- Localisation: focus on the *quality* of investments in local/national partners;
- Enhanced quality funding: use the funding that is available more *strategically*;
- Harmonised reporting: upscale from a pilot to *standard* practice.