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Methodology and approach

• Consistent with 2017 and 2018 annual reports to ensure comparability = same tools, same approach, similar scope

• **Primary evidence base = self-reports**

• Verification interviews with signatories and co-conveners

• Consultations with other stakeholders

• Review of literature

• Revised reporting process
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.
Progress on localisation

1. Growing normative shift towards more support and more funding for local and national responders.

2. Increased sharing of information within and outside the workstream

3. Supporting OCHA to integrate localisation definitions into FTS

4. Promoting sharing of experiences & a coordinated approach to plugging knowledge gaps
But challenges remain....

✘ 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
Expand, scale-up, build upon the successes achieved to date:

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

- radical shifts in policy and operations
- peer-to-peer learning & exchanges
- incentives from donors to encourage shift in approach
- predictable funding for capacity strengthening programmes
- strategic approach that considers how the opportunities for and benefits of localisation can be realised across the Grand Bargain framework