GENDER PERSPECTIVES IN LOCALIZATION
# Gender Perspectives in Localization

- **Localization** – Direct support and funding to local and national responders at different levels.

- **Women CSOs Consultation** – Regional consultation with 40 Women Led CSOs from 10 countries in Eastern-Southern Africa and West-Central Africa, ActionAid, CARE and UN Women on “Voice-visibility influence - Promoting women’s leadership in humanitarian settings”.

  - **Key Recommendations** – Identification of key priority areas and recommendations for gender responsive localization.
Key Gender Priorities for Localization

- Funding for gender responsive localization
- Equitable Partnerships and Institutional Strengthening
- Gender Responsive Humanitarian Needs Assessment and Planning
- Women’s Leadership
- Accountability and Transparency as cross cutting considerations and themes
Funding for gender responsive localization -

- Dedicated and sustainable funding for Women-Led/Women Rights’ Organizations with focus on **Humanitarian Programming, Women’s Leadership, Economic Empowerment/Livelihoods, Social Protection, SGBV, Access to Services** in humanitarian and crisis response settings

- Internal funding tracking mechanism to monitor and report on partnerships and resource allocations for Women-Led/Women Rights’ Organizations across Grand Bargain Signatories (donors, UN agencies and INGOs)
Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 2

- Equitable Partnership and Institutional Strengthening-
- Focus on longer term partnerships to strengthen local WRO / WLO leadership through training, policy development, contribution to overheads, flexible funding and reporting requirements rather than transactional project-based partnerships.
- Access to humanitarian country pool funding opportunities particularly for women led and women’s rights organizations.
- Establish/Strengthen partnerships between humanitarian agencies and local Women CSOs on issues related to accountability for affected populations (gender responsive community feedback mechanisms).
- Provide alternative means of partnership/collaboration with women’s organisations by supporting coordination hubs, training, consortia development and peer support.
Gender Perspective in Localization Priority 3

- Gender Responsive Humanitarian Needs Assessment and Planning:
  - Women’s led CSOs participation and leadership at the different stages of humanitarian planning processes and humanitarian coordination mechanisms e.g: HCT and other related coordination mechanisms (including gender coordination).
  - Gender equality and empowerment of crisis affected women and girls as a stand alone component in HROs and HRPs with dedicated resource allocations.
  - Women led CSOs’ meaningful participation in priority setting in the Humanitarian Needs Overview (HNO) and Humanitarian Response Plan (HRP), Flash appeals; Conduct gender analysis and needs’ assessment with engagement of Women’s CSOs.

- Availability of sex, age, disaggregated data (SADD) and Vulnerability profiles for HNO/HRP and cluster plans.
- Establish/Strengthen women’s networks to monitor, inform and influence humanitarian response prioritization and funding allocations.
Women’s Leadership:

- Support national and local Women led and Women Rights’ CSOs on women’s leadership development for effective influence and engagement along the humanitarian-peace and development nexus.

- Promoting social norms on leadership towards inclusion and gender equality.

- Develop comprehensive leadership programs building support for women’s leadership in communities and organizations enhancing women’s self organization and links with humanitarian organizations.

- Organizational change in culture, structure and policy within the humanitarian organizations, including human resources (Affirmative actions to support women’s representation at senior management level).

- Train women’s CSOs on the cluster system, coordination, and humanitarian funding processes. Access to relevant information.
Good Practices

- Establishment of **National Cluster Gender Focal Points Reference Group (N-CGFP-RG)** – Gender coordination, capacity building, technical support and gender analysis and assessment on gender responsive planning and programming with women CSOs’ engagement (South Sudan)

- Updated **National Database** on Women led organizations working on humanitarian-peace and development nexus programming and supporting crisis affected communities (South Sudan)

- Establishment of **National Women Humanitarian Network**, that engaged with humanitarian actors on service delivery to the affected populations, with focus on the rights of women and girls (Liberia)

- Gender responsive **Post Disaster Need Assessment (PDNA)**, where local Women CSOs’ developed a Common Charter of Demands with key recommendations, including on resources. (Somalia)
Good Practices

- Documentation of the **voices and experiences** of refugee women leaders, refugee young women and girls in support of advocacy and development of priorities for humanitarian interventions and planning (Uganda)

- **Dedicated funding streams/opportunities** for local women’s organisations with a strong institutional strengthening component (across GB signatories and country contexts)
Remember - “The great end of learning is not knowledge but actions.”