Overview of the Grand Bargain and its Localisation Workstream
Consultations prior to the World Humanitarian Summit

“It is time for international humanitarian organizations to ensure a real shift of power to affected people, by seeking genuine partnerships with affected communities and other local and national actors, rather than treating southern NGOs and civil society organizations as sub-contractors.”

UN High Level Panel on Humanitarian Financing

“The transformation of simple low-cost humanitarian organisations into complex transnational bureaucracies has brought mixed results: more vulnerable people than ever are being reached with assistance but the associated rising costs are unsustainable. The centre of preparedness and response needs to be reset at the national and local levels.”
The Grand Bargain: commitments in 10 areas

1. Greater transparency
   Co-conveners: The Netherlands, World Bank

2. More support and funding tools for local and national responders
   Co-conveners: Switzerland, IFRC

3. Increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming
   Co-conveners: UK, WFP

4. Reduce duplication and management costs with periodic functional reviews
   Co-conveners: Japan, UNHCR

5. Improve joint and impartial needs assessments
   Co-conveners: ECHO, OCHA

6. Participation Revolution: include people receiving aid in making the decisions which affect their lives
   Co-conveners: USA, SCHR

7. Increase collaborative humanitarian multi-year planning and funding
   Workstreams 7 & 8 were merged in 2018. Co-conveners: Canada, Sweden, UNICEF, ICRC

8. Reduce the earmarking of donor contribution

9. Harmonize and simplify reporting requirements
   Co-conveners: Germany, ICVA

10. Enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors
    Workstream was mainstreamed in 2018.
Quid pro quo

**Humanitarians**: Transparency, reduced costs, joint needs assessments

**Donors**: Reduced earmarking, multi-year funding, harmonized reporting

Areas of mutual ambition

- Cash, humanitarian-development nexus, localisation, participation
Localisation Commitments

**Partnership**
- Remove barriers to partnerships
- Incorporate capacity strengthening into partnership agreements

**Capacity Strengthening**
- Invest in institutional capacities
- Reinforce not replace

**Financing**
- 25% as direct as possible
- More use of pooled funds
- Measure direct and indirect funding to local actors

**Coordination**
- Support and complement national mechanisms
- Involve local actors in international mechanisms
The Localisation Workstream

Members

• Grand Bargain signatories (donors, UN, INGOs, IFRC) and local actors

Activities

• Clarification of key terms
• Promoting coordination and dialogue
• Demonstrator country missions and regional workshops
• Upcoming -- Guidance notes