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Women’s leadership
What we know:

• In humanitarian and crisis settings: situation for women and girls deteriorates

• Women are first responders, agents of change, women’s organisations are active

• Limited funding for women’s organisations and gender often seen as not ‘life saving’ (UNFPA: only 1% of funds go to GBV protection)

• Limited access decision-making on humanitarian and crisis response

• Ongoing changes!
Grand Bargain (2016) and Localisation

- 2016 at WHS: 30 donors and aid organisations commit to change working practices

- LOCALISATION: commitment for increased institutional support and direct funding for local and national responders

- Aim: 2020: 25% of budget to local actors

- 2016: initiative to set up informal Grand Bargain Friends of Gender group

- 4 workstreams identified as key for women: cash, needs assessments, participation, LOCALISATION
Key aspects for the localization agenda

- Greater use of tools (including pooled funding mechanisms) that increase assistance delivered by local and national responders
- Reinforce not replace local capacities and systems
- Institutional transformation for WROs and WLOs (scale up engagement and interventions)
- Capacity strengthening considerations in partnership agreements
- Remove barriers to equal partnerships
- Support and complement national coordination mechanisms
- Include national and local actors (with focus on WROs and WLOs engagement in HCT)
- Partnership
- Institutional strengthening
- Coordination
- Financing

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What UN Women and FoG achieve:

• Technical guidance notes (summary LOCALISATION)
• Research on transformative gender responsive localization and participation – community perceptions (Jordan, Bangladesh, Uganda and Colombia)
• Global meetings/Global Dialogue
• Ongoing engagement in operationalization of workstream work plans (enhance gender dimensions)
• Global advocacy (GB Annual Meeting)
• Accountability through gender indicator integration in the GB Annual Reporting Format
Asia-Pacific regional Consultation

• Ongoing initiatives: International, regional, national/local level
• Also beyond GB (Feminist humanitarian policy, Leadership, IASC Gender Policy and Accountability Framework)

• Workstream on Localisation: regional conferences (Addis Abeba, Amman, Jakarta)
• UN Women, FoG and co-hosts Oxfam, Care and OCHA: pre-consultation with WOMEN’s GROUPS
• Aim: bring women’s organisations together for joint thinking and recommendations from their practices
• For Regional Conference on Localisation of Aid (27-28 August) and TGNs
Best practices (examples)

• Donors to internally track direct funding to women’s organisations and partnerships/ improve FTS indicators
• Engage women’s groups in committees that set criteria for partner selection
• Include women’s organisations in the humanitarian coordination processes
• Invest in the capacity of women’s organisations (also with flexible multi year funding)
• Promote long-term equal partnerships
• Women’s organisations linking up for better coordination/advocacy and scale