**Localization Workstream Workplan 2017- 2019 (Draft 3, 15 November 2017)**

**Objectives**

The overall objective of the Workstream is to promote and facilitate the implementation of the localization commitments by all Grand Bargain signatories. To achieve this, we will:

1. Ensure information sharing and wide engagement of Grand Bargain signatories and local actors in the work of this workstream, other relevant Grand Bargain workstreams as well as other initiatives and processes.
2. Demonstrate the potential for improvements in localization of aid through cooperative activities in selected pilot countries.
3. Share experience and research in order to develop common understandings of how best to achieve localization goals.
4. Support the measurement of progress on local financing goals.

**Activity plan**

| **Objectives** | **Activities** | **Coordinator or lead** | **Relevant other actors/ processes** | **Timeline** |
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| **Engagement**   * *Ensure strong information sharing and wide engagement of Grand Bargain signatories and local actors in the work of the workstream, other relevant workstreams and other initiatives and processes* | * Organize bi-monthly teleconferences of Grand Bargain signatories and other partners to share information and coordinate activities in the workstream. * Aim for at least 25% of participants of the workstream to be local actors (ensuring a diversity of voices, regions and areas of focus (e.g. women’s issues, development, etc.). * As appropriate, organize separate, smaller-group calls on specific projects (e.g., the guidance notes and/or pilot projects). * Hold quarterly webinars open to anyone interested to update on workstream progress and plans. | Co-conveners  Acceleration Localisation project, CAFOD for Charter for Change organisations, CP AOR and ICVA will reach out to their networks  Leads of the projects  Co-convenors | IASC HFTT LMWG | From September 2017  From November 2017 |
| * Engage with other Grand Bargain workstreams and other relevant actors and initiatives to ensure proper linkages. Members of the workstream who also attend other workstreams asked to share information about activities of other workstreams. | Co-conveners – with CAFOD, CARE (gender focus), Christian Aid and OXFAM.  UNICEF and OCHA with GCCG. | GB work streams.  **GCCG** and clusters. IASC, Charter 4 Change, **GHD.** | From November 2017 |
| * Promote more information-sharing and engagement between signatories and with local actors, highlighting progress, good practice and learning including through:   + a bi-monthly email bulletin,   + translating and loading key documents on the localization workstream page of the GB website   + developing orientation materials for local actors. | * + Co-conveners (with support from Humanitarian Leadership Academy (HLA))   + IFRC   + HLA and Oxfam | Charter 4 Change endorsers, VOICE Grand Bargain Taskforce | From October 2017 |
| * Organize 3 in-person regional meetings to widen engagement, discuss regional particularities and lessons, and consult on guidance products (described below) | Co-conveners (with support from signatories present in regions) |  | October 2018 - August 2019 |
| * Organize an in-person meeting in Brussels in 2018 and another in 2019 (location TBD) to consolidate and finalize guidance products. | Co-conveners with support from ECHO on organizational aspects |  | Late 2018 and late 2019 |
| **Country-level activities**  *Demonstrate potential for improvements through cooperative activities in selected pilot countries.* | * Organize 3-4 joint missions by GB signatories and local actors to 3 demonstrator countries (to be selected by GB signatories) to:   + Explore the current situation of financing, capacity strengthening, partnership, coordination (including in clusters, HCTs and NGO platforms), leadership   + Support discussions at the country level about potential improvements along the lines of the GB localization commitments   + Devote attention to how gender issues are impacted by localization   + Findings will contribute to shared guidance (below) | Co-conveners with support from OCHA, UNICEF and interested signatories from each of the main stakeholder groups |  | Throughout 2018 and early 2019 |
| * Where they don’t exist, support the development of country-based national NGO local actor coordination forums, coalitions and networks. * Support national coordination forums, coalitions/networks of local civil society actors to address issues in the workstream (and in the GB). * Including, in Nigeria, Nepal, Myanmar, South Sudan, Myanmar | ICVA, Christian Aid and Accelerating Localization project agencies, OCHA, UNICEF |  | 2018-2019 |
| * Explore the potential development of country-based funds specific to investing in capacity strengthening of local actors. | Christian Aid, CAFOD, OCHA, UNICEF | IASC HFTT, HLA Humanitarian Action Forum, NEAR | 2018 |
| **Shared guidance**  *Share experience and research to develop common understandings of how best to achieve localization goals* | * Promote and consolidate research relevant to implementation of the GB localization commitments. * Organize periodic researcher coordination meetings/teleconferences, with leads identified for each sub theme * Share updates with the workstream | Co-convenors with support from signatories willing to lead on key issues  (Missed Opportunities members, CRS, WFP/CAFOD/ UNICE, ICRC, BRC) | ODI, HLA etc | Each 6 months |
| * Develop guidance notes, tip sheets or similar tools drawing on relevant research findings and consultations in regional meetings and country pilots, on how best to implement commitments, with a focus on:   + - Best practices in partnerships     - Country-level financing solutions for local actors     - Supporting local actors to strengthen their capacity     - Engaging local actors in coordination mechanisms | Missed Opportunities, UNICEF/CP AoR  IFRC  IFRC  OCHA, UNICEF | Multiyear financing works stream, IASC HFTT  HD Nexus re country level financing | All drafts finalized September 2019 |
| **Measurement**  *Support the measurement of progress on financing goals* | * Finalize agreements on definitions and categories for reporting on financing goals.   + Disseminate consolidated guidance to relevant actors   + Dialogue with IATI, OCHA FTS, OECD other external partners that can track financing   + Support FTS to systematically categorize organizations upon finalization of definitions | Co-conveners  Co-Convenors and IASC HFTT  OCHA | Multiyear financing WS, IASC HFTT | Nov 2017 |
| Propose modifications to the 2017 GB reporting template to include reporting on financing goals and support its use by GB signatories. | Co-conveners | Facilitation Group  IASC HFTT | Nov 2017 |
| * Develop a baseline study on financing, looking at 2016 data | CAFOD/LMWG | IASC HFTT | March 2018 |