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Localisation Conversations

A series hosted by the GNC Anti-racism & Localisation Working Group

Session 3: The future of localisation and locally-led action

Welcome

Thank you for joining us

Please introduce yourself in the **chat**

If you represent a **local or national actor**, tell us something about your organization or agency/department and link to your organisation or agency's webpage or Facebook in the chat

Series overview

Session 1: What challenges are local and national actors facing?	**10 April**	**9:00 CET** **18:00 CET**
Session 2: How can the GNC Collective support local and national actors?	**14 April**	**9:00 CET** **16:30 CET**
Session 3: The future of localisation and locally-led action	**16 April**	**9:00 CET** **17:00 CET**

Summary of Localisation Conversations
Session 1

LNAs affected by the changing NiE landscape in recent months	How LNAs being affected	How LNAs adapting, innovating, or responding to these changes
Yes - 78% **Unsure - 14%** **No - 7%**	• Loss of staff, reduced teams, closed projects • Decreasing access and increasing insecurity • Reduced funding leading to reduced service provision • Effects of climate change, displacement because of drought (Somalia) • Lack of fuel for transport, restriction of supplies (Palestine) • Forced displacement of returnees from Pakistan and Iran (Afghanistan) • Female education bans (Afghanistan)	• Diversifying funding and pursuing more national government support • Increased use of digital cash transfers for efficiency • Stepped into new roles providing direct service • Prioritizing geographic areas and life-saving interventions • Narrowing programme participants to women and children, despite elderly and disabled being very vulnerable (Palestine) • Local and national actors mentoring other local and national actors for capacity strengthening, especially on climate change and assessments (Somalia)

Summary of Localisation Conversations
Session 2

Support LNAs are currently accessing	Support that would strengthen LNA ability to deliver NiE services
• Local networks that were already established • Support systems within communities • Leveraging existing funding to support projects where funding cut and prevent programmes shutting down • Buffer stocks and health facilities • Capacity strengthening and exchange opportunities • Networking and partnerships • Development of plan for building new partnerships • Coordination support from government entities	• Flexible multi-year funding, opening resource platforms to LNAs • Connecting LNAs with smaller foundations and donors for direct funding • Networking, strategic partnerships, consortiums, and ideation with international actors (IAs) for more impactful and locally-led solutions • Creation of directories of LNAs to increase their visibility • IA adoption of LNAs with similar objectives to transfer funding and support • Capacity strengthening and virtual training sessions • Support with developing SoPs • Maximize sharing of information and educational messaging through media • Support from local government and private sector resources • NiE to be technically supported by the host country • Nutrition supplies • Hardware

Session flow

- Series of interactive **polls**
- Open floor for **discussion** throughout
- Don’t hesitate to turn on your **mic** to speak
- Write your thoughts and insights in the **chat**
- Questions may be redirected **to the group**

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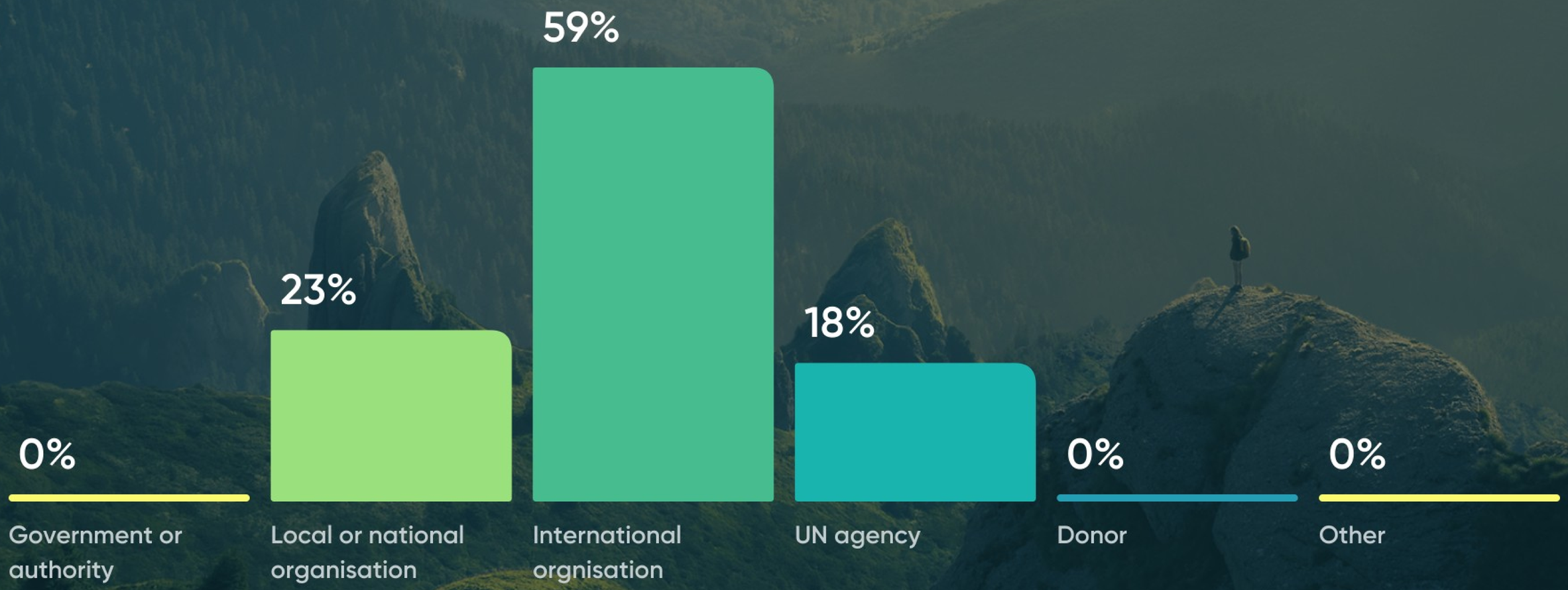
What kind of organisation or agency do you represent?



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Where are you joining us from today?

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East Asia and the Pacific

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South Asia

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Eastern and Southern Africa

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West and Central Africa

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Middle East and North Africa

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Latin America and the Caribbean

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Central Asia

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Other

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What do you envision for the future of localisation and locally-led action?

To become an actual commitment aiming at sustainability rather than an item on the checklist to gain funding!

To become the exit strategy of INGOs

Actions from all clusters should be taken based on the needs from the local people and not based on donors interests

Moving beyond token participation toward meaningful influence in programming decision, policy spaces etc

Local or national NGOs are empowered through technical and financial assistance to implement need-based quality humanitarian and developmental projects in their countries.

As part of the humanitarian reset - shifting funding and implementation from UN agencies to local organization

Donor will clarify their definition of localisation and actually invest in it by increasing direct engagement with local NGOs

I envision that it will lead to an empowerment of locals and that there will be more ownership over planning and outcomes

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What do you envision for the future of localisation and locally-led action?

Local lead and empowerment

Humanitarian locally-led action should be centred about building resilience for sustainable interventions impact, beyond urgent and life-saving support.

Having fair playing field at all levels with INGOs

Develop a localization strategy to create an operational guide

co-creation and co-implementation between international actors and LNAs with LNAs and the communities in the lead.

to place the local organization in its rightful place in the humanitarian structure as a key and essential part of the chain

Power shifted to local actors with long term flexible funding, have power to make their decisions using their local knowledge.

local organizations and community, actively participate from the design of the response, to the implementation, monitoring and evaluation, giving them the resources to make this possible is to give th

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What do you envision for the future of localisation and locally-led action?

Partnering with local NGOs can lower operational costs and enhance project impact, but it's essential to implement robust monitoring systems to ensure accountability and effectiveness.

(...) is to give them the place they deserve in the humanitarian chain.

Local actors should be involved in the current humanitarian reset discussions and chare their own narratives

Local actors to have a voice at local, regional and international platforms

Considering localization, we should boost the capacity building, which is crucial as they couldn't

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Local and national actors should lead program design, implementation, and decision-making. International actors can support through capacity building, technical expertise, and resource mobilization.

Local and National Actors are able to assess the current status, attract funding, design and implement projects to address the gaps and bring tangible improvements by ensuring accountability,

LNA leading programme designs and implementation with technical support from international actors.

Local and national actors are better positioned to implement projects effectively in remote areas due to their local knowledge, accessibility, established community trust, and adaptability, which enab

Local and national actors will leverage technology to enhance communication, data sharing, and the implementation of solutions.

which enables them to address challenges that often deter INGOs from such regions.

LNA delivering quality programs through mentorship and coaching by international actors

local and national actors could work together and Local and national actors should lead program design

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They can play a key role on local solution for social cohesion in conflict affected sites.

Shifting from direct service delivery to capacity strengthening, funding, and technical support

Move away the top down approach and invest in Capacity sharing, mutual learning and leveraging the existing local capacities

Local actors need to have decision -making authority and set agenda together with all actors. They need to be at the decision-making table.

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What needs to shift now, during this period of change, to build the foundation for that vision?

Redesign coordination structures to enable local leadership (e.g., co-leadership in clusters).

The UN and donors need to shift from a risk and compliance mentality - and allow space for more flexible funding flows

Having partnership models where INGOs work in partnership with LNA rather than mainly as providers of aid

Prioritize local human resource development, leadership training, and systems (HR, finance, M&E).

Local and National Actors need to have strong representation in the Humanitarian Reset!

Funders should consult and co-design with local organizations, not just contract them.

Mindset of top to down planning should Shift now.

Existing policies and strategies of LNA to be reviewed toward further enrichment in alignment with international standards, more funding to be allocated to LNA, monitoring systems to be strengthened.

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External leadership needs to take steps back, and in many cases even leave in order to allow for local leadership to full develop. Continued support and shared expertise from afar is important

Incentivize donors and INGOs to measure success by how well they support local leadership, not visibility.

There is a need to develop a truly effective LNA capacity-building system that works in parallel but also in synergy with the humanitarian system already in place.

INGOs should transition to technical support roles, exit strategies, or advisory functions.

Current power-holders need to open up spaces for national level leadership. Nothing should be done without local leadership - international actors should only do things that local actors ask for.

Less top down approach and invest more in capacity sharing, mutual learning lavaging the existing local capacities

Enforce localization quotas (e.g., 30–40% of all humanitarian funding must go to local actors). Tie donor compliance to auditable localization benchmarks, not just voluntary commitments.

Empowerment of LNAs so that they're confident enough on international platforms and not feel "too small to have a voice"

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to make local Org capable to lead the projects .

Institution capacity building,

Donors, INGOs and LNAs to jointly address what would make direct funding to LNAs possible

Shift to local frameworks of aid, drawing on indigenous knowledge, mutual aid, and solidarity principles.

Capacity building of the international actors on evidence of how significant the shift to locally led response is vital for sustainably impactful interventions.

Shifting to a localization model in humanitarian aid involves channeling all funding through the Afghanistan Humanitarian Fund (AHF) to reduce overhead and eliminate middle actors,

Local actors must have equal seats in coordination bodies (e.g., not just "consulted" but co-chairing. Shift to capacity-sharing instead of capacity-building

Bringing voices together to ensure these local national actors are heard

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What needs to shift now, during this period of change, to build the foundation for that vision?

Create an enabling environment in which LNAs capacities are strengthened, their needs as expressed by them and the fully participate and lead the planning, development, implementation and monitoring

2. like large UN agencies, that take over 35% for operational costs. This increases cost efficiency, ensuring more resources reach communities. Effective monitoring by the AHF and local

Eliminate harmful language like “capacity-building” that implies inferiority.

we need to prioritize shifting power and resources to local and national actors, strengthen community-based systems, and ensure sustained investment in capacity building, coordination, and resilient h

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local & National enhancing digital infrastructure and communication channels will facilitate better collaboration and information sharing across all levels

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