

The Grand Bargain: Working Together efficiently and Effectively



What is the “Bargain”?

Donors:

- Reduce earmarking
- More multi-year funding
- Simplify and harmonise reporting requirements



Agencies:

- Increased Transparency
- Reduction duplication & management costs
- Multi-year planning
- Joint impartial needs assessment

Jointly:

- Increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming
- Enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors
- More support and funding for local and national responders
- Participation revolution: include people receiving aid in making the decisions which affect their lives

Grand Bargain Commitment localization:

*National and local responders comprising governments, communities, Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies and local civil society are often the first to respond to crises, remaining in the communities they serve **before, after and during emergencies.***

*We are committed to making **principled humanitarian action as local as possible and as international as necessary** recognising that international humanitarian actors play a vital role particularly in situations of armed conflict.*

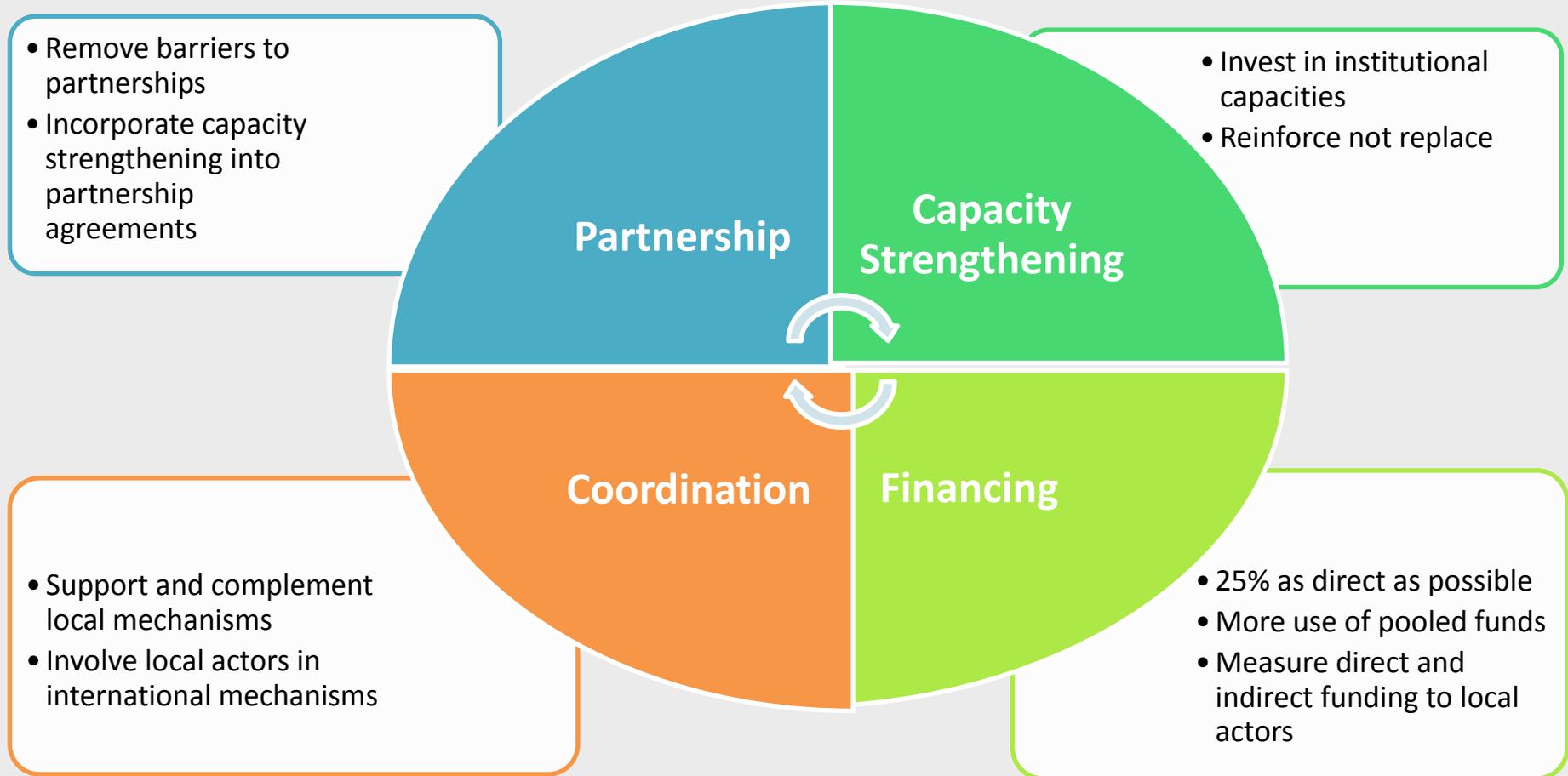
*We engage with local and national responders in a **spirit of partnership** and **aim to reinforce rather than replace** local and national capacities.*

Localization – what and why?

- Localization is about improved support for **local humanitarian action**.
- **Complementarity**: achieving a **balance between local and international action in order to maximise effectiveness of humanitarian response**.
- Recognizing local actors are key - they have a **distinct comparative advantage**, can help to ensure early response and access, acceptance, cost effectiveness, and link with development (i.e. reducing the impact of future crises).
- Currently **the balance is skewed** and humanitarian systems often ineffective and inefficient. Needs to be a far greater focus on local action and local leadership by local actors.
- **How?** We hope to contribute to achieving this through ensuring **strong, sustainable, relevant, principled and effective local organizations**.
- The **Grand Bargain** promotes certain localization objectives & creates concrete commitments.



GB Commitments



IFRC work to progress the Localization objectives

- **Co-convenor of GB workstream 2:** Coordinating, promote meaningful participation of local actors
- Promoting the **important role and comparative advantages of local actors** within the humanitarian ecosystem
- Agreeing **definitions and developing a baseline**
- Guidance on **best practice on capacity strengthening**
- Understand **donor barriers** to funding local actors
- Analysis of **pooled funds** from localization perspective
- **Regional workshops and interagency missions** to identify good practices
- **Advocacy** with donors and other humanitarians
- Bringing together the movement to discuss what this means for us – be part of this conversation.

