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Methodology and approach

- Consistent with 2017 and 2018 annual reports to ensure comparability = same tools, same approach, similar scope
- Primary evidence base = self-reports
- Verification interviews with signatories and co-conveners
- Consultations with other stakeholders
- Review of literature
- Revised reporting process



Substantive progress is being made...

Evidence of shifts in norms and operational practice;

Measurable gains in efficiencies and effectiveness;

Increased country-level engagement;

Furthering gender equality;

Conviction that Grand Bargain can achieve its potential.

Workstream 2:

More support and funding for local and national responders



Workstream 3:

Increase the use and coordination of cash



Workstream 9:

Harmonise and simplify reporting requirements





Progress on localisation

- 1. Growing normative shift towards more support and more funding for local and national responders.
- 2. Increased sharing of information within and outside the workstream
- 3. Supporting OCHA to integrate localisation definitions into FTS
- 4. Promoting sharing of experiences & a coordinated approach to plugging knowledge gaps



But challenges remain....

- **X** Progress remains uneven;
- X High transaction costs for <u>as yet</u> relatively limited returns;
- **X** 'Quid pro quo' is still not functional;
- X Progress at technical level but limited political dialogue to resolve challenges.





How to maximise the potential of the Grand Bargain?

Adopt a <u>strategic</u> approach to:

- Address or better navigate remaining challenges; and
- **I** Exploit opportunities and scale up successes



Expand, scale-up, build upon the successes achieved to date:

- Enhanced quality funding: use the funding that is available more *strategically*;
- Harmonised reporting: upscale from a pilot to standard practice.
- Localisation: focus on the *quality* of investments in local/national partners



Achieving localisation in practice will require...

- radical shifts in policy and operations
- o peer-to-peer learning & exchanges
- o incentives from donors to encourage shift in approach
- o predictable funding for capacity strengthening programmes
- strategic approach that considers how the opportunities for and benefits of localisation can be realised across the Grand Bargain framework

