

Report on

ToGETHER Global Conference on Localization of Humanitarian Aid 23 to 31 October 2022 in Bonn –Germany.



Introduction and background of the conference:

The “Towards Greater Effectiveness and Timeliness in Humanitarian Emergency Response” Programme, in short ToGETHER, promotes the localization of humanitarian action. It combines the efforts of 40 local and national humanitarian organisations from Bangladesh, Colombia, DR Congo, Ethiopia, Indonesia, Myanmar, Pakistan, Somalia along with four international organizations from Germany (Caritas Germany, Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe and Malteser International). The 40 Local Humanitarian Partners (LHPs) and the four international consortium partners create a space for complementary partnerships and promote local partners’ roles as leading actors in humanitarian response of their countries, putting localisation - understood as transformation - into practice.

For the review of mid-term its mid-term achievements, exchange on the challenges and learnings and promote the institutionalization of good practices for a locally led, more timely and effective humanitarian response, all participating organization met at the “ToGETHER Global Conference for localization of humanitarian aid – Turning the promises into action” in Bonn, Germany. From Bangladesh, 13 people participated from 5 partner organization of ToGETHER. I have been participating in conference and also joined in one day mini conference organized by Malteser International.

Conference Agenda:

	MONDAY 24	TUESDAY 25	WEDNESDAY 26			THURSDAY 27	FRIDAY 28					
09.00 - 09.30	Conference Opening - Welcome & Introduction	5th Programme Advisory Committee Meeting - Global Report	The Humanitarian Operations and Innovation Facility - an effective funding mechanism?	Priorities - Rowing in the same direction based on evolution, innovation and context	Humanitarian Coordination - from access to local leadership	Welcome	As local as possible - What can donors and intermediaries contribute? Voices from the field					
09.30 - 10.30						Keynote "Localizing humanitarian action in Africa" Chilande Kuloba-Warria Managing Director Warande Advisory Centre, Kenya						
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break											
11.00 - 12.30	ToGETHER in eight countries - Two years of learning and progress	Finance and Processes for Localization	MEAL for Localization	5. Programme Advisory Committee Meeting	Humanitarian Operations and Innovation Facility - an effective funding mechanism?	Priorities - Rowing in the same direction based on evolution, innovation and context	Humanitarian Coordination - from access to local leadership	Equal Partnerships - equitable, balanced, and strategic?	Participation Revolution: Affected people's decision first!	Flexible & direct Funding - new mechanisms for greater impact	The thin line between opportunities, challenges and risks: The role of Intermediaries	ToGETHER Collaboration - Meeting our own demands
12.30 - 13.30	Lunch break											
13.30 - 15.00	Taking Stock - Strengths and Opportunities	Finance and Processes for Localization	MEAL for Localization	5. Programme Advisory Committee Meeting	Networking / Meet & Greet (16.00-20.00)			Equal Partnerships - equitable, balanced, and strategic?	Participation Revolution: Affected people's decision first!	Flexible & direct Funding - new mechanisms for greater impact	The thin line between opportunities, challenges and risks: The role of Intermediaries	ToGETHER in the Future - Perspectives after 2023
15.00 - 16.00								Presentation of key results (after coffee break from 15.00-15.30)				
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16.30 - 17.30	Daily wrap-up	Daily wrap-up		Networking / Meet & Greet (16.00-20.00)					Outlook & Farewell			

Key Achievements and lesson learnt:

- I. Making good coordination and networking among the participants and partner organization from different parts of the world.
- II. Contributing the "ToGETHER Network" and took some action point for the establishment of the network.
- III. Participating in different session Humanitarian Operations and Innovation Facility (HOIFA) session, Humanitarian Standard, flexible and direct funding, ToGETHER Collaboration etc.
- IV. Learn how to organize the virtual and in-person conference at a time.
- V. Emphasize on direct and flexible funding
- VI. Attending the day-long mini conference in MI HQ and met the senior management team.
- VII. Participating and contributing humanitarian standards session.



ToGETEHR Network:

I have been participating and contributing one group on networking and advocacy. We drafting the way forward of starting the “ToGETHER Network”. We set up some action points in this regard. I have taken the responsibility for drafting the vision mission, strategy, and constitution for the proposed network.



Ensuring the Accountability to the Affected Population



I have participated one session regarding the AAP. Some key recommendation from the session are:

- Humanitarian actors need to identify and address the needs and vulnerabilities of members of affected communities, and it equally requires them to recognize and harness the capacities, knowledge, and aspirations of those communities.
- Community members must be engaged and empowered throughout all stages of the humanitarian program cycle not only to be a part of decision making, but to be equal partners helping to drive the process.
- Organizations need to establish a direct, responsible, and respectful relationship with affected communities and ensure that, during planning, implementation and monitoring, affected communities participate in and provide feedback on decisions and activities that affect them.

Day-long learning Conference at MI HQ

A day-long conference held on MI HQ on 31 October 2022. 10 organizations including MI HQ staff participated in the conference. I have contributed in the participation revolution.



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