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**As local as possible, as international as necessary:
Making localisation happen**



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National and local actors at the center?



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Recognising national and local actors' roles and their importance on one hand, and empowering them to play a stronger role on the other





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- Sustainable response before, during and after
- Preparedness
- Know the context
- Accountable to the population

What does it look like in practice?



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Localisaiton in practise

- Develop long-term partnerships with local actors
- Build partners' organisational and technical capacity
- Link risk reduction, preparedness and response efforts
- Engage with the private sector
- Link local, regional and international efforts

Localisation in practice for a Humanitarian Coordinator?

What it means in Pakistan

- More support for national and local government in preparedness and response – e.g. targeted training for government counterparts and local stakeholders
- More support for national civil society organizations (48 targeted sessions for 1,162 Civil Society staff)



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What it means in Pakistan – continue

- Investment in strengthening relations with government and local civil society counterparts e.g. – joint presentation of best practices and lesson learned at the WHS
- International partners commit to not poaching staff from national and local organisations
- Collective HCT support to building national NGO coalitions through engagement, voice and funding e.g. HCT and clusters

Concrete steps taken in the Philippines?



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Practical steps promoting localization:

- National Societies are present everywhere for everyone – invest at local level to train, develop volunteers and build capacity
- Invest in preparedness before, during and after disasters e.g. work with government and the private sector through the clusters to agree on coordination and establish contingency plans
- Support the government to implement the Disaster Risk Reduction law
- Put in place MoUs with national and local authorities before disasters



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Practical steps promoting localization:

- Develop an internal strategic and operational plan and adopt accepted standards and procedures
- Engage with established community disaster management committees for assessments and accountability
- Ensure that investment in local actors is with “quality money” e.g. the new RC/RC National Society Investment Fund and I Billion Coalition



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Post Haiyan/Yolande, the Philippines

- Local level who, what, where - all local, national and international actors must register with the local authorities to achieve more integrated effort in support to the whole response plan
- National society in driving seat across the movement - in the Philippines, the Red Cross developed one plan and one action to streamline coordination among Red Cross actors, with the government and other players for effective and well-coordinated response

Practical examples from a donor perspective

Examples of localised responses

- Fiji – supporting the Government of Fiji’s leadership of the Tropical Cyclone Winston response
 - Providing clear information to local partners on what international assistance is available and can support their response
 - Assistance is demand rather than supply driven
- Developing a Framework for Responding to Natural Disasters in the Pacific



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Engaging the private sector

- A diverse actor that wants to engage in different ways
- Insurance, telecommunications, banks, and local tourism operators e.g. can often mobilise expertise and resources
- Protracted crisis - local transport companies can reach hard to access communities and increase the transparency

Concrete steps by the Humanitarian Country Team in Pakistan?

Overcoming key challenges

- Past way of working by international agencies
- Complex and alienating internal agency and donor procedures
- Contested relations between national government and civil society
- Transparency and risk management barriers
- Varying capacities of Government and civil society counterparts



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Pakistan good practice

The 2005 earthquake response - Oxfam implementation via national partners:

- Deep partnerships and training of national NGOs over a long period.
- Inclusion of INGO staff with national NGO teams helped mitigate risks with reporting and build capacity according to international good practice.



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Pakistan good practice

2010 floods – HCT/UNCT investment in the National Disaster Management Authority and some Provincial Disaster Management Authorities:

- Emergency preparedness and DRR
- Seconding staff
- Long term commitment/institution analysis

Pakistan good practice – funding

The Pakistan Humanitarian Pooled Fund (PHPF) priorities:

- **Training** of national NGOs - on how best to apply and design a “project “ - because they:
 - know the communities best
 - have better access
 - stay with communities beyond the projects
- **Funding** NGOs - in the last four years between 87 % and 100 % of PHPF was granted to national civil society



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What is STAIT?

The Senior Transformative Agenda Implementation Team (STAIT) was created by the Emergency Directors' Group (EDG) in December 2013.

Its purpose is to provide peer support to Humanitarian Coordinators (HCs) and Humanitarian Country Teams (HCTs) to strengthen the effectiveness of humanitarian response in the field.

The team reports to the EDG, is hosted by OCHA, and supported administratively by UNDP.

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