

## “Road Map to strengthening and handover responsibility of the field operation to Local NGOs/CSOs in accordance to International commitments towards Localization on humanitarian and development works and ensure security / compensation to local humanitarian and development staffs and volunteers.”

**1.** 19th August is world Humanitarian Day (WHD). Since 2008 UN OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs) observes WHD day in every year to pay tribute to aid workers who risk their lives in humanitarian service, and to rally support for people affected by crises around the world. In Bangladesh since 2017 WHD has been observing by Bangladeshi NGOs CSOs, UN, INGOs and other Humanitarian Actors. This year the above call has been set as the theme of WHD 2018 in Bangladesh.

**2.** On call from UN Secretary General and through a global consultation process during 2014-2016 World Humanitarian Summit (WHS) held in Istanbul in May 2016. In the WHS State leaders, UN agencies, Donors and INGOs signed and agreed Grand Bargain ten streams and 51 indicators for effective humanitarian works, strengthening of local actors and accountability to effected people.

**3.** Localization agenda is one the ten streams of Grand Bargain that leads to promote leadership to local actors, accountability to effected population and transparent financial transaction and include local actors in need assessment, monitoring and reporting and ensure complementarity to provide as much as direct project funding to local organizations and gradually reduce transection cost. The main promise of those commitments of localization are:

- Bring the local organizations in leadership
- Ensuring scope of accountability to the Local people, especially to the affected community
- Ensuring full transparency of expenditures including financial transactions
- Monitoring, reporting, and demand mediation process must be inclusive, all stakeholder organizations must be involved.
- Endeavor to provide funding for institutional development of local organizations on a long-term basis, and continuously try to reduce management costs.

**4.** There are 10 streams in the Grand Bargain Commitment (those are: 1. Greater transparency, 2. more support and funding tools for local and national responders, 3. increase the use and coordination of cash-based programming, 4. reduce duplication and management costs with periodic functional reviews, 5. improve joint and impartial needs assessments, 6. a participation revolution: include people receiving aid in making the decisions which affect their lives, 7. increase collaborative humanitarian multi-year planning and funding,

8. reduce the earmarking of donor contributions, 9. harmonise and simplify reporting requirements, 10. enhance engagement between humanitarian and development actors). These commitments also have 51 indicators.

**5.** Global 28 INGOs have signed, or recognized another document called Charter for Change (C4C) that is also recognized outcome of WHS. This document has been largely made up of eight commitments:



### 15 July 2018, and the death of a local NGO education worker!

Only one vehicle used to run in every 15 minutes on the Arakan Road in Cox's Bazar to Teknaf part. Now more than 15 vehicles are running in every minute including the heavy trucks carrying relief every now and then. One of such trucks carrying bamboo accidentally fallen on few battery-powered auto-rickshaws near Ghumdum on July 15th causing four people died. Rozina Akter, an education worker of Mukti Cox's Bazar sitting inside one of those auto-rickshaws, is one of the four died in that accident. She had been working with Mukti Cox's Bazar as a Filed Organizer in a project funded by UNICEF for nearly two years. Rozina threw her 2-years old son outside and saved him. With her husband Manzur Alam, Rozina used to live in Balukhali of Ukhia. Bimal Chandra Sarkar, the chief executive officer of Cox's Bazar, said that Rozina was a dedicated worker of Mukti.

- Increase direct funding to southern-based NGOs for humanitarian action
- Reaffirm the Principles of Partnership
- Increase transparency around resource transfers to southern-based national and local NGOs
- Stop undermining local capacity
- Emphasize the importance of national actors
- Address subcontracting
- Robust organizational support and capacity strengthening
- Communication to the media and the public about partners

**6.** In 2007 the Principle of Partnership was signed in the context of the importance of local organizations. These principles includes- Equality, Transparency, Result-oriented approach, Responsibility Complementarity. Unfortunately, there was no follow-up of this policy.

**7.** In the light of the above Grand Bargain and Charter for Change, Bangladeshi NGOs has developed 18 proposals through about 6 months process during 2017, which was presented on 19th August 2017 in front of senior officials of UN organizations and International NGOs through a seminar in Dhaka. An overview of our statement is given as an appendix.

**8.** In the same way, we and our alliance Cox's Bazar CSO-NGO Forum (CCNF, www.cxb-cso-ngo.org) have been campaigning from September 2017, about how localization could be done in Rohingya relief programs. The expectations were presented to all. In this case,

10 expectations are given as an appendix for this statement.

**9.** In light of the above expectations, today we would like to place the following demands:

**(A) UN Organizations and International NGOs will have to declare a roadmap for their activities in the light of Grand Bargain and Charter for Change, in particular, how ensure localization in Rohingya relief program.**

**(B) UN Organizations and International NGOs will have to work for institutional development so that local NGOs / CSOs in Bangladesh can grow as sustainable as sovereign and accountable organization.**

**(C) UN organizations and international NGOs should stop unethical poaching of staff from the local NGOs. Because local NGOs work on a long-term basis for the sustainable development of this country. Local NGOs must get compensation if their staff hired by UN organization and International NGOs.**

**(D) Recently, a female worker of an NGO named Mukti was killed in a road accident in Cox's Bazar while she was going to relief operation. In the rescue operation, workers of the partners or local organization should get compensation as the compensation provided to the employees of the donors' organizations and compensation for accidents.**



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