

Less Talk, More Walk

Post World Humanitarian Summit: What Lessons, What Perspectives

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WHS 2013 – 2016: Bottom Up Discussion

- Grass root voice hear
- Self realization
- Multi stakeholder relation



Major Outputs from my perspective (I am representing southern local / national NGO)

- Localization (for the sake of sustainability of the effort, with community)
- Accountability (not only upward but also downward accountability especially to the humanitarian victims)
- Not mere response, need to promote the philosophy of humanitarianism





Major Results

- ♦ Charter 4 Change by INGOs (committed for 20 % fund through local NGOs, which is now 2 %)
- Big Bergain, partnership in view of equality and dignity,
- Need political attention to the root causes, need more investment,
- Formation and lunching of Network for Empowering Aid Response (NEAR) by Southern Local / National NGOs, to reshape power balance with community.
- Platform on Disaster Displacement (state led initiative, Germany is the Chair, Bangladesh is the vice chair, 30 states are there including EU), to respond the issue large scale migrants especially climate induce displacement.





Challenges

- Is UN and INGOs will LESS TALK and MORE WALK, need reform inhouse, will their staff relinquish power
- ◆ CAPACITY does not mean only Accounts Ability it should be ACCOUNTABILITY, need to REDEFINE Capacity with SOUTHERN PERSPECTIVE, COMMITEMENT should be FIRST
- PROMOTION of HUMANITARIAN PHILOSHOPY, not the mere RESPONSE. Put the PEOPLE FIRST, may be not the STATE



How to do Equality and Dignity based partnership

- Set partnership principles, do periodical review
- Management based on mutual accountability, at level, now it is Uni-dimensional
- Set equal level of salary for equal level of competencies
- Institutional development cost
- Open and cross communication, but line decision,



How to do Equality and Dignity based partnership

- Whistle blowing and confidentiality management with mutual respect,
- Freedom in operational management, monitoring but advice in focal level,
- Partner and community participation in all level of project design implementation and review
- ♦ Complain response mechanism



Thank you

