Grand Bargain: field perspectives 2018
Key findings and recommendations

Since the Grand Bargain was agreed in 2016, Ground Truth Solutions and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and
Development have been tracking progress through the first-hand experience of affected people and aid providers in seven countries.
This summary outlines the main findings from surveys we conducted in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Haiti, Lebanon, Uganda and
Somalia. To find out more and read all the findings, visit www.groundtruthsolutions.org/grandbargain.

Key findings

1. There has been little change in how affected people view aid

By and large, affected people haven’t seen any difference in the aid they receive since last year. Haiti is the exception,
with strong improvements, but only compared to dramatically low scores in 2017.

2. People feel safe and treated with respect by aid providers

Consistently across countries and contexts, people who have received humanitarian aid say they feel mostly safe in
their place of residence. They also feel treated with respect by aid providers who, they do believe, have their best
interests at heart.

3. Much of the aid provided does not meet priority needs

As in previous years, about half of the people surveyed do not feel the aid delivered meets their most important needs, let
alone enables self-reliance, as the Grand Bargain aims to achieve.

4. Affected people are largely satisfied with cash assistance, while humanitarians seem slightly less enthusiastic about it

Satisfaction with cash assistance has grown over time amongst people affected by crisis. Although humanitarian staff remain
positive about cash assistance, their enthusiasm has decreased slightly since 2017.
Recommendations

- Shift focus from policy discussions at global level to tracking impact of Grand Bargain commitments on the ground.
- Test indicators developed by Grand Bargain workstreams to measure progress.
- Pair indicators of Grand Bargain workstreams with indicators derived from affected people’s perceptions of progress.
- Base tracking of performance on people’s views of success in achieving strategic goals of Humanitarian Response Plans in countries.

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