



# The Grand Bargain Bimonthly Updates

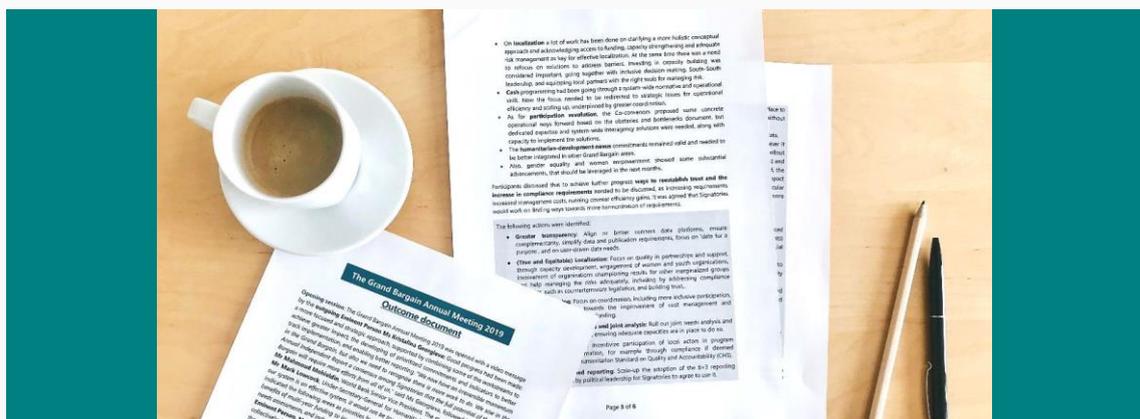
Latest news from the Grand Bargain | September 2019

July and August saw the finalization of the [Grand Bargain Annual Meeting 2019 outcome document](#). It bears witness to the renewed energy that was expressed by the Signatories on 27 June 2019 in Geneva. You identified a number of collective and individual actions you are willing to take to move forward with the ambitious commitments you signed up for in 2016, demonstrating confidence and determination to achieve further progress.

The Grand Bargain is continuing full speed ahead in autumn. As you'll see below, workstream 9 **finalized the harmonized reporting (8+3) template**, which is now ready for roll-out. Some donors and UN agencies have committed to do so already, but more Signatories need to adopt the template in order to achieve the collective progress that the Grand Bargain intends to achieve. Workstreams 7&8 just concluded an important workshop to move forward with **enhanced quality funding** through reduced earmarking, multi-year planning and funding. Workstream 2 held their last of the three regional events to understand better the national and regional experiences of **localisation**, and are preparing for their global conference in October. Finally, following a mapping exercise on overlapping priorities and in an effort to strengthen collaboration between the **IASC** and the Grand Bargain initiative, OCHA, as the current Chair of the Facilitation Group (FG), represented the FG in the Results Group Co-chair meeting on 10 September 2019 to discuss how to strengthen the linkages between the Results Groups and the work of the workstreams. You'll find further updates from the workstreams and upcoming activities below.

Last but not least, as the FG 2018/19 finishes its mandate at the end of September, we would like to take this opportunity to thank Sweden, USA, OCHA, UNICEF, IFRC, and InterAction for their significant investments and relentless efforts over the last year to steer the Grand Bargain and move forward with achieving more efficiency and effectiveness of the humanitarian system. We look forward to welcoming the new FG members in October 2019.

The Grand Bargain Secretariat



## The Grand Bargain Annual Meeting 2019 Outcome document

[>> Click here to read it](#)

Read the [final summary note](#) from the Grand Bargain Annual Meeting 2019, including identified collective and individual **actions** that Signatories will take to **move forward with their Grand Bargain commitments**.



### Localisation: wrap-up of the regional conferences

The **Asia Pacific localisation conference** held in Jakarta on 27-28 August 2019 was the last of three regional events being organized by the Grand Bargain localisation workstream to broaden the dialogue on localisation, to understand better the national and regional experiences of localisation, and to advance guidance products for the workstream. [>> Click here to read more](#)

### Cash: two new priority areas

As a result of the discussions held during the third Grand Bargain (GB) Cash workstream workshop held in Rome in May, two new priority areas have been created to increase the leverage of the work carried out in the cash workstream, better coordinate with other workstreams and improve the inclusion of local partners. One is related to tackling political blockages to effective cash, and one to local partnerships. [>> Click here to read more.](#)



### Progress on reducing duplication of management and other costs through maximising efficiencies in procurement and logistics

One of the commitments under the “Reduce duplication and management costs” Grand Bargain workstream is to “reduce duplication of management and other costs through maximising efficiencies in procurement and logistics for commonly required goods and services”. UNHCR, Co-convenor of the workstream, is working with WFP to deliver on this commitment. When the UN family spends annually USD 18 billion in procurement of goods and services, the savings it generates could amount to hundreds of millions. UNHCR and WFP are leveraging this UN reform opportunity to deliver on the Bussiness Innovation Group (BIG) targets. [>> Click here to see the progress](#)



### Participation revolution: developing a workplan

Workstream 6 Co-convenors USA and SCHR have been conducting meetings since the Annual Meeting in June, as they develop a new workplan to take them through to 2021. They have updated the workstream mailing list and are working with key stakeholders, including OCHA, the CHS Alliance and the IASC Results Group 2 (Enhanced Accountability and Inclusion) to build upon the develop a zero draft of the workplan which should go out to the workstream members in mid-September for comments and proposals. The aim is for their workstream plan to complement and build upon work already being done by technical specialists, the IASC and other groupings, while empowering champions of effective participation across the humanitarian ecosystem, whether they are project officers in frontline partners or CEOs and Board members.

One area of concern is the **gap in participation by local actors** who may be represented in the Grand Bargain by the NEAR network or ICVA. Please do encourage local actors to participate by sharing their contact details with [Gareth Price-Jones](#) (SCHR) to become a workstream member.

## Harmonized Reporting Template finalized and ready for roll-out

Following the conclusion of the pilot phase of the harmonized reporting template, the 8+3 template has been finalized. The review process underlined that the 8+3 template represents a useful tool to reduce the reporting burden for partners, while providing the necessary information for donors. The more donors adopt the 8+3 template as a standard, the greater the benefit of harmonization of the 8+3 template, reducing the reporting burden across the humanitarian system. Some donors and UN agencies have committed to do so already, but more Signatories need to adopt the template in order to achieve the collective progress that the Grand Bargain intends to achieve. [>> Click here for further information and to see the template](#)



## New on the website!



We updated the map with examples\* of the Grand Bargain implementation on the Grand Bargain website. [>> Click here to see the map.](#)

Additionally, we would like to collect **examples of impact of the Grand Bargain in the field**. Please [let us know](#) if have any examples to share from your organization or workstream, and we'll be pleased to elaborate them further into a story that can be published on the website or in the newsletter.

\*Please note that this is not an exhaustive list and further information can be found in the [Grand Bargain Annual Independent Report 2019](#).

## Visual 1-pagers about the Grand Bargain and on technology and innovation in the Grand Bargain:

## Next steps



## New Facilitation Group to take over in October 2019

As the Facilitation Group 2018/19 finishes its mandate end of September, a new Facilitation Group will take over beginning of October, consisting of OCHA, WFP, ICRC, and SCHR, while two new donor members will be announced shortly. We would like to take this opportunity to **thank Sweden, USA, OCHA, UNICEF, IFRC, and InterAction** for their significant investment and relentless efforts over the last year to steer the Grand Bargain and move forward with achieving more efficiency and effectiveness of the humanitarian system.