Advancing localisation and c4c agenda through partner-led approach in Pakistan

Decolonizing humanitarian action through Partner-Led response – Practice Sharing Session
Change – decolonized humanitarian partnerships philosophy
Motivation to decolonize humanitarian partnerships

- Commitment to value **impact** and **sustainability** at all levels by working towards redundancy (Self-preservation of organisations (finances, roles etc.?)

- **Shift from timebound “Transactional partnerships” to “Strategic Partnerships”**

- **Sustainability and Cost-Effectiveness:** Strengthened institutions are better equipped to continue their work even after external support diminishes, leading to long-term impact and self-reliance.

- **Impact Amplification:** Strengthening local institutions often has a multiplier effect. Local organizations can catalyze change across sectors and communities.
Motivation (c0ntd.)

- Lessons learnt from previous emergency responses (e.g. Floods 2010)
- Act in Solidarity - Scaling the capacities of implementing partners and Women Rights Organisations (WROs) in the impacted areas.
- Shifting mindset of everyone towards Collaborative Feminist Partnerships
- Pakistan ranked as fifth most vulnerable due to climate change according to Climate Risk Index
understanding power imbalances while decolonizing decision-making
Envisioned Evolution of the PARTNERSHIP Landscape

- ENCOURAGER
- THOUGHT LEADER
- Broker
- Influencer
- convener
EQUITABLE AND COLLABORATIVE PARTNERSHIPS

- Decolonial Humanitarian Response is an ongoing journey, and leadership commitment to learning and adapting our approaches to ensure a more equitable and effective humanitarian aid is important.

- Shifting mindset of partners and other stakeholders towards Collaborative Feminist Partnerships

- CHANGE (Climate and Humanitarian Action Network for Growth and Engagement)
  - Chair and Co-Chair
  - Members
  - Membership Strategy and Process
Initiated by Oxfam Partners for influencing, institutional strengthening, and resource mobilization initiatives.

Developed 2030 plan to build a common understanding around natural hazards, disaster risks and develop strategies for effective DRR and humanitarian real time response in Pakistan through local national organizations.

GOAL 1 - Institutionalize culture of collaborative learning and action for enhanced surge capacity/ preparedness of the platform.

GOAL 2 - Deliver innovative, integrated climate resilience, preparedness and humanitarian programming to transform lives of women, youth and children.

GOAL 3 - Incorporate voices and knowledge of people at risk within policy and practice at all levels.

Attract funding from Oxfam and other donors through the submission of joint proposal.
Network GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

Steering committee
(Primary - ED/ CEO,
Secondary – HOP/ Program Manager)

Program Management Unit (PMU)
(HOP/ Program Manager, lead manager,
Project/ Regional Manager)

Advocacy/ Comms

MEAL

Operations

Institutional Strengthening & Partner Led

Thematic Working Group

Bi-weekly meeting challenges

Bi-monthly meeting strategic level decisions

Bi-monthly meeting implementation/ quality assurance

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TRANSFORMATION AND Evolution
Resource disparity and cultural sensitivities

• Advocate for mindful and committed transformation towards Bottom-up process in partnership models
• Expanding role and inclusion of partners in shaping humanitarian needs assessment and response plans
• Investments in local leadership - recruit and train local humanitarian staff capacities
• Ensuring equitable distribution of resources – 70: 30 principle of financial allocation
• Promoting equitable and integrated responses through Community Empowerment and Mutually Accountable Partnerships.
From Capacity building to Institutional strengthening

1. Self-assessment forms for Collaborative Learning
2. Collaborative Review by Partners
3. Development of institutional strengthening plans
4. Regular review through technical working group meetings
Change in SYSTEM not faces – smaller version of west?

- Risk averse/ sensitive/ focused systems
- Continuous and deepened understanding of the risk management can only be achieved by building/ promoting transparent and trusting relationships with local organisations and communities
- Capacities (policies, practices, organizational structure) required to manage and support Partner-led Responses differ significantly from the traditional top-down approaches we have used in the past.

**Due Diligence of Partners**
- Assessment of partners to assess operational capacity
- Due diligence for technical capacity assessment & risk assessment
- Decision making by management

**Community feedback Mechanism**
- Receiving complaints
- Complaint Handling
culture of collaborative learning and innovation

- Promote Collaborative Learning & Co-creation throughout the partnership cycle
- Learning from the Past: Documenting and sharing the experiences of decolonial partnerships (through research and experience)
- Leveraging Technology for Anticipatory Action and Disaster Risk Reduction
Advocacy and policy influencing

**Global**
Development & dissemination of Policy Positions on 4 thematic areas

**National (SDPI, SPO, IC)**
Networking with stakeholders. Formation of strategic committees for developing position papers. National policy dialogues, advocacy & awareness raising events. Digital & on-ground campaigning, develop policy prepositions & dissemination

**Provincial (SPO, IC)**
Establish/revitalize climate change networks, networking with relevant stakeholders for institutional reforms. Formation of strategic committee for developing position papers, provincial policy dialogues. Advocacy & awareness raising events.

**Village & District Level (SPO, IC)**
Community preparedness & resilience mapping of floods, coordination mechanism analysis & recommendations for strengthened EWS. Joint climate advocacy & awareness of youth on safeguarding and protection issues.

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**Key Ask 01:**
Gender Inclusive Disaster Risk actions & informed decision making

**Key Ask 02:**
Strengthened Civil Society Engagement

**Key Ask 03:**
Push for enabling environment & consensus building around 4 thematic areas
Key takeaways and Thoughts for reflection

“You plant seeds every single day in partnering, with every thought you think, every word you speak and every action you take. Learning, reflection, experimenting and taking risks without strengthening the status-quo in partnership ecosystem which is evolving at a very fast pace”
THANK YOU!