

Regional NGO Consultations

Localization of Humanitarian Action and Engagement with Communities in the COVID-19 Context

Tuesday, 31 August 2021

Time	Session	Moderator	Presenter
09:00-09:02	Welcome	Fatoumata Kaba	
09:02-09:07	Announcements Practical Information & Interpretation Options	PHAP	
9:07-9:10	Opening & Presentation of the Agenda	Fatoumata Kaba	
09:10-09:25	General Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNHCR Director for the Regional Bureau for WCA ICVA Regional Representative 	Fatoumata Kaba	Millicent Mutuli, UNHCR Director RBWCA; Marco Rotelli, Africa Regional Representative ICVA
09:25-09:30	Mentimeter Question: Please select whether you identify as an L/NA, Refugee-led organization (RLO), or an International actor?	Markus, PHAP	
09:30-09:45	Overview of localization of humanitarian action from a global perspective	Fatoumata Kaba	Stella Ogunlade, Chief Civil Society Section, UNHCR HQs
09:45-10:15	Localization and Community Engagement in the WCA region– Presentations in French <ul style="list-style-type: none"> « Imaginaires et voix locales : quelques contributions régionales pour l’engagement et la mobilisation communautaire du HCR en WCA (RCCE, CWC) » “RECAPS: Refugee Capacity Strengthening: Partenariat en faveur de l’accès des personnes réfugiées et déplacées aux métiers de l’humanitaire et du développement en Afrique de l’Ouest » 	Fatoumata Kaba	Vincent Briard, Senior Community-Based Protection Officer Mame Diarra Tine, Protection Associate Charlotte Berquin, Education Officer (UNHCR RBWCA)

10:15 – 10:20	Localization (2020 Innovation Award winners - summary video) (243) 2020 Innovation Award Winners - YouTube 4.5 minutes.		
10:20- 10:30	<p>Part 1: a) Setting the scene by the moderator</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The main objective of this panel and why this discussion is important Now? • Localization- One Word with Different Interpretations! • Localization is not limited to emergency and during a humanitarian response only. • Key Pillars of localization (Partnership, Leadership, Participation, Funding, Capacity Strengthening, Coordination and Complementarity and Policy Influence and Advocacy) <p>b) Introduce the guest panellists</p>	Eman Ismail, ICVA Representative in MENA Region and the focal Point on Localisation at the Global Level.	<p>Local NGOs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rose Maruru – Epic Africa • Elmehdi Ag Wakina – Association Malienne pour la Survie au Sahel (AMSS) (national NGO) • Mamadou Ndiaye – INTERSOS Senegal Country Office • Mimidoo Achakpa – founder of the Women in Humanitarian Response in Nigeria Initiative Network (national community-led org network) (WIHRNIN) • Yvonne Ndaga – Endam Home of Hope (EHOP) – refugee/women-led organization (Cameroonian refugees in Nigeria)
10:30- 11:00	<p>Part 2: Localisation in the context of COVID 19 – Reflections and Recommendations from NGO partners in the WCA region</p> <p>c) In your view, how has localization evolved during COVID-19? What has been the most significant change you have seen?</p>		Local NGOs

	<p>d) Could you please share with the us the main findings of the recent survey conducted by Epic Africa? How have local NGOs been involved during the COVID-19 pandemic in WCA region?</p> <p>e) What lessons are emerging for you on how to enhance localization? What do you find to be most important?</p> <p>f) What are the main challenges faced by community-based organizations and RLOs and how can these be addressed most effectively?</p> <p>g) What structural changes or innovative approaches did local NGOs apply to respond to the pandemic and/or ensure continuity of service within the communities?</p>		
11:00-11:15	<p>Part 3: Good practices, learning and recommendations on localization in humanitarian action</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What needs to change to ensure local NGOs meaningfully engage in coordination mechanisms at local, national and international levels? 2. How can the partnerships between UNHCR and local NGOs/RLOs be further strengthened to enhance collective action and effectiveness of humanitarian responses? Opportunities for joint advocacy? 	Eman Ismail, ICVA Representative in MENA Region and the focal Point on Localisation at the Global Level.	Local NGOs
11:15-11:35	<p><i>Mentimeter Poll on Recommendations.</i></p> <p>Recommendation: Each panellist to be asked to give 1-2 takeaways/recommendations about opportunity for enhancing the role of local actors and refugee-led initiatives and what support is needed.</p>	Eman Ismail	
11:35-11:50	Wrap up and recommendations on the way forward	Eman Ismail	Plenary
11:50-12:00	Review Mentimeter Answers and Closing	Fatoumata Kaba	Plenary