

A photograph of Pratap Maharjan, a woman with grey hair, wearing a purple sweater and a red and black patterned scarf. She is speaking into a microphone and gesturing with her right hand. The background is a colorful mural with pink and green sections. The text is overlaid on the image in white.

Bargaining For Future Bringing a Feminist Lens to Grand Bargain 2.0

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Background

- Grand Bargain: Improve efficiency and effectiveness of international humanitarian aid
- GB failing to meaningfully shift power, resources and decision-making power to local actors
- Gender Equality and Empowerment of Women and Girls (GEEWG) are not reflected within GB2.0
- Contributions of WROs and WLOs are undervalued
- Can have detrimental and lost lasting impact on their rights as humanitarian system's capacity to effectively respond



Background

- Literature on the Grand Bargain and GEEWG commitments to date,
- Qualitative survey data with ActionAid's WRO and WLO partners and ActionAid staff in 10 countries
- Provides key recommendations for shaping and implementing the Grand Bargain 2.0 so that it is more effective for women and girls.



Findings: Meaningful Engagement

- Grand Bargain remains gender-blind, with limited progress on GEEWG commitments in the Grand Bargain to date.
- **64%** of survey respondents do not know if their voices and opinions are heard or acted upon in the Grand Bargain
- WRO and WLOs provided forum to share tragedy and experience not expertise and policy solution
- Grand Bargain 2.0 framework **lacks** specific mention of representation for WROs and WLOs in both the Facilitation Group and the proposed '**National Reference Groups**'.
- WROs and WLOs would need key inputs of staffing, training, funding, and support in order to participate effectively



Quality Funding

- In 2020, 84% of donors unable to measure direct funding to local actorw
- 63% top humanitarian donors allocated less than 1% of aid to fragile states and directly to WROs and WLO
- 2% of funds to targeted gender equality programming in humanitarian settings.
- Existing system is complicated, needs too many requirements and is not facilitating to WROs and WLOs
- Dedicated core funding to support overhead costs, staff salaries and invest capacity strengthening, and organizational sustainability is practically impossible to find.
- Poaching of competent staff for WROs and WLOs by international organizations
- WROs and WLOs have difficulties in accessing country based-pooled funds like Women's Peace and humanitarian fund



Equal and Equitable Partnership

Globally Limited data on which WROs and WLOs partnerships with international organisations:

79% of respondents noted that financial and legal requirements and processes instituted by international organizations are too difficult

65% of respondents also noted that international organisations' processes are too slow and bureaucratic-ineffective humanitarian response

65% also noted that language barriers often impede WROs and WLOs from participating in coordination meetings

Local partners are too often considered exclusively as service delivery leads, missing an opportunity to engage their expertise and knowledge.

Recommendation: GB facilitation Group and Eminent Person



Include GEEWG as an essential political goals within the GB



The GB 2.0 must set a target and specific indicators for cascading quality funding to WRO's and WLOs



The GB 2.0 must continue to hold its signatories to account on the amount of funding that will reach local actors



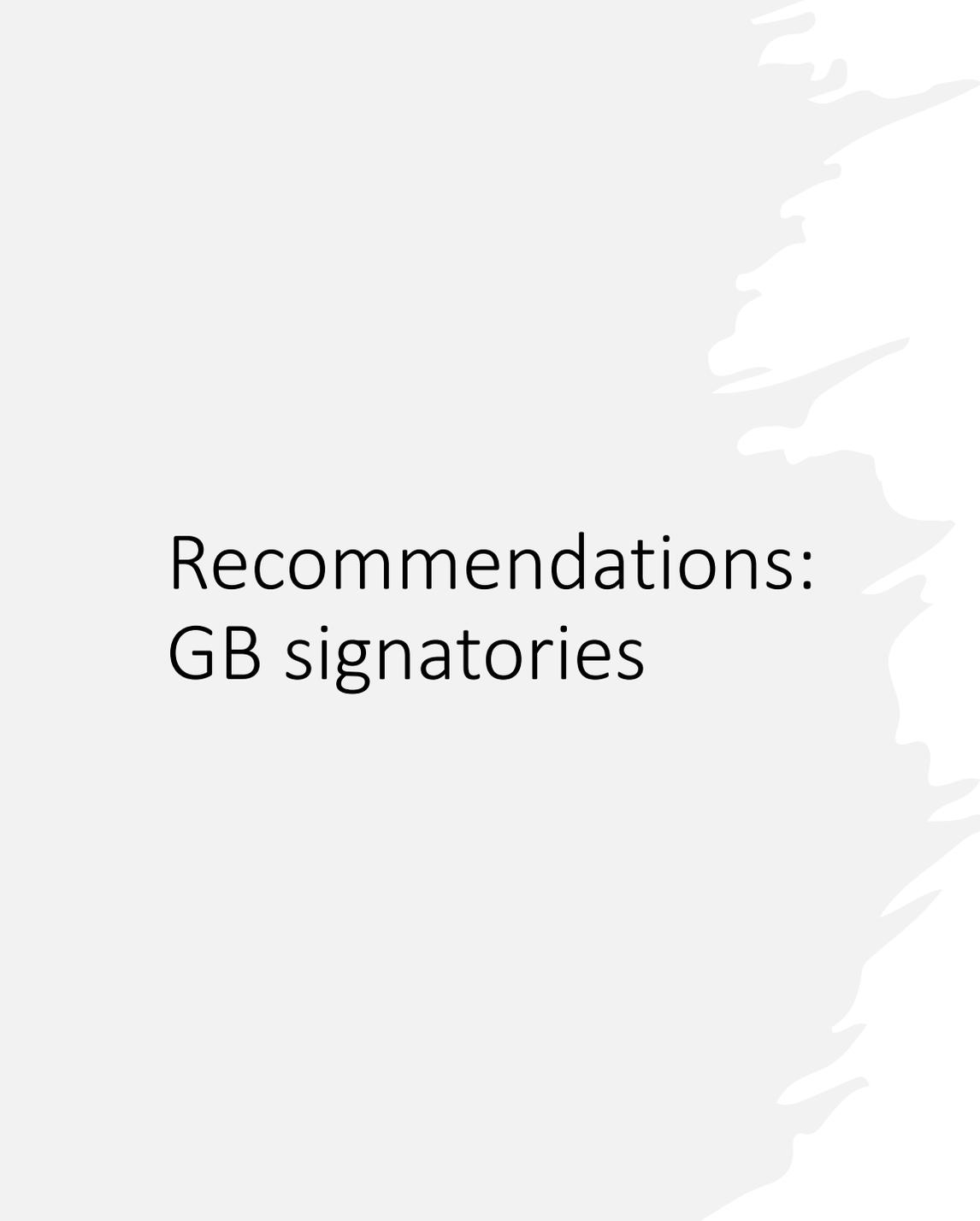
Increase the representation of local WRO's and WLOs within the formal structure of GB facilitation group



Grant the Friends of Gender Group a formal seat in Facilitation group



Create and enforce global standard for improved partnerships with local actors



Recommendations: GB signatories

Donors, UN agencies and International NGOs must,

- **Enable meaningful engagement** of WRO and WLO partners
- **Increase the amount and quality** of humanitarian funding that goes to WRO's and WLOs
- **Review the risk mitigation** policy to equitable and principles partnership and ensure accountability for all
- Ensure that WROs and WLOs are resourced appropriately for meaningfully engage and leadership roles
- Review approach to partnering with local actors