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विश्वका ठूला दाता तथा मानवीय सहायताकर्मीहरू बिच, मानवीय सहायताको वितरणलाई चुस्त बनाई, दाताको प्रशासनिक प्रक्रियामा कम खर्च गरी, सिधै प्रभावित सम्दायमै, सके सम्म धेरै खर्च गर्ने प्रतिवद्धताको साथ सन् २०१६ मा भएको एक सहमति हो । सन् २०२१ देखि ग्राण्ड बार्गेन २.० को स्रवात भई २०२३ सम्ममा थप उपलब्धि हासिल गर्ने लक्ष्य लिइएको छर्र यसको प्रभावकारिताको बारेमा विश्वभर नै छलफल भइरहेको छ । यसै सन्दर्भमा हामीले नेपालमा पनि छलफल सुरु गर्न लागेका छौं, जस अन्तर्गत नेपालमा ग्राण्ड बार्गेनको सान्दर्भिकता कतिको छ ? ग्राण्ड बार्गेनको संरचनामा परिकल्पना गरिएको नेशनल रेफरेन्स ग्रुपको आवश्यकता नेपालमा के कति छ, अनि छ भने यसलाई कसरी अगाडि बढाउन सकिन्छ ? कृपया यही मे २० सम्म तपाईंहरूको आफ्नो विचार सहित सुझाब राखिदिनुहून अनुरोध छ ।

Discussed Areas

- Importance of the Grand Bargain
- Efficiency and Transparency in Disaster Aid Management
- Community Involvement in Disaster Management
- Importance of National Reference Group (NRG)
- Role of Humanitarian Values and Ethical Considerations
- Equity and Proportionality in Aid Distribution

Importance of the Grand Bargain

- The significance of the Grand Bargain in enhancing efficiency and reducing administrative costs of humanitarian assistance.
- Lobby advocacy on guiding policymakers and improving coordination of aid.
- Relevance of the Grand Bargain 2.0 and its proposition of establishing National Reference Groups.
- Identification on contradictions in donor approaches and conduct advocacy.

Efficiency and Transparency in Disaster Aid Management

- Concerns about slow disbursement of aid and high administrative costs.
- Criticisms of information withholding in disaster contexts
- Politics involved in aid distribution.
- Less transparency in the allocation and use of resources.
- Undermining meaningful representation, GEDSI issues.
- Lack of coordination often result waste of aid.
- Directing funds through private companies, leading to higher overhead costs.

Community Involvement in Disaster Management

- Suggestion to strengthen community institutions for direct contact with donors.
- Don't make donor compliance too much complicated.
- Incorporating the affected community in decision-making process
- Invest on community directly to prepare for future disaster event
- Relevance of cultural and social aspects in managing disasters.
- Prepare community for hydro-metro related disaster

Role of Humanitarian Values and Ethical Considerations

Criticism of individuals seeking popularity under the appearance of being donors.

Emphasis on the spirit of humanitarian assistance rooted in human moral values, honor and dignity

Advocacy for selfless and effective approach to aid.

Need for nurturing a group of individuals filled with the spirit of humanitarian service and aid.

Equity and Proportionality in Aid Distribution

- Concerns about the lack of attention given to proportionality and equity.
- Need to consider contextual factors in aid distribution.
- Potential of the NRG in ensuring diverse stakeholder representation and inclusivity.

Importance of National Reference Group (NRG)

- NRG can as a coordination mechanism for local and national stakeholders.
- NRG can ensure transparency and amplifying the voice of the affected population.
- Involve all relevant inclusive groups and define their roles there.
- Potential collaboration of NRG with the National Platform for Disaster Risk Reduction (NPDRR) and engage NPDRR Thematic Group
- Urgent action to establish NRG
- DPNet can coordinate NRG for the time being

Thank you!