

The Localization *Pledge*

A public commitment to use, promote and finance localisation — in the spirit of the Grand Bargain.

A decade after the Grand Bargain, most humanitarian funding still flows through international intermediaries. Local and community-based organisations — the actors closest to affected people — remain under-funded, hard to find, and buried under duplicated bureaucracy. The commitments exist; the tools to deliver on them have been missing.

This pledge is how funders, INGOs and foundations put their names behind the shift — a public, voluntary commitment to advance localisation in practice, not rhetoric, anchored in the Grand Bargain and IASC localisation commitments.

The commitment

By signing this pledge, our organisation commits to three concrete actions:

1 • Use

Adopt localisation tools and platforms — trusted directories of vetted local actors — in our funding, partnership and referral decisions, so that local organisations are discoverable and reachable in the work we already do.

2 • Promote

Champion localisation within our networks, recognise the provenance and credentials of local organisations, expand our local partnerships, and publicly stand behind the principle that local actors are partners, not sub-contractors.

3 • Finance

Contribute to sustaining the shared infrastructure that makes localisation possible — the directories, provenance records and open project transparency that give local organisations visibility and a pathway to funding — and, over time, increase the share of funding that reaches local and community-based organisations directly.

One clear guardrail. A financial contribution funds visibility and shared infrastructure. It does not buy, influence, or substitute for the vetting of any organisation. Who vetted an organisation stays visibly separate from who funds the platform. This pledge is not pay-to-play — and it says so out loud.

Levels of participation

Signatories choose a level that reflects their commitment. Community-based and refugee-led organisations never pay to be listed — the platform is sustained entirely by the funders who sign.

Supporter	Sponsors the visibility of 10 local organisations in the directory.
Champion	Sponsors the visibility of 50 local organisations, and is recognised as a localisation champion.
Anchor	Sponsors the visibility of 200 local organisations, and is named as a founding anchor of the platform.

Our signature

On behalf of the organisation named below, we endorse the Localization Pledge and commit to use, promote and finance localisation as set out above.

ORGANISATION

SIGNATORY NAME	TITLE / ROLE
LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION	DATE
SIGNATURE	