

Subject: Multi Stakeholder Consultation on “**FDMN (Forcibly Displaced Myanmar National) Relief Response, Integrating Grand Bargain Principles, Facilitating Localization** (e.g., reducing transaction cost, using local resources and ensuring local level accountability) in Coxsbazar on 28<sup>th</sup> February and in Dhaka on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2018

- 1. FDMN Relief and Future Response.** Since August 2017 and so far even after having the arrangement agreement with Myanmar and Government of Bangladesh, FDMN is entering in the Coxsbazar district of Bangladesh still, and all together it reached around 1 million. In the beginning of influx, it is the government, local community and local organization has responded with relief, in course of time UN and INGOs engaged rigorously. It was blanket operation in the beginning to save the life, but as influx reduced in numbers gradually, our government trying to hold the situation, there are systems of coordination and control has almost established. Now with the leadership of UN (United Nation), a joint response plan (JRP) is being prepared for the period of April to December 2018. Some of the stakeholder already raised the issue on integration of the Grand Bargain (GP) principles in this JRP and to make the document live, so that in course of time there will be integration and improvement in this regard.
- 2. Bangladeshi NGOs Mobilization on Localization.** Bangladeshi NGOs have been pro-actively participating in WHS (World Humanitarian Summit) during 2013 to 2016, they have also follow up campaign and discussion in Bangladesh during 2017, and they have developed a Charter of Expectation (CE) in this regard (<http://coastbd.net/our-common-space-our-complementary-roles-equitable-partnership-for-sovereign-and-accountable-civil-society-growth/>). With this influence and background NGOs in Coxsbazar who are working FDMN relief response they have formed an alliance “Coxsbazar CSO NGO Forum – CCNF ([www.cxb-cso-ngo.org](http://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org))”, they have demanded the localization (<http://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org/2017/10/05/coxs-bazar-local-ngos-and-csos-demand-to-chief-of-ocha-under-secretary-general-mr-mark-un-agencies-must-abandon-direct-operation-single-handle-and-monopolistic-approach-too/>) and made application to Mr Mark Lowcock, UN Under Secretary General on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2017 in Coxsbazar. The meeting was facilitated by Asia Representative ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Association) and OCHA high officials from Bangkok. As a Bangladeshi NGO COAST ([www.coastbd.net](http://www.coastbd.net)) was actively involved in this process since the beginning, who are also member of CHS Alliance ([www.chsalliance.org](http://www.chsalliance.org)) and ICVA ([www.icvanetwork.org](http://www.icvanetwork.org)) and Asian Disaster Risk Reduction Network - ADRRN ([www.adrrrn.net](http://www.adrrrn.net)) too. Oxfam and Start Fund were supporting the initiatives. Now COAST is representing national and local NGOs in both SEG (Strategic Executive Group) led by UN RC (United Nation Resident Coordinator) and HCTT (Humanitarian Coordination Task Team) led by Ministry of Disaster Management and Relief (MoDMR) and facilitated by Humanitarian Advisor and Specialist of UN RC office.
- 3. Recent Study and Toward the Integration of the GB Principles.** During January and February there was a study done by Smruti Patel of GMI and Koenraad Van Brabant of Navigation 360 did a study in this regard on FDMN response, a part of the study has also assisted by COAST. Preliminary finding of the study have been presented for discussion and validation in Dhaka on 11<sup>th</sup> February (<http://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org/2018/02/13/research-findings-on-humanitarian-response-to-rohingya-crisis-choice-between-titanic-and-life-boat-regrading-localisation/>). Including COAST and several others participants of the meeting realized that the findings should be widely disseminate to all related stakeholders and also to start up the discussion on how to integrate the GB principles in FDMN relief, i.e., the way toward, especially reducing the transaction cost, ensuring local level accountability and participation, best use local knowledge and resources in upholding role of local responders / humanitarian actors, especially of local NGOs.
- 4. Multi stakeholder consultation and its primary outline:** Taking this in background as ICVA and OCHA Asia representatives will be visiting in Coxsbazar and Dhaka during the period of Feb.27 to March 3<sup>rd</sup>, COAST and ICVA has primarily agreed to organize two multi stakeholder consultations in this regard with the active support of other interested parties, so that the process will be inclusive and with wider ownership. Primary proposed outline of the consultation are as follows.

**Proposed title:** Integrating the Grand Bargain Principles in FDMN Relief Response and facilitating Localization.

**Objectives:**

- (i) inform the key policy makers on the GB principles and its probable indicators which could be applied in FDMN response,
- (ii) Some basic proposals that GoB (Government of Bangladesh), UN agencies and INGOs to take steps on way forward,
- (iii) Some basic proposals on how local government, local NGOs can take their preparation in this regard.

**Date and time in Coxsbazar:** 28<sup>th</sup> February 10.30 to 1.30 pm, Uni Resort, Kolatoli Road, Coxsbazar

**Date and time in Dhaka:** 3<sup>rd</sup> March 10.30 to 1.30 pm at CIRDAP auditorium, Paltan, in front of MoFA (Ministry of Foreign Affairs).

**Key note presentation** will be from GMI, 360 Navigation, COAST and CCNF

**Moderation** of the seminar will be by CCNF Co Chair and COAST Executive Director.

**Primary methodology:** After the key note presentations, there will be floor open for 1/2 minutes for interested participant's reflections. In between participant's reflections, panel members will give deliberations which will be in 4 minutes in first round and 2 minutes in second round. Special Guest, Chief Guest, Guest of Honor will be given their deliberations at the conclusion part of the consultations. We will request all the guests and participants to be brief, be concrete and to avoid duplications.

**Medium of the both dialogue basically English**, as key stakeholders are expatriate English speakers. Bengali will be used only in exception but there will be translation on that.

**Chief Guest in Coxsbazar:** RRRRC (Refugee Relief and Repatriation Commissioner)

**Special guest in Coxsbazar:** Deputy Commissioner, Coxsbazar District

**Guest of honor :** UNRC or Chief of IoM or UNHCR

**Panel members:** Lead Coordinators of ISCG, ICVA and OCHA representatives, 1/2 INGO national level leader and 1/2 L/N NGO Leaders, 1 Local Government Leader, 1 CSO leader.

**Participants:** 50 to 70 numbers. Local administrative officials, INGO and N/L Leaders, media representatives, local government leaders.

**Chief Guest in Dhaka:** Secretary of MoDMR

**Special guest in Dhaka:** Director General, NGO Affairs Bureau.

**Guest of honor:** UNRC, Chief of IoM and Chief of UNHCR

**Panel members:** Senior Officials from MoFA, 1 / 2 INGO leaders, 1/2 NGO network leaders, 1 CSO leader, 1 media personality, ICVA and OCHA Asia representatives.

**Participants:** 20 to 40 numbers, representative from government departments, especially from MoDMR, MoFA and NGOAB, high officials from INGO and L/NGOs, UN agencies and IFRC and BDRC.

**Primary output:** (i) key note presentation will be supplied to all the incoming participants will be send out at least 2 days before of the consultations in slide form, (ii) an intensive media coverage will be tried out especially in print media and also in electronic media on the day, (iii) a detail consultation report will be published in electronic form will be produced by next 15 days of the consultation held, will be send out to all the participants. This will also be widely circulated in global level and will also be available in [www.cxb-cso-ngo.org](http://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org) and [www.coastbd.net](http://www.coastbd.net), and may be also available in others co organizers websites.

**Availability of reference materials:** All reference reading materials will be available in the notice board of [www.cxb-cso-ngo.org](http://www.cxb-cso-ngo.org) and [www.coastbd.net](http://www.coastbd.net) for download.

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