

SPOTLIGHT 2021

The Charter for Change (C4C) complements the Grand Bargain and provides specific targets for action on localisation. Since 2015, 38 INGOs have signed up to the 8 commitments, supported by 438 local and national NGOs who endorse the Charter and hold signatories accountable. Drawing on the C4C 2021

progress report (forthcoming), this spotlight report looks at self-reporting from 25 signatories, at the headquarters level and 125 country offices in relation to key areas in locally-led response: offering **quality funding**, building **quality partnerships** and supporting change at the **country-level**.

Commitments

Funding



23.3%

Commit to pass 25% of humanitarian funding to National NGOs

Partnership



4.1

Reaffirm principles of partnership

Transparency



3.5

Publish the amount or percentage of funding that is passed to NNGOs

Recruitment



3.7

Address and prevent the negative impact of recruiting NNGO staff during emergencies

Advocacy



4.6

Emphasise the importance of national actors to humanitarian donors

Equality



4.0

Address subcontracting and ensure equality in decision-making

Support



3.5

Provide robust organisational support and capacity building

Promotion



4.0

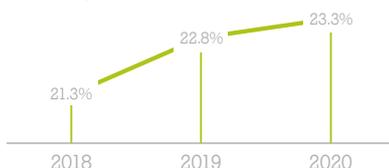
Promote the role of local actors to media and public

Scores calculated from signatories ranking compliance with each commitment on a 5-point scale.

Quality Funding

Percentage of humanitarian funding going to local and national NGOs*:

HQ: 25 responses



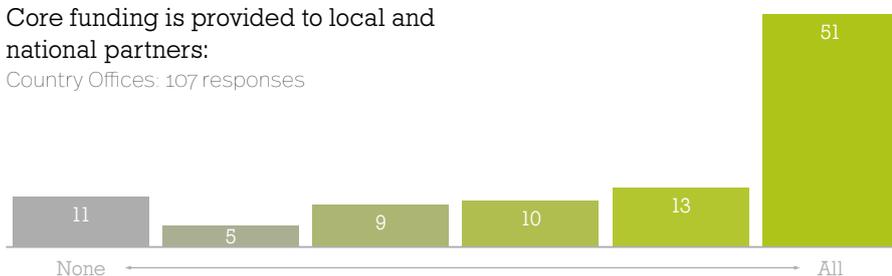
Organisational policy supports core funding for local partners:

HQ: 25 responses



Core funding is provided to local and national partners:

Country Offices: 107 responses



*Aggregated percentages for each year, reporting signatories differ between years.

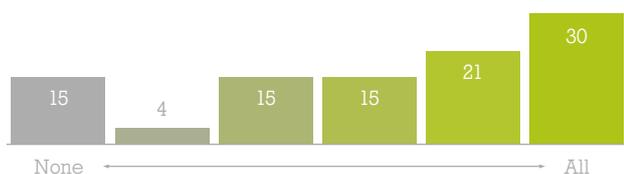
All figures given are percentages

C4C signatories have consistently increased the proportion of funding to NNGOs. Moreover, core funding allows organisations to move beyond project delivery to building capacity and planning for the long term. Signatories report that while most members don't have an organisational policy in place at the headquarters level, nevertheless a majority of country offices surveyed state they provide core funding to all their local and national partners.

Quality Partnerships

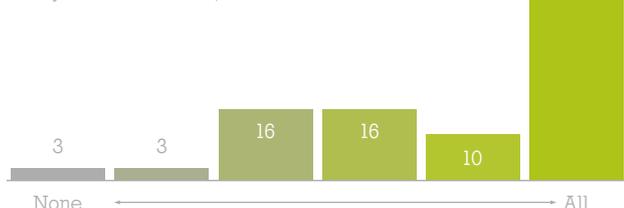
We have long-term strategic partnerships and partnership agreements with our partners:

Country Offices: 105 responses



We have two-way partnership review and feedback mechanisms with our partners:

Country Offices: 106 responses



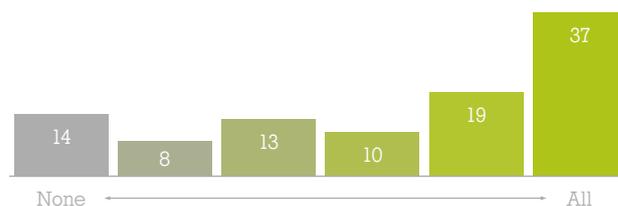
We have supported the organisational development of our partners in these areas*:



*This chart shows the top three responses. Respondents could select more than one so results will total more than 100%.

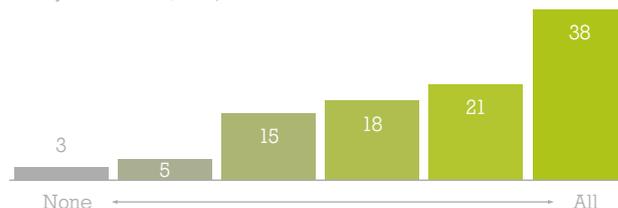
Our partners have taken part in our country strategy development and review:

Country Offices: 101 responses



Our partners have taken a leadership role in joint activities or project design:

Country Offices: 107 responses



Localisation relies on international actors building strong and long-lasting partnerships with local and national NGOs, ensuring that they are included in strategic decisions, have opportunities for feedback and review, and take a leadership role. C4C signatories are particularly confident on providing two-way review mechanisms, and a majority of country offices reported they are building strategic partnerships and supporting capacity development.

Country-level Uptake

Have you actively supported local and national partners in your country to network, coordinate and advocate for locally-led humanitarian action?

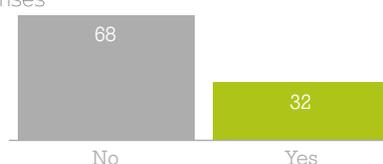
Country Offices: 106 responses



Country offices are central to bringing change on localisation, supporting local and national organisations to advocate and coordinate for locally-led action. Though most signatories have not made

Is the performance of your country director/leadership regularly measured against progress on the C4C and other localisation commitments?

HQ: 25 responses



progress on including a performance indicator on 'localisation' for country-level leadership, country offices do generally report high levels of compliance and implementation of the C4C commitments.

Conclusions

The Charter for Change is a commitment to direct and deliberate action to meet global targets on localisation. Spanning the range of humanitarian action from funding to capacity building and long-lasting partnership, these commitments support signatory INGOs to make meaningful change. The

2021 survey shows that, even where headquarters policies do not require it, country offices of the signatories report that they have made progress towards localisation. These findings will be explored in more detail in the full report published summer 2021.