Localisation of Humanitarian Aid

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Charter for Change
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The Charter4Change (C4C) is an initiative that aims to transform the way the humanitarian system operates to enable local and national NGOs to play an increased and more prominent role in humanitarian response.

International NGOs are encouraged to play an active part in this transformation towards a more locally-driven response by changing the way that they work and addressing the imbalances and inequality in the global humanitarian system.

The C4C brings together 39 international NGOs Signatories working to implement the 8 Commitments. They are joined by 500+ national and local NGO Endorsers, keen to encourage their INGO partners to improve their partnership practices in order to deliver better outcomes for crisis-affected people. In 2020 it was decided that the C4C would continue past its stated end date, and the Future of Charter for Change sets out the key areas of focus as the C4C moves into the next phase.
Charter4Change Timeline

- Charter4Change launched
- C4C officially launched at the WHS in Istanbul
- C4C presented at the WHS’s Global Consultation, Geneva
- C4C Annual Meeting, London
- C4C Annual Meeting, Den Haag
- Original target year to fulfill C4C commitments
- C4C Annual Meeting, Oslo (C4C revised and new target date set to 2020)
- C4C Secretariat rotates from C4C Signatory CAFOD, London to C4C Endorser HAI, India
- C4C Annual Meeting, Copenhagen
- Target year to fulfill C4C commitments
- Target year to fulfill C4C commitments extended beyond 2020 till the commitments are achieved
- C4C Annual Meeting (Global virtual meeting)
- C4C Country-level Annual Meetings
- C4C Annual Meeting (Global virtual meeting)

Signatories:
- 3 Signatories 1 Endorser
- 27 Signatories 120 Endorsers
- 29 Signatories 139 Endorsers
- 35 Signatories 202 Endorsers
- 35 Signatories 285 Endorsers
- 35 Signatories 380 Endorsers
- 38 Signatories 407 Endorsers
- 39 Signatories 500 Endorsers

- Jul-15
- Jul-15
- Oct-15
- May-16
- Jun-16
- Oct-16
- May-17
- Oct-17
- 2018
- 2018
- Dec-18
- 2019
- Jun-19
- Dec-19
- 2020
- Nov-20
- Dec-20
- Dec-20
- Mar-21
- Oct-21
- Dec-21
- Dec-21
Charter4Change Commitments

1. DIRECT FUNDING
Commit to pass 25% of humanitarian funding to national and local NGOs by 2020

2. PARTNERSHIP
Reaffirm the 2007 UN/NGO Principles of Partnership

3. TRANSPARENCY
Publish the amount or percentage of funding that is passed to national and local NGOs

4. RECRUITMENT
Address and prevent the negative impact of recruiting national and local NGOs staff

5. ADVOCACY
Emphasise the importance of local and national actors to humanitarian donors

6. EQUALITY
Address subcontracting and ensure equality in decision-making

7. SUPPORT
Provide robust organisational support and capacity building

8. PROMOTION
Promote the role of local and national actors to media and public
C4C Endorsers - Roles and Responsibilities

- **Endorse and support the Charter for Change**! You can endorse the Charter by clicking on ‘ENDORSE’ on the Charter4Change website [here](#) or by writing to admin@charter4change.org

- **Sign** the Charter of Accountability to strengthen downward accountability of the humanitarian system to the affected community

- **Participate in the C4C Endorsers discussion group** to share information and discuss progress and challenges related to implementation of the Charter for Change

- **Help hold INGOs to account** in their partnerships

- **Actively encourage INGOs** who are not C4C signatories to sign the C4C and commit to localisation

- **Identify creative ways to mobilise L/NNGOs** to actively engage in the localisation and C4C process (e.g., convening country-level dialogue/webinars)

- **Advocate with C4C signatories** for the common goals of the C4C
Get Involved!

➢ **Become a member** of Charter4Change working groups:
  • C4C Endorsers Task Group
  • C4C Advocacy Group
  • C4C Capacity Strengthening Group
  • C4C Country-level working groups

➢ **Spread the word!** Encourage other Local and National NGOs to endorse the Charter4Change (C4C) and sign the Charter of Accountability (COA)

➢ **Document and share** good practices, case studies and blogs on localisation efforts and C4C progress
The Charter4Change is currently available in English, French, Arabic, Nepali and Spanish.

To sign or endorse the Charter for Change, please email admin@charter4change.org.

For information on the structure of the C4C, see here.

For an overview of recent Charter for Change publications and reports, see here.

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C4C signatories (by 2021):

ActionAid
Asamblea de Cooperación por la Paz
CAFOD (Catholic Agency for Overseas Development)
CARE
Caritas Denmark
Caritas Norway
Caritas Spain
Christian Aid
Church of Sweden (Svenska Kyrkan)
Cordaid (Catholic Organisation for Relief and Development Aid)
CRS (Catholic Relief Services)
Danish Church Aid
Diakonia
Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe
Finn Church Aid
Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe
HelpAge International
Human Appeal
Humedica
ICCO
International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF)
Islamic Relief Worldwide
Johanniter International Assistance/Johanniter-Auslandshilfe
Kerk in Actie
Kindernothilfe e.V.
Mission East
Norwegian Church Aid (NCA)
Norwegian People’s Aid
Oxfam
Rescue Global
SCIAF (Scottish Catholic International Aid Fund)
Street Child UK
Tearfund Australia
Tearfund
Terram Pacis
Trocadre
WarChild UK
World Jewish Relief
Xavier Project

*See mapping of country offices of C4C Signatories here: https://bit.ly/38LwOYN
**See the country-wise categorisation of C4C Endorsements here: https://bit.ly/3qM9GCf
The Charter4Change Secretariat is currently being hosted by Humanitarian Aid International, India.

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