

Terms of Reference

Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR Localization Working Group (LWG), Myanmar

Background

In light of Grand Bargain commitments, in line with the Humanitarian Country Team Localization strategy and as part of Child Protection Area of Responsibility (CP AoR) priorities, the CP AoR in Myanmar is implementing a localisation initiative, to strengthen the involvement and influence of local actors in the work of CP AoR and to ensure equitable opportunities for them in leadership roles. This is seen as an essential element in achieving better quality and scale of Child Protection in emergency programming, and ultimately, to achieving results for the most marginalised children. The initiative also includes measurable instrument, the localization dashboard which deemed effective in different settings in creating a clear baseline and monitoring the progress of the effort. This initiative is closely aligned with the localisation efforts of the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility.

Objectives:

The main objective of the Working Group is to provide a platform for discussion, exchange of information, production of relevant guidance, and ensure harmonisation and maximisation of efforts for localization of the Child Protection response in Myanmar.

Working definition of Localization for the purposes of this working group

Localization is a process which **recognizes, respects and strengthens the leadership of humanitarian action or development programme by national and local authorities** and **recognizes, respects and strengthens the capacity of local civil society in humanitarian action and development programme**, in order to better address the needs of affected populations and to prepare national actors for future humanitarian responses¹.

Key Actions:

- Develop, implement, and monitor a LWG work plan that contributes to the overall Child Protection AoR localisation initiative.
- Prepare child protection localisation dashboard with maximum participation and disseminate across the humanitarian actors including national and local humanitarian actors on a twice-yearly basis.
- Ensure alignment of the work plan with the identified areas of improvement from the findings of the dashboard and conduct review of the progress twice-yearly basis.
- Support the Child Protection AoR to identify, document and share good practices toward advancing localization across Child Protection
- Promote strengthened linkages with the Global Child Protection Area of Responsibility, Myanmar CP AoR and other coordination mechanisms in localisation efforts.
- Support efforts to strengthen the components of localization through trainings, guidance notes, bilateral support and other efforts as identified by the LWG
- Support the AoR in identifying key recommendations for increasing institutional capacity of the local/national partners.
- Advise the CP AoR on key localisation priorities and inform future CP AoR strategy and plans.

¹ (OECD, 2017, localizing the response, world humanitarian summit putting policy into practice)

- Gather data on evidence of progress on localisation of humanitarian aid in the Child Protection AoR in Myanmar.
- Development of CP AoR localization strategy / action plan
- Advocate for strengthening localisation actions of international actors and donors
- Act as a reference group for key localisation initiatives including advocacy, as needed, to support donor visits and other opportunities
- Determine blockers to localisation and advocate for an enabling environment that will promote localization
- Encourage transparency, principled partnership and accountability among partners by timely sharing of relevant information on programme activities and funding.

This represents a significant amount of work, which entails the active participation of a sufficient number of organizations with capacity in both CPiE and Localisation, able to dedicate time and resources to take forward the above objectives. This includes capacity to recruit and manage consultants to achieve work plan outputs when/as necessary.

Structure and membership of the CP AoR Localisation WG

The CP AoR Localisation WG will be accountable to the CP AoR (SAG) and will be chaired by a local/national partner on a rotational basis, with support of the Child Protection AoR Coordinators. In order to ensure efficiency and effectiveness the CP AoR will seek a broad cross section of members, including local/ nationals NGOs, International NGOs, UN Agencies and government. Where necessary, membership may be limited to agencies with a direct program contribution to the LWG Workplan. Initially, the scope of this localization WG remains within the humanitarian response and later can be transitioned to cover the developmental settings.

The membership will comprise of:

- ✚ Local and National NGO
- ✚ Internationals NGO
- ✚ UN Agencies
- ✚ Child Protection AoR coordination team

The Localisation WG members representing the NGO and INGO with child protection activities will be selected through voluntary nominations by CP AoR members following a process, for a period of one years. Localisation WG member organizations are expected to be consistently available to attend meetings, and dedicate about 2-3 hours per month to LWG's work. Membership will be renewed every 12 months.

LWG members are required to attend all LWG meetings and provide substantive inputs. In the event that an LWG member misses 2 consecutive meetings, the LWG will discuss their continued membership and may request that the respective partner remove themselves from the core working group.

Other organizations or cluster representatives may be invited to Localization WG meetings on an ad-hoc basis, upon agreement of the CP AoR coordinators.

Working modality

The Localisation Working Group of the CP AoR is expected to convene virtually once per month on an online platform.

The Localisation Working Group will be chaired by the Local/National Partner to be identified on a rotational basis, with support from the Child Protection AoR Coordinators. The Identified local/national partner will facilitate the LWG meeting, coordinate with members, update all about of CP AoR LWG to the CP AoR. The Localisation Working Group will be accountable to the Child Protection AoR Coordinators, through the Strategic Advisory Group.