Local Women-Led Organizations Leading GBV Sub-Cluster Coordination Mechanisms
Where do we stand?

- Low levels of overall localization
- Need for more investment
- Limited power of GBV AoR
- Barriers for WLO leadership
- Lack of emphasis on gender transformative work
- Lifesaving focus of humanitarian work
- Hierarchy among international and national actors
I) Grand Bargain
25 percent of global funding going to local organizations by 2020

II) GBV AoR Strategy 2021-2025
Localization as the Operational Principle in all levels of coordination

III) Call to Action Roadmap 2021-2025
Institution building of WLO/WROs
Global Level:

Two Women-Led Organization joined as GBV AoR Core Members

Country Level:

- WLO co-leading at national level in Yemen
- Local actor co-leading at national level in Afghanistan
- Local actors co-leading at sub-national level in 6 countries (across 26 districts)
- Supporting WLOs to take on coordination roles in 2 contexts (Somalia and South Sudan)

Achievements:
Supporting two WLOs co-lead GBV coordination groups

- Active in Development Aid (ADA) co-leading the GBV working group in Gedo Somalia and Women for Change (WFC) in Warrap State - South Sudan

Capturing the learning on women’s leadership in GBV coordination groups

- Participatory Action Research
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How can we track and measure WLOs leadership?

How can we dismantle barriers to WLOs participation and leadership?

How can we foster meaningful leadership?

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How can we leverage spaces for WLOs voice and influence?

How can we adjust GBV coordination structures to better follow the leadership of WLOs?
Best practices in working with WLOs

- Having an open-door policy for WLOs, transparency and trust
- Making use of WLOs expertise & encouraging peer-to-peer learning
- Holding consultations with WLOs throughout the project cycle
- Allocating supplementary funding to support GBV programming for the WLOs taking leadership in GBV coordination

Initial Findings

Barriers and systemic challenges to WLOs leadership

- Patriarchal structures
- Complex criteria for joining coordination mechanisms
- Lack of visibility and resource mobilization
- Stringent, exclusionary funding processes

“The coordination role is giving me the confidence to do something and ability to understand the global context.”
Meaningful Participation and Leadership

Strengthening resources & capacities

Creating Spaces

Funding

Fostering WLOs meaningful leadership in GBV coordination structures
Open spaces for WLOs voice and influence

• Promote WLOs leadership in international, regional, national and local decision-making fora

• Create peer-to-peer spaces

• Work with the media to showcase the work of WLOs

Drive systemic changes

Set up Technical reference groups to facilitate WLOs meaningful participation and leadership

Include WLOs participation and leadership as a thematic area in National GBV SC Strategies
Recommendations related to funding

- Simplify funding criteria
- Link WLOs to funding opportunities
- Establish an emergency fund & longer-term funds for WLOs
- Earmark dedicated funds for WLOs
- Continuous capacity building to WLOs receiving funds