About LOCAL

- To promote **locally-led response**, the Local Organisations' Coalition for Advancing Localisation (LOCAL) platform was launched in 2023.
- LOCAL is an endeavour to bring Indian homegrown and grassroots NGOs, corporates and other stakeholders under one platform to support **coordinated humanitarian response**.
- Primarily functioning as a **non-financial platform**, LOCAL aims to set a new benchmark for **sector-wide change** and promote **cooperative and locally-led humanitarian architecture**.
- Currently, **15 local and national organisations** from 10 states of India are members of the platform.

**Why LOCAL?**

- LNHAs first to respond, yet, last to receive funding and support to lead responses
- Realisation that LNHAs received less than 0.3% of global funding
- No focus on shrinking the needs (over $50B requirement in 2022)
- India humanitarian architecture disconnected from the international architecture and dominated by Western NGOs
- Siloed, project-focused approaches rather than long-term, solution/community-centric and nexus approaches
- Treatment of LNHAs as cheap implementors of projects, not as equal partners
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Mission
Consolidate a national platform of local actors to strengthen the first response mechanism and collectively address barriers to locally-led response.

Focus Areas

- **Accountability Charter** to strengthen accountability to communities, donors and partners
- **Institutional strengthening** for disaster response-readiness
- **Humanitarian Response Roster (HRR)** for surge capacity support during emergencies
- **Capacity exchange** to strengthen response capacities and address gaps
- **Emergency Response Pooled Fund (ERF)** to make humanitarian funding directly accessible to first responders
- **National Dashboard** for Aid Transparency to demonstrate accountability and transparency through financial reporting
- Blueprint for **comprehensive disaster management** and piloting DRRM initiatives (such as VDRF formation and National Programme on Safe Migration)

Principles that we follow

- Collaboration & Shared responsibility
- Act with Integrity, Respect & Trust
- Transparency & Accountability
- Diversity & Inclusiveness