

## WEBINAR LAUNCH OF UN WOMEN RESEARCH

# *‘Who holds the microphone?’ Crisis-affected women’s voices on gender-transformative changes in humanitarian settings: Experiences from Bangladesh, Colombia, Jordan and Uganda*

Thursday, 5 November, 9 AM – 10.30AM EDT

### Purpose

This webinar seeks to launch UN Women’s participatory and innovative research on gender-transformative changes in humanitarian settings, supported by the Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State and Sida. It seeks to share ways that the transformative potential of the Grand Bargain might be realized for women and girls.

### Target Audience

The primary target audience are the Grand Bargain signatories, in particular donor Governments, funding agencies and the diverse group of humanitarian actors who seek to operationalize the ambitious agenda of the “localization” and “participation revolution” workstreams.



### Background

Aiming to contribute to the engendering of humanitarian work around the Grand Bargain’s workstreams on participation and localization, this exploratory and qualitative research study engages with crisis-affected populations in four humanitarian settings in Bangladesh, Colombia, Jordan, and Uganda. The study zooms in on the experiences of diverse groups of affected women but also explores the perspectives of youth, men, humanitarian actors, women’s organizations, women’s self-led groups, and individuals conceived of as “connectors” between affected communities and humanitarian actors.

Using a participatory methodology that includes participatory videos and video clips alongside key informant interviews and focus group discussions, the study looks at experiences of gender-transformative change, effective localization, and meaningful participation for women and girls affected by crisis, and provides entry points and recommendations for Grand Bargain signatories to move towards gender-transformative humanitarian action.

Readers can scan QR codes or click on hyperlinks that take them to the video materials where they are able to hear the participants themselves speaking up about their experiences.

The report demonstrates that engaging with diverse women and women’s organizations in their own terms, responding to their priorities and adapting to their ways of working constitute key drivers of gender-transformative change. Enhancing meaningful participation and effective localization is not only about what humanitarian responders do, but how they do it. The central argument of this research report is simple: the voices of crisis-affected people, and in particular crisis-affected women, should resonate loudly and clearly in spaces where decisions about their lives are made.

### Agenda

Moderator: **Theresia Thylin**, Research Manager, UN Women

- Opening remarks: **Margaret Pollack**, Director, Multilateral Coordination and External Relations, Bureau for Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State
- Opening remarks: **Paivi Kannisto**, Director, Peace, Security and Humanitarian Section, UN Women
- Overview of research report and key findings: Who holds the microphone? **Dr. Luisa Dietrich Ortega**, Research Coordinator
- Listening to women and girl’s voices: Introduction of participatory video as a research method. **Dr. Angélica Cabezas Pino**, Documentary Film Maker
- Extracts of participatory video and video clip:
  - **Shanti Mohila** (Peace Women): This is our story, participatory video from Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh
  - **Bothina Mefleh Al-Darweesh**, Syrian refugee woman living with her family in the host community of Mwarag, East Amman
- Women’s organizations in humanitarian response, **Razia Sultana**, Executive Director of the women’s group RWW, Cox’s Bazar, Bangladesh
- Women as first responders, **Betty Auma**, CARE, Uganda
- Research recommendations relevance for localization workstream, **David Fisher**, Manager IFRC and co-convenor of the Grand Bargain’s Localization Workstream
- Question and Answers
- Closing Remarks: **Katie Bacharach**, Gender Equality and GBV Officer, Bureau of Population, Refugees, and Migration, U.S. Department of State

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