

Meeting with IKEA Foundation on 1st March 2018 in the UNNGOF Boardroom



As part of a global project, OXFAM in Uganda is implementing a three year project of Empowering Local & National Humanitarian Actors (ELNHA). The project runs on the principle of putting Local and National Humanitarian Actors in the driver's seat to define their agenda and strategies, and influence international humanitarian actors for their support.

Having the Humanitarian Platform as one of the components under the ELNHA projects, on 1st March 2018, the interim steering committee met with Ms. Annemieke Tsike-Sossah, The head of portfolio at the IKEA Foundation, a funding partner for the ELHNA project. The gist of the meeting was to assess the progress of the project and also interact with the various partners under the project.

In attendance, there was Livelihoods Improvement Programme (LIPRO) Uganda, Community Empowerment for Rural Development (CEFORD), Care and Assistance for Forced Migrants (CAFOMI), Uganda Refugee and Disaster Management Council (URDMC), Oxfam International and Uganda National Ngo Forum

Some of the key highlights stood out from the discussion is the timely existence of the platform, tapping from the global localization of the humanitarian aid an initiative, led by both National and International NGOs, to

practically implement changes to the way the Humanitarian System operates to enable more locally-led response. It was also noted that the platform needs to broaden partnerships that are strategic for both effectiveness and sustainability; interesting the private sector and the central government, involving and building capacity of local government responders,

There was a discussion on the membership composition of the platform, and what came out clearly was that most members have been humanitarian actors and have the competence and knowledge about the interventions. Furthermore the Uganda National NGO Forum as the coordinator of the platform intends to use already established partnerships with the government to push forward the localization agenda. It was noted that the platform will also register well-wishers, these are necessarily not NGOs would like to partner and support the vision of the platform.



During the discussion, members conveyed their appreciation towards IKEA Foundation for the facilitation of humanitarian interventions through ELHNA pilot project; however they requested for the possible extension beyond 6months to enable realization of the intended impact because going local is better and cheaper.

Any other Business

On the other hand, this was a second steering committee preparatory meeting for the launch of the Humanitarian Platform for Local and National Organisations. This mainly focused on editing the banner and the flyer. The discussion aimed to provide guidance to the Communications Team on how to align the right information on the flyer and banner. The steering committee suggested that;

- The UNNGOF Logo be removed
- Design the title appropriately
- Add the objective-To promote partnerships and collaborations between the platform members and other humanitarian stakeholders
- Replace the Core Values with these;

Transparency and Accountability

Integrity and Honesty

Self-regulation

Partnerships

Voluntarism

Flyer Information

5. **Under Coordination-** Replace with this- The Uganda National NGO Forum will convene and coordinate the Humanitarian Platform for local and national organisations and the platform interventions shall be overseen by the steering committee. The steering committee will be rotational selected by members of the platform. A designated focal point person at Uganda National NGO Forum shall work with the steering committee together with the thematic working groups of the platform.

6. **Under funding-**Replace with this- The platform will mainly support its activities through mobilizing resources from different organisations or agencies within its membership and other stakeholders including

private sector, government, development partners and international agencies.

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